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Closing Exercises Of The Catholic University

Address by Senator Walsh of Massachusetts --Enrollment For Next Year

GIFTS ANNOUNCED

Indian Receives Degree of Doctor of Philosophy--Fifty-One Sisters Gain Honors

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Washington, D. C., June 21.—More than two hundred graduates of the Catholic University, fifty-one of whom were Sisters, received degrees at the thirty-first commencement of the institution on June 16. A doctorate in philosophy was conferred on Sister Mary Louise, of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Concordia, Kan., and on Sister Mary Gonzaga, of the Poor Handmaids of Christ, Fort Wayne, Ind. Among the lay graduates was Paschal Sherman, a full-blood Indian of Okanogan, Wash., upon whom was conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He is believed to be the first member of his race to win this degree.

Senator Walsh's Address

U. S. Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts delivered the principle address to the graduates. In addition to the professors and students of the university there was a large number of visitors at the commencement exercises, which were held in the new gymnasium.

"Communism, bolshevism, socialism, syndicalism and all the other creeds of kindred species would collapse overnight were it not for the false doctrines and powerful forces of greed and selfishness that permeate the great business and educational world in the mad rush for gold," Senator Walsh said.

"Shun as you would a hissing serpent the false teachings of the revolutionist and the money worshipper," he continued. "Avoid both camps of destructive and faulty philosophy. Your Christian education and Christian ideals alone will lead you into the neutral, truly patriotic and sincerely humanitarian group that are seeking to steady society.

"A country and a world organized on Christian principles is what your university is striving to uphold. Here you have been taught to recognize the necessity for a strong constitutional government resting on liberty, fraternity, equality and justice, and your university has always encouraged and supported our government as the embodiment of such. Your education here has regarded human rights before private interests and declared with splendid vision that no man's labor is a commodity exploitable by others. Your university shall always stand, I feel sure, for a government deriving its consent from the governed, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Bishop Shahan Announces Gifts

The Right Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, D. D., rector of the university, announced that donations totaling more than \$70,000 had been received during the year, and that two private collections of valuable books had been given to the library. The enrollment for

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Catholic Women's Work Progressing Throughout Country

(N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, D. C., June 21.—Catholic women and Catholic women's organizations in every part of America are responding eagerly to the call for united action in solving common problems which has been sent out by the National Council of Catholic Women, according to Miss Agnes Regan of San Francisco, who has arrived here to take up her duties as executive secretary of the organization.

Miss Regan told of enthusiastic meetings held by Catholic women of San Francisco, Sacramento and Salt Lake which she attended, and pointed to plans made by women in Chicago, Milwaukee and other large eastern cities as indications that the movement for greater national cooperation is already widespread. Miss Regan has had several important conferences this week with Mrs. Michael Gavin of New York, president of the N. C. W. C., relative to national plans.

In San Francisco Miss Regan was guest of the Catholic Women's Council, which by resolution pledged its support to the work of the national organization. She likewise received an enthusiastic reception when she explained before the Women's Catholic Professional Club in the same city some of the problems which Catholic women must face.

Mrs. Minnie O'Neil, deputy superintendent of schools, presided at the Sacramento meeting, and was assured the hearty support of the women of that city in the movements for cleaner motion pictures, modesty in dress and in the fight against the propaganda of sex education, free love and easy divorce.

The Catholic Women's League of Salt Lake, of which Mrs. Arthur Hatfield Sumner Bird is one of the most prominent leaders, also displayed its enthusiasm in behalf of the N. C. W. C. program.

In the Middle West organization is now going forward in a score of cities. Mrs. Edward Cudahy of Chicago, a member of the board of directors of the N. C. W. C., has called an important conference of Catholic women for that diocese for next Thursday, and the Council of Catholic Women's Organizations of Wisconsin at its convention last week voted to affiliate with the national body.

Death of Noted Scripture Scholar

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
New York, June 21.—Rev. Father Francis Gigot, who died in St. Vincent's Hospital here on June 14, was one of the best known of Scripture scholars in the Catholic Church in the United States. His lectures and writings served to make him known also to many outside the church.

At the time of his death Father Gigot was a member of the faculty of St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N. Y. He had previously been professor of Scripture at Brighton and Baltimore seminaries. He is best known as an author through his "Introduction to the Study of the Scriptures."

Father Gigot was born in France, joined the Society of St. Sulpice and immediately after his ordination came to the United States.

