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Girl Teacher Wins Victory Over Bigotry

Gains Right to Read Douay Bible in Public School

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

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Oct. 21.—Bigotry that provoked a strike among pupils in the public school at Reyburn, a village not far from Plymouth, because the teacher, Miss Loretta Murray, was a Catholic, has been temporarily defeated by the pluck of the young woman, who has forced the authorities of Luzerne County to act against the parents of the children absents themselves from classes.

The trouble which brought first hardship and then victory to the slender young teacher began when she started to read the Bible in the school. She had been employed by the directors of the school, who went to her home to induce her to take charge of the school. At first she was well received by people and pupils. Then, one morning, in compliance with the State law, she read verses from the Bible. It was a Douay Bible, and one of the boys saw the cross on the cover of the book.

Warned to Get Protestant Bible

The next day Miss Murray received an anonymous letter, which warned her to get a King James (Protestant) version of the Bible or leave town. The law makes no stipulation as to which version of the Bible shall be used by teachers.

The news that Miss Murray was a Catholic and read from her Catholic Bible went like a gale through the town. Several citizens waited on her and invited her to leave town. The ladies' aid society of one of the Protestant churches wrote her to the same effect. At her boarding house she was told to pack her belongings and quit the place. Every door in the village was closed against her. All but one. A Protestant minister and his wife were the exceptions. They offered her a refuge until the storm should pass.

It was a hard and unequal fight—one slight young girl against a hundred. But Miss Murray had a blend of Irish and American courage in her blood. She faced the town. When the children pelted her with fragments of food and accompanied the bombardment with epithets and insults, she wielded a ruler so stoutly that all who were in the riot were punished. In chasing one boy who fled, Miss Murray left the room. The pupils inside locked the door. Then they tossed her hat and coat through the window after her, with jeers for good measure.

Turned Tables on

Her Persecutors

Miss Murray was out of the school, but still on the job. The people rejoiced that the children had discharged their teacher. It looked like bigotry had won. It appeared that the Catholic school teacher must depart. The attendance dwindled from twenty-nine to ten, and then to none. The parents were keeping their children away from the Catholic teacher. But there came a new turn in the events. Miss Murray remembered the law requiring parents and guardians to send their children under sixteen years to school or be liable to penalties. She went to the directors.

Miss Murray addressed herself next to the county authorities. District Attorney Arthur James investigated. He reminded the directors of the law. They were told that Miss Murray had a contract to teach, and was bound by no law to read the Protestant Bible. The parents were warned of their responsibility for aiding in the truancy of their children. Next, the school was reopened—and Miss Murray is teacher still. There is discipline, too. One offense to her triumph is that she has to ride six miles to and from the school, because she can't find board and lodging in Reyburn and has to stay with a friend in Shickshinny.

"I came to the conclusion that racial and religious prejudices are the dangers this country has to fear, and I decided to fight it out."

That's Miss Murray's comment on a victory that has made her locally famous.

McCormack Gives Pectoral Cross to Archbishop Curley

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

Dublin, Oct. 13.—Hundreds of admiring art lovers viewed the beautiful pectoral cross which will be the gift of John McCormack, the famous Irish tenor, to the Most Rev. Archbishop Curley, on the occasion of his elevation on November 30 to the See of Baltimore. The cross, which was on exhibition for two days in the Metropolitan School of Art, has been sent to the United States.

It is the work of Miss Mia Cranwell, of Dublin, and follows the design of the ancient cross of Cong, thereby recalling memories of Clonmacnoise Abbey, near Athlone, where Archbishop Curley and Mr. McCormack were born, and were schoolmates. Clonmacnoise was a great school of Celtic art, literature, sculpture, and metal work in the twelfth century, and it is to this period that the stone crosses of Tuam and Cong, the processional cross of Cong, and perhaps the Tara Brooch and the Chalice of Ardagh belong.

The cross is of fine gold, with thirty-two stones, all of which are found in Ireland, including crystal, green and yellow marble, jasper, amethyst, and agate.

1,252,003 Catholic Periodicals Sent To Isolated Families

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

Brooklyn, Oct. 24.—Thousands of families in isolated districts are being supplied with Catholic papers week after week and month after month through the remailing department of the International Catholic Truth Society according to the report made at the annual meeting of that organization held here last Wednesday. In some instances members of the Society send as many as twelve papers a month, while hundreds send five, six or seven. More than 1,250,000 newspapers and magazines were sent to 49,474 Catholic families, hospitals and missions during the past year.

