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Bigotry Setback In Primary Held In Michigan

Author of Bill to Proscribe Private Schools Badly Beaten.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Detroit, September 4.—Overwhelming repudiation and defeat at the hands of the voters of Michigan in last Tuesday's State-wide primaries was the outcome of the attempt of James Hamilton, author of a proposal to proscribe private schools, to get the Republican nomination for the governorship. Out of a possible total of 350,000 votes in Detroit, his own city, Hamilton received less than 2,000, and finished seventh in the race, in which nine candidates were entered. His vote in the State at large was about 20,000.

Grosbeck Won Nomination

The gubernatorial nomination was won by Attorney General A. J. Grosbeck, who in July held in an official opinion that the proposed constitutional amendment requiring all children between the ages of 6 and 16 years to attend the public schools was in conflict with the Federal Constitution and therefore invalid. Hamilton and Shahan, D. D., rector of the Catholic University, were among the other bigots who had been endeavoring for several years to obtain a law of this intent. It is admitted that their real purpose was to attack the Catholic Schools.

After Attorney General Grosbeck's opinion had been rendered, the advocates of the amendment appealed to the Supreme Court of Michigan for an order compelling the State authorities to put the proposition on the ballot at the November elections. At the same time they began an active campaign in behalf of Hamilton's candidacy. As a part of their method they attempted to arouse religious prejudice throughout the State.

With only a few precincts missing from the official count, Attorney General Grosbeck's defeat of Milo D. Campbell, his nearest competitor, by more than 17,000 votes, was conceded. The vote cast for Grosbeck in 2,453 of the 2,947 precincts was 78,778. Campbell received 61,242 votes, Charles E. Mott, third in the race, 49,173, and Hamilton, seventh, 15,000.

Protestants Also Opposed the Measure

In the last several months Protestants as well as Catholics have denounced the scheme of Hamilton and his followers as "unfair, un-American and unconstitutional." Prominent ministers of various Protestant churches, leading educators and well-known lawyers were among the most vigorous opponents of the proposed amendment.

Attorney General Grosbeck, in his opinion to the Secretary of the State of Michigan, pointed out that the business of conducting private schools was lawful and in no wise inimical to the interests of the State.

"Quite the contrary is the case and while the State has the undoubted right to regulate these private institutions of learning, it cannot go so far as absolutely to prohibit or destroy them or prevent those so desiring from attending them," said the Attorney General.

SISTER SCIENTIST MAKES A DISCOVERY

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Glasgow, Aug. 28.—A method of breeding amoebae has been discovered by Sister Monica Taylor of the Convent of Notre Dame, Downhill, Glasgow, and has attracted considerable attention from English Scientists.

Sister Monica, who has won a doctorate of science at Glasgow University, had already become well-known in the scientific world as a contributor to several of the most important journals of microbiological science, and her most recent work has been constantly increasing fame.

Sister Monica's exhibit attracted great attention at a recent gathering of the Royal Society.

Shrine Program Is Announced By Rev. Dr. McKenna

Rt. Rev. J. T. Nicholas of Duluth to Preach Sermon—Entertainment Committee

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, D. C.—September 4.—Crews of men operating a large steam shovel are at work making an excavation for the foundation of one corner of the smaller transept of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the Catholic University. This excavation is to be 58 feet square, thus illustrating the immense size of the monumental church, of which the transept is a secondary feature.

The foundation stone, four feet square, will be laid by Cardinal Gibbons on September 23, following the annual meeting of the hierarchy in Washington. The inscription for the stone has been carefully prepared and is now being cut.

Cardinal Gibbons to Officiate

The tentative program of the ceremony of laying the foundation stone has been announced by Rev. Dr. Bernard A. McKenna, who will direct all its efforts to represent the Catholic University. The ceremony will begin at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and will be followed by a solemn mass on the site of the Shrine, surrounded by the Archbishop and Bishops of the United States, and many of the dignitaries of the Church. At 8 o'clock the Rev. Dr. Nicholas of Duluth will preach the sermon. The Rev. Dr. Abel Gabert, thronal secretary, is to give the address on the site of the Shrine.

Very Rev. Dr. David A. Pace, of the Catholic University, will be celebrant of this mass. Very Rev. Dr. George A. Dougherty, rector of the Shrine, will officiate as master of ceremonies. Representatives of the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin, including that at Lourdes, will attend the ceremony on September 23. Such Shrines as cannot send representatives will designate members of the American clergy to act for them.