Teachers' Strike In Irish Schools England's Fault

Government Failed to Provide Funds Pledged --Demands Met

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Dublin, June 12.—The recent strike of the secondary lay teachers in the Catholic schools, which happily has been settled through the generosity of past pupils and the parents of the students in pledging sufficient sums to pay the bonuses demanded, was a very painful incident in Irish educational life.

The strike was confined to the Catholic schools, the Protestants belonging to the secondary teachers association having separated themselves from that organization when it affiliated itself with the labor movement.

While the Christian Brothers schools, which in Dublin and other places were picketed by the strikers, bore the brunt of the embarrassing situation, many other Catholic institutions were affected. In Limerick all the schools seemed to be involved and a joint statement was issued by the president of St. Munchins' College, by the Jesuits conducting Mongret College and Crescent College and by the Rev. Mother of Laurel Hill Convent, as well as the superior of the Christian Brothers' schools.

Strikers' Demands Admittedly Just

The terms asked by the strikers involved payment of a bonus of 75 pounds to each non-resident registered teacher. The justice of this demand was admitted. But, said the statement of the heads of the Limerick schools, it is impossible for a body of men and women, who from religious motives have voluntarily undertaken to provide education for the people's children, to meet with these demands. The schools, it was pointed out had no sources of income except the tuition fees paid by parents, which in most cases were merely nominal, and an entirely inadequate government grant. They are in debt nearly nineteen thousand pounds. To raise the tuition fees for the current year would be impracticable, and the Christian Brothers, in whose schools the children of the poor were educated, would not turn away the child of a poor man unable, or even unwilling to pay.

The fact that the strike came on the eve of the intermediate examinations, in which year after year the Catholic schools have consistently shown their superiority over Protestants, made the situation particularly unfortunate.

A meeting was therefore held in the Synge Street School of the Christian Brothers in Dublin, and parents and past pupils organized a fund to help meet the demands. A large number of subscriptions were handed in and others promised. A committee to raise funds sufficient to put the agreement in force was appointed.

British Promises Unfulfilled

The misery of the whole business concerning the position of the secondary school teachers is that they are suffering from the effects of the unfulfilled promises of the British government. In 1917, a sum of 50,000 pounds was voted for Irish secondary education. It was then distinctly stated

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Detroit Diocesan Seminary Fund Growing Rapidly

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Detroit, June 21.—The campaign being conducted by the Right Rev. Michael J. Gallagher for the purpose of raising \$4,000,000 to establish and permanently endow Sacred Heart Seminary for the youth of this diocese, already has been crowned with signal success.

The campaign has been completed in Detroit and will start in the other twenty-nine counties of the diocese on July 4.

Bishop Gallagher, in launching the campaign, ignored the advice of dozens of other churchmen and laymen who had conducted similar campaigns, refusing to engage the services of so-called experts in money-raising. He has entrusted the work to a general committee, composed of the pastor and two laymen in each parish, which works in co-operation with an executive committee of a dozen prominent Catholic business men of Detroit.

His lordship determined that it would not do simply to collect a fund to purchase a site and erect the necessary buildings for the seminary. He refused, even against advice, to establish a training school for priests that might remain indefinitely a tax and burden on the men and women of the diocese for maintenance, upkeep and repairs. His request for \$4,000,000 was to establish an endowment fund that would forever care for the institution.

The endowment feature of the proposed seminary is one that is appealing to a great number of Michigan Catholics. It has been announced that endowments of professorships at \$25,000 per year will be received, this sum, properly invested, being considered sufficient to pay the expenses of maintaining one professor. Scholarship endowments at \$6,000 each are also popular, the income being sufficient perpetually to pay the expenses of one boy through his entire seminary course of one year. Gifts of \$1,500 are sufficient to educate one boy in the seminary course.

Priest Descendant of Washington Given Parish

(By N. C. W. C. Service)
Emmitsburg, Md., June 21.—Rev. Father Richard B. Washington, great-grandnephew of General Washington and great-grandson of John Washington, brother of the first President, has been assigned to a parish in Richmond, Va., the State which was the home of his many distinguished ancestors. Father Washington was ordained at Mt. St. Mary's College here on June 15.

The young priest's grandfather, Col. John A. Washington, was the last of the family to hold possession of Mt. Vernon, the first President's estate.

Father Washington was received into the Catholic Church in 1912 at Atlanta, Ga., and later went to Rome to study for the priesthood. He spent a year at the American College in Rome, and then entered Mt. St. Mary's College to complete his course in theology and philosophy.

