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Welfare Council's Work Reviewed By Bishops' Committee

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, D. C., April 11.—Six of the seven members of the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Council met here last week and completed the formalities of incorporating the Council under the laws of the District of Columbia. Cardinal Dougherty is a member of the Administrative Committee, but was on his way back from Rome and unable to attend this meeting.

All seven members of the Administrative Committee became trustees of the Council and as soon as they were elected they chose officers. Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, who is chairman of the Administrative Committee, was elected president of the Board of Trustees of the Council, Right Rev. P. J. Muldoon was elected vice-president; Most Rev. Austin Dowling, treasurer, and His Eminence Cardinal Dougherty, Right Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Right Rev. William T. Russell and Right Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, directors.

Very Rev. John J. Fenlon, S. S., though not a trustee, was appointed secretary of the Board.

The members of the Administrative Committee remained in session three days at the headquarters of the Welfare Council. In the course of their deliberations they made a thorough canvass of the work already accomplished and about to be undertaken by the various departments and bureaus of the organization. All the Bishops on the Committee expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the wonderful progress made. The increased efficiency and the extended service of the Press Department of the Council was especially gratifying, the Bishops said.

With respect to the lay activities of the Council, Archbishop Hanna spoke with enthusiasm. "The response already made by the Catholic men and women of the country to our call of a year ago is most encouraging," he said. "The Catholic organizations have shown themselves fully alive to the need for Catholic unity and their co-operation has already achieved much good. Their continued life must mean much for the patriotic reconstruction work now so sorely needed."

At the conclusion of their sessions, Thursday, the members of the Administrative Committee received officials and employees of the Welfare Council in the library of the headquarters. Most Rev. Archbishop Hanna addressed the gathering.

Resolutions of appreciation were adopted in memory of His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, the first president of the National Welfare Council.

The Administrative Committee were in session three full days. At the end of the session they were received by the Apostolic Delegate Archbishop Bonzano, who spoke appreciatively of the great work already accomplished by the Welfare Council under their leadership and gave them not only his own blessing, but that of the Holy Father as well.

Dublin, April 2.—Mary Aikenhead, the foundress of the Sisters of Charity in Ireland, is among the latest names considered by the Sacred Congregation of Rites for beatification.

St. Patrick's Day Observance in Ireland

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Dublin, April 2.—For the first time in a century there were this year no public demonstrations or parades on St. Patrick's Day. It was essentially a day of prayer. The people flocked to the churches as they never did before. In the majority of the Catholic Churches sermons were preached in Irish. Special services were arranged for the afternoon, and at these there were crowded congregations.

In Cork and Drogheda the Lord Mayor and Mayor, respectively, with the members of the Corporations, attended Mass in State. The Lord Mayor of Cork addressing the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Cohalan, said they looked to his lordship for spiritual aid to guide and help them in carrying on their work.

In replying the Bishop said: "You have certainly passed through a terribly trying year. I join with you in a prayer for Ireland and in hoping that when next St. Patrick's day come this terrible period of trouble will have passed away."

Portuguese Catholics Working For Reforms

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Lisbon, March 25.—Headed by the Portuguese episcopacy, the Catholics of this country are mobilizing their forces in an endeavor to secure a repeal of oppressive laws which have done so much to injure the church in years past.

The principal means of action is through the Catholic Center, which though not a political party in the strictest sense, is making use of political methods and has representatives in both the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate. But regardless of the form of government it seeks the support of all those who believe in the freedom of the Church and the recognition of its time-honored rights.

The Center is now working for the reform of all laws which injure the national religious conscience, for the freedom of education, which has been denied even in private schools and for the welfare of the family which has suffered so much since the passage of the nefarious divorce laws.

Protestant Minister Becomes Subscriber For Catholic Paper

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cleveland, April 2.—A Presbyterian minister, the Rev. J. Crawford Mackey, of Ashland, Ohio, is one of the new subscribers added to the mailing list of The Catholic Bulletin, as a result of the Press Month Campaign.