Most of these papers go to the sparsely settled districts of the United States, but many are sent to Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. Some go into prisons and hospitals; many are sent to schools and libraries founded in remote districts.

Mission Crusade

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"MISSION DAY"

On Columbus Day, the St. Bernard's Unit of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade inaugurated "Mission Day", if the success of the holiday or the pleasant time enjoyed by all is any indication, a precedent has been established which will strongly recommend itself to the future.

The Officers of the Unit conceived the idea that, since Columbus Day was "one of our own days", and since Columbus "brought some of the first missionaries to America", it would be appropriate to set aside this day for mission activities.

The day opened with mass at 6:20, calling God's blessing on the missions, celebrated by Rev. E. J. Byrne, Ph. D., D.D. It had been intended originally to hold the athletic events in the morning, but the inclement weather prevented carrying out this plan. Despite this setback, the spirit ran high, and the student body at 9:00 A. M. marched to the Hall where a few booths had been installed somewhat after the fashion of a church fair. What was lacking in grandeur and pretentious accommodations was supplied by the whole-hearted enthusiasm and the sympathetic generosity of the students. The booths were patronized liberally even beyond the expectations of the ambitious "barkers".

At 10:45, the Unit had a formal meeting in the Assembly Hall. The opening prayer and exhortation were given by a genuine Maryknoller and an alumnus of St. Bernard's, Rev. Frederick Fitzgerald, A. F. M., who had come from Scranton, Pa., expressly to participate in the activities of the missions both at home and abroad, mentioning especially the difficulties encountered by the missionaries in China, the land of indifference and ancestor worship. Fr. Fitzgerald's interesting and impressive remarks were followed by the reading of the minutes and a review of convention legislation passed at the Convention held in Dayton during the Summer. Short papers crowded out. He believes that the were given on "Convention Impressions" by Rev. Mr. Geiger, designed and printed will give Mr. Howard Geck, and Mr. Philip O'Brien. The meeting ended with a rendition of the official crusade hymn, "The Sacred Heart For All the World, and All the World for the Sacred Heart," by Mr. Joseph Welsh and his octet.

The afternoon was taken up with the field events, consisting of a ball-throwing contest, several races, an inter-class potato race, and "the fun-fun three-legged race". Then followed a closely fought ball game between the "Chinese" and the "Indians", which was won by the latter team.

At 4:00 P. M., all hurried to the Hall again, and a moving picture of five reels from the Chinese Mission Society of Omaha, entertained the unit for over an hour. The progress and achievements of the missionaries were very well presented in the picture. The scenes that were thrown on the screen afforded a good idea of the well-nigh insuperable difficulties which confront these heroes who devote their lives to spreading the Gospel in pagan lands.

The day was concluded with Solemn Benediction given by Rev. Frederick Fitzgerald at 8:30 P. M. in the Seminary Chapel.

Over \$250.00 profit was realized from the various devices invented to relieve the Students of their money. By this sum the missions will be enriched and the missionaries, the better able to carry on Christ's work.

The Deacons, Class 1922, and especially the officers of the St. Bernard's Unit of the C. S. M. C. deserve special praise as the promoters of the idea. Their enthusiasm and spirit of sacrifice is in a large measure responsible for the marked success of the first "Mission Day" at St. Bernard's.

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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Any Catholic may become a member of the Unit. The conditions are:—1.—The offering of prayers and good works for the missions. 2.—A yearly dues of one dollar, which includes membership in The Propagation of the Faith. 3.—A subscription to any mission magazine. Further information can be obtained from the Unit.

Christmas Cards To Aid Shrine Fund

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

Washington, D. C., Oct. 14.—Artistic post cards of Christian concept and sentiment for the exchange of Christmas greetings have just been published from original designs and are being distributed by Rev. Dr. Bernard A. McKenna, head of the Salvator Regia Society here. The handsome cards are intended on one hand to meet the demand for an appropriate souvenir of Christmas and on the other as a means of increasing the fund for the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Dr. McKenna points out that for many years Catholics and other Christians have complained of the growing tendency to fill the market at Christmas time with postcards of either un-Christian or frankly pagan character. Those of religious tone have been few and far between. He believes that the exchange of religious postcards he has caused to be printed and designed and printed will give Catholics an opportunity to exchange greetings on suitable religious subjects.