Two of Father Washington's cousins and one of his uncles are bishops of the Episcopal Church. He is the second of his family to attend Mt. St. Mary's College. George W. Washington, a nephew of the General, was enrolled there from 1828 to 1836.

Vatican--French Relations Reach Stage Of Detail

Principle of Restoration Established--Devotion of French Parliament Edifies

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Rome, June 7.—The principle of the restoration of relations between France and the Vatican is now established as a fact, but from that point to the adjustment of all the details is a longer and perhaps more difficult journey.

M. Hanotaux's presence here as the official representative of the French government; the conversations that followed on the subject of the resumption, and the appointment of a French charge d'affaires after M. Hanotaux's departure, have committed France to the policy of renewing the former relations. But many obstacles must be overcome before the formal interchange of representatives can take place.

Taking into account only the affairs of France, there is, for instance, the question of the religious status there. The "lay state" was called into existence by the act of separation fifteen years ago, and if there is insistence that the formula be preserved it need not be destroyed so long as "lay state" is not interpreted to mean "anti-religious state," as it was by its originators, Combes and Company.

The French schools represent additional impediments in the path of reconciliation between France and the Holy See. There are intricacies also in the questions of the priests, religious orders and the tenure of ecclesiastical property. At the root of all these problems is the absolute independence of the church.

The restoration of relations on the official side can come only after reconciliation of divergent views. Formulas must be found regarding Catholic interests abroad, wherein France was preeminent before the great war shattered old regimes. The Holy places, for example, are among the most important of these interests. There are, in fact, a thousand delicate matters for adjustment in connection with the renewal of relations.

That all these problems will be met with satisfactory solutions seems quite certain, but the task cannot be completed in five minutes, easy as good will on both sides has made the agreement in principle.

Last of all comes the question of the representation itself. His Holiness is reported to have said to M. Hanotaux that France had sent him (the Pope) two things that gave him the greatest pleasure—an official representative and M. Hanotaux. It is not surprising, therefore, to learn that M. Hanotaux may be the permanent representative of his country at the Vatican. It is not yet clear who will represent the Holy See in France, though it is still regarded as likely that to inaugurate relations Rome will send its most distinguished man in that field—Mgr. Ceretti.

No little comment was inspired by the profound interest, if not devotion, with which the delegation of French Deputies and Senators followed the ceremonies

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Bishop Schrembs Plans Pilgrimage To Holy Places

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, D. C., June 21.—An American pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land, which will include visits to the battlefields of Europe and the principal spots of interest in the Old World, is being planned by the Right Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Toledo, for this fall. An open invitation is extended by him to the clergy and faithful of dioceses, inviting them to accompany him.

"As I prepare to make my official visit to the Holy Father," says Bishop Schrembs in his invitation, "I again invite the clergy and laity whom the circumstances will permit, to accompany me. Few would I share with my flock the glad joy of touring the hillside where the Saviour preached, of wandering along the roads that mark his journeyings, of gazing upon the placid expanse of His beloved Sea of Galilee. With my priests and people, I would kneel in silent wonderment on Calvary's summit and at the tomb that gave Him forth risen and glorious, and with them about me I would enjoy the happiness of saying mass on Christmas morning in the grotto of Bethlehem."

According to Bishop Schrembs' plans, the main party will leave New York on October 7, and go directly to France, visit Paris and the battlefields of the war. Passing into Spain, he will visit the famous old city of Toledo, whence their departure gives its name, and also Lourdes, Genoa, Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Padua, Naples, Pompeii, Assisi, Cairo, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Alexandria are included in the itinerary of the trip, which will take a little less than four months. Arrangements are being made for those who desire to take only the European trip, returning from Naples December 10.

The tour will not be the first of the Bishop of Toledo and his flock. On the occasion of his first "ad limina" visit to Rome he invited his people to accompany him and many took advantage of the opportunity. A large percentage of those who took the previous trip will be included among the pilgrims this year.

Mgr. Dolci Decorated

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Constantinople, May 27.—Mgr. Dolci, the Apostolic Delegate to Constantinople, has been decorated by the British High Commissioner with a British decoration. Mgr. Dolci rendered important benevolent services to the fish priesters of the city and succeeded by his intervention with the Ottoman authorities in saving the lives of two British residents who had been condemned to death on a charge of espionage.

New Mass Canon Proposed

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
New Orleans, June 21.—Plans for the establishment of another house for the study of the Order of the Most Holy Sacrament have been announced here following the publication of a bill by the front of the State. The purchase of a new house for the study of the Order of the Most Holy Sacrament has been announced here following the publication of a bill by the front of the State.