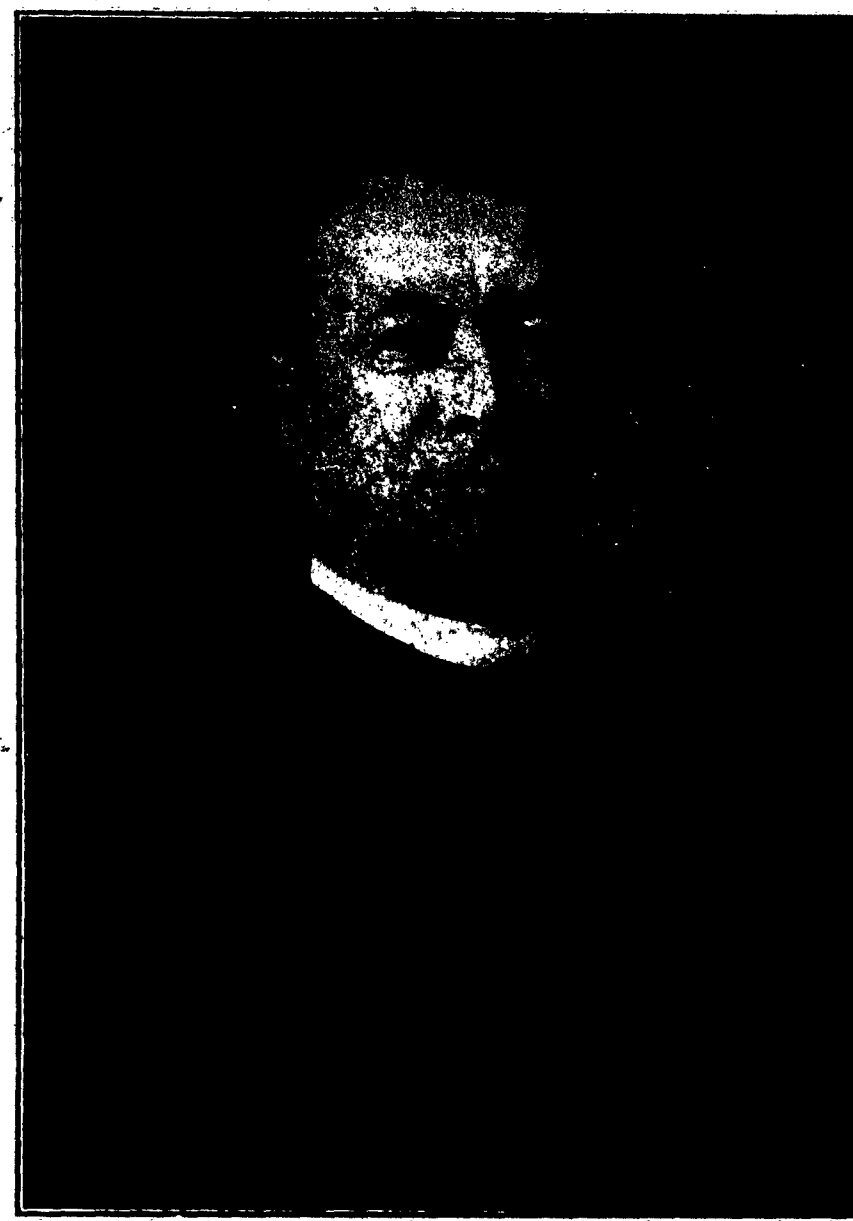
In the letter accompanying his check, Rev. Mr. Mackey says:

"I am a Presbyterian minister, but have a warm feeling for the Catholic Church and her worship; and for the past thirty years have scarcely been without some Catholic paper."

Mt. Carmel's Convent Jubilee

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New Orleans, April 8.—Ceremonies to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Mt. Carmel convent in New Iberia, this state, were conducted there last Monday. The Rev. G. M. Cartier, O. M. I., preached the jubilee sermon.