Entertainment Committee

Members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae have organized committees to provide for the accommodation and entertainment of Catholics who come to Washington to attend the ceremonies at the Shrine. Miss M. Louise Darr is chairman of the advisory committee; Mrs. Charles W. Semmes is head of the automobile committee, and Mrs. Raymond A. Heiskell is in charge of the committee on booths. The chairman of the hospitality, reception and publicity committee are Mrs. Florence Coford and Miss Regina Sullivan and Miss Elizabeth Kearney, respectively.

Pace Accountancy Courses

The Rochester Business Institute will open its sixth year of instruction in the Pace courses of accountancy and business administration on Monday evening, September 20th at 7:30. Enrollments for the courses may be made any time before and on that date. Men and women wishing details of the courses are invited to call at the R. B. I. for personal consultation and for the bulletin giving complete information. A free preliminary lecture, explaining the purpose and plan of these accountancy courses will be given Friday evening, September 10th, at 8:00. Mr. Charles B. Couchman, certified public accountant of New York City, will be the speaker. All persons interested in accountancy are invited.—Adv.

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Slovak Catholics Are Making New Political Plans

General Secretariate is Formed Backed by American Money.

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Prague, Czecho-Slovakia, Aug. 25.—The Catholic Popular Party of Czecho-Slovakia has decided to tighten up its organization in view of the renewed activity of the Social Democrats and the other political parties hostile to the Church, and steps have been taken to bring the Slovaks on to a stronger footing. The Slovaks are mainly Catholic; they have made great sacrifices and endured much for the Faith, but politically they have not been the power that they undoubtedly could be, hence the decision of the Popular Party to concentrate for effective organization among the Slovaks.

Aid from United States

A general secretariate for Slovaks has been formed, with a well-equipped working staff, and this will direct all its efforts to bring about coordination among the Slovaks. That the general secretariate will succeed is not to be doubted; this is foreshadowed by the ridiculous panic into which the anti-clericals have been thrown by the news that the general secretariate is to get to work. Financially its success is assured by the Slovaks in the United States, and many of the provincial secretariates have also pledged themselves to find a sum of 2,000 kronen monthly for the purpose of printing and distributing literature and periodicals supporting the aims of the Popular Party.

Besides all this, there is a strong movement aiming at autonomy for Slovakia, which is being pushed by two priests, Fathers Hlinka and Juriga, who were at one time very much inclined toward the Czech side. The cause of all this is that among the governing circles of the Czechs, who are in the ascendance, there is either a strong leaning of hostility to Protestantism, or what is bitterly anti-clerical and anti-Catholic in character, which seeks years to promote laws and government decrees that would result in the crippling of the Church. This thoroughly detestable, and nothing could be better calculated to estrange them from the Catholics among whom they are far more numerous than among the Slovaks, who are a predominant Catholic people.

Monsignor Frind, the titular Bishop of Gadar, who resides in Prague, addressed the union of German priests recently, when he spoke on the difficult problems facing the Church in the Republic, particularly the separation of Church and State, which is one of the main policies of the National Government. Mgr. Frind said that nothing but the untiring energies of the Catholic clergy will be effective to hold the people to the doctrines and practice of the Catholic Church, which is being menaced on all sides, and even by her apostate children.

Apostates Are Not Popular

The schismatic movement is far from dead, though at the same time it is far from popular, or rather, the schismatic clergy themselves are far from popular. Dr. Zahradnik, a former priest who took unto himself a wife, was sent on a diplomatic mission to Vienna where he found that diplomatic society has turned its back on the lady who accompanies him as Madame Zahradnik.

Something of the same kind occurred in one of the provincial towns, where the Czech authorities turned the Catholic priest out of his residence, and installed in his place a schismatic apostate priest who had married. The Catholic priest, in addition, was forced to vacate his church and hand it over to the schismatic clergyman.

The whole proceeding was too much for the people, who are devoted to their priest. They were so exasperated that it was only by the intervention of the police that the apostate clergyman was saved from a bad beating up. As it was, the police stepped in, and induced him into the benefice and the church.

But nobody attends the services. This has not apparently deterred the schismatic, who attends the church regularly and recites the service to the empty benches, with a congregation consisting of his wife and occasionally a stray policeman who happens to find his way into the church.

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