Reverend Mathias J. Hargather.

Misery Of China Told In Maryknoll Missioner's Letter

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, April 8.—Reverend P. O'Gorman, C. M., of Peking, writing recently to the American Foreign Missions (Maryknoll) at Ossining, N. Y., made reference to a tour of inspection which he had completed to the famine districts throughout Chili and Honan in China.

He says that the entire area covered by the famine territory holds about thirty-five millions of people and that of the failure of the 1920 crops was due to a continuous draught combined with the visitation of enormous locusts.

He further states that he found the people eating what any "self-respecting American dog or cat would turn up his nose at". Even this fare has failed the poor people during the past winter so that millions have either died or are facing death by starvation during the Spring and coming Summer. It is hoped that the crop now in the ground will ripen by the late summer and fall of this year, but in the meantime the misery is dreadful in the extreme.

Father O'Gorman states that the sufferers appreciate the sympathy of Catholic priests and sisters who are doing all that they can to alleviate the sufferings of the victims and that there is a strong movement toward conversion.

K. of C. Club House For Baltimore

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Baltimore, Md., April 8.—The city home of Alexander Brown, one of the handsomest in the residential section downtown has been purchased by the Knights of Columbus for \$150,000 for use as a clubhouse, and will be occupied by them about July 1. The property fronts 119 feet on Cathedral street and 150 feet on Madison street. The building is of brownstone exterior and contains twenty bedrooms, besides a large library and drawing rooms.

Statue Of Gibbons For Grounds Of His Cathedral

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Baltimore, Apr. 11.—The familiar figure of Cardinal Gibbons will stand for all time in bronze upon the grounds of the Cathedral of the Assumption if plans now projected by intimate friends of the late prelate are carried out.

A proposal to erect a memorial on the southwest corner of the Cathedral grounds, at Cathedral and Mulberry Streets, has met with enthusiastic commendation from many quarters. The nation's foremost sculptors will be invited to submit designs for the monument, and it is expected that a campaign to aid in erecting the statue will be inaugurated.

It is felt to be particularly fitting that the statue of the Cardinal should be placed on the grounds of the Cathedral where he was baptized and elevated to the Cardinalate and wherein he is buried.

U. S. Commission For Irish Relief To Raise \$30,000,000

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dublin, April 2.—The American Commission for Relief in Ireland have suggested the raising of about 30,000,000 dollars for reconstruction in the devastated districts. A body of responsible Irish business men and engineers to work in conjunction with similarly responsible American business men and engineers resident in Ireland will supervise the execution of the reconstruction program.

MEMORIAL TO GERVASE ELWES

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Northampton, April 4.—The city and county of Northampton have decided to provide a memorial of their own in memory of the late Mr. Gervase Elwes, the well known Catholic tenor, accidentally killed in Boston. The memorial is to take the form of a scholarship at the Royal College of Music in London, and a committee of Northampton Musical Society already has taken the matter in hand.

Silver Jubilee Of Father Hargather Is Celebrated

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

The Rev. Mathias J. Hargather observed the silver jubilee of his pastorate at St. Michael's church on Sunday, April 10th. The jubilee mass was celebrated by Father Hargather, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Dennis J. Curran, V. G., an assistant priest, The Rev. Michael J. Nolan, D. D., and the Rev. Edmund Wirth, D. D., were deacons of honor; the Rev. John P. Schellhorn was deacon of the mass, the Rev. Aloysius Meyering was sub-deacon and the Revs. John Sellinger and Francis Hoefen acted as master of ceremonies. Among the priests in the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Mgr. James J. Hartley of St. Bernard's Seminary, the Rev. Augustine M. O'Neill, the Rev. George V. Burns, the Rev. J. F. Staub, Rev. John Bepel, Rev. John J. Bresnahan, Rev. Michael Krischel, Rev. John J. Petter of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rev. Emil Gefell, Rev. Edward Scheid and Rev. Adolph Edelmann.

The staff officers of the Knights of St. John, under command of Colonel Joseph H. Weis, and the entire commandery of the Knights of St. George, officers of St. Leo's and St. Anthony's Societies, L. C. B. A., C. W. B. L., St. George's Auxiliary, Ladies' and Young Ladies' Societies and the Rosary Society, composed a guard of honor for the jubilee. Father Hargather has been chaplain of the first regiment, Knights of St. John, since 1901.

At the conclusion of the mass Bishop Hickey, who occupied the throne in the sanctuary during the services, delivered a sermon appropriate to the occasion, congratulating Father Hargather as well as the people of St. Michael's parish. Father Hargather made a brief address in which he thanked bishop and people, his assistants, past and present, as well as all societies and friends who have been of help to him during the years of his pastorate.

N. C. W. C. News Service Is Admitted to Press Galleries of Congress

With this week's issue of the National Catholic Welfare Council's News Sheet the Service completes the first year of its existence.

It is gratifying to be able to report great progress. Starting with 23 subscribers, the Service now has 78. Four Canadian and one Cuban paper are among its clients.

Many of the 78 papers in the United States report that their circulation has been helped by the Press Month Campaign which the Service planned and conducted. This means that the Catholic press has widened its appeal, a result which must prove beneficial to the whole Catholic body.

It is particularly pleasing to be able to mark the conclusion of the first year of the N. C. W. C. News Service with the announcement that the Service has been admitted to the press galleries of Congress as a regular news service.

This is a matter of much significance to the Catholic press. The privilege of admission to the press galleries of Congress carries with it the right to have a representative present at all conferences accorded by the President and members of his Cabinet to accredited press representatives, and further entitles the Service to go on the press mailing list of all Government departments.

Georgia Catholics War Record Best Answer to Assault

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, D. C., April 11.—Catholics of Georgia gave to the American forces during the war war 18 per cent more men than their quota according to population. This fact is revealed by a careful tabulation which Dr. Ryan, Director of the Historical Records Department of the National Catholic Welfare Council, has just made of the statistics gathered from twenty of the twenty-three parishes of the state. Complete records, it is expected, will improve the showing.

Official figures from the War Department credit Georgia with having furnished a total of 1,789 men to the various branches of the military and naval services. Of this number, according to information received by the Historical Records Department, 1,200 were Catholics. The federal census of 1910 gave Georgia a population of 2,609,121. The population of the state in 1920 was officially reported as 2,891,021. The difference between the population for that year and the total for 1920 would indicate a population of 2,757,571 for 1910. The Catholic population in 1910 as compiled for the official Catholic directory, prepared in the autumn of 1918 and published early in 1919, was 19,400.

Had the Catholics furnished but 723 men to the service, they would have contributed their proportion, according to their figures. Instead, they gave a total of 855 men, and the return thus far are admittedly incomplete. Forty-three of these Catholic soldiers lost their lives in the conflict.

The showing of Catholics in Georgia is all the more notable because of the constant and violent hostility which has been shown toward the Church in past years. Many of the past officers of the state have been elected as a result of their Catholic campaigns in the state, of which they accused Catholics of want of patriotism.

It is recorded by the Historical Records Department, which is making an exhaustive compilation and an analysis of the official reports, that the Catholics represented about one-third of the total armed forces of the United States, and that approximately 20 per cent of the men who in the service were of the Catholic faith.

First Catholic Daily in Sweden

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Stockholm, April 2.—The Catholic daily of Sweden has appeared, under the name of Crede. It is published by the publishers of the periodical of the same name which was first published about two years ago.

BELGIAN STUDENTS COME TO U. S.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, April 8.—A group of new students of Belgian origin, including several from Louvain, have been accepted for study in American universities. During the past year it is announced that a similar group of Belgian students had been accepted for study in American universities.