The designs are reproductions of religious art, engraved and pressed from steel plates; many of them beautifully colored in harmony with the originals. They are to be sold in lots of twelve, packed in individual boxes. The price of the cards is fixed at \$1 a dozen, exclusive of postage. The profits derived from their sale is to be added to the fund for the erection of the Shrine.

Dr. McKenna says investigation shows that in 1913 three million dollars was spent by the American people for Christmas cards, and in 1920 the expenditure for Christmas cards had grown to \$30,000,000.

Pope Given Cinema Machine

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

Rome, Oct. 10.—The Pope recently was present at a cinematographic representation in the Consistorial Hall. The day before, two manufacturers of Milan presented His Holiness with a splendid cinematographic machine.

K. Of C. Arrange Big Chicago Reception For Foch On Nov. 6

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

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 21.—Marshal Ferdinand Foch, Catholic commander-in-chief of the allied armies, is to be the guest in Chicago November 6 of the national organization of the Knights of Columbus. Marshal Foch is a brother Knight, having been initiated as an honorary member of the order at Metz, during the visit of the 250 pilgrims of the Knights of Columbus there in September 1920.

The reception by the Knights of Columbus is the result of an invitation extended to the marshal at Metz by Supreme Director James A. Flaherty, and tentatively accepted at the time. It was decided to hold it at Chicago because of the central location, and the great number of members of the order in Illinois, this state being first in insurance membership, and second in total membership.

The program, approved by the Marshal, will include a mammoth parade in the afternoon and a dinner in the evening. Arrangements are being made by State Deputy Edward Houlihan of Illinois, and a committee consisting of Supreme Surgeon Dr. E. W. Buckley of St. Paul; W. D. Dwyer, of Minneapolis; Martin Carmony of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Luke Hart of St. Louis; William F. Fox of Indianapolis; John F. Martin, Green Bay; Joseph J. Myers, Carroll, Ia., and John E. O'Dwyer of Toledo. This committee met in Chicago yesterday.

Between 5 and 7 p. m. Marshal Foch will dedicate the Speedway Hospital for wounded veterans, as the guest of Edward Hines, K. S. G., who was the promoter and builder of the institution. Mr. Hines is a Knight of Columbus.

Chaplain Kelly to Conduct Rites for Unknown Soldier

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

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—The Rev. Francis A. Kelly, chaplain of the Twenty-seventh Division during the war and now pastor of Sacred Heart Church at Gloversville, New York, has been named by the Secretary of War to conduct the rites of the Catholic Church at the burial of the unknown American soldier in Arlington Cemetery on Armistice Day. Father Kelly was formerly national chaplain of the American Legion. Bishop Charles H. Brent, of the Episcopal Church, will conduct the Protestant ceremony. If tentative plans are completed, the program will include special hymns by Mmes. Schumann-Haack, Luisa Tetrazzini, and Louise Homer.

Australian Priest Honored in Ireland

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

Dublin, Oct. 14.—Dean McGuinness of Australia, who is on a visit to his native county of Sligo, was entertained at a public banquet. He was presented by the officers and men of the 6th Battalion, Sligo Brigade, I. R. A. In returning thanks the Dean said it was Ireland's business to declare her policy and Australia's business to support her. The Irish people are fighting for justice and right.

Restoring Palace Of The Holy Office

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

Rome, Oct. 14.—The old Palace of the Holy Office built by Sixtus V. is being restored. This building houses the offices of the Congregation of the Holy Office, the Index Section, and the office of the Apostolic Penitentiary, with the Indulgence Section, and the Monsignor Amos and the Pontifical Commissioner and his staff.

The Palace has a large courtyard with a colonnade to the height of two floors; one floor of the colonnade, however, was never constructed, now it will be completed. It is situated on the right side; the left side will be moved enlarging the present courtyard. A new building has been erected for the residence of the Pontifical Commissioner and his staff. A new facade will be built on one of the long parts of the building which did not have one before. The wing of the building, where the facade of the old palace is, will be used as office for the posterior wing and the lateral wing—on which will be constructed the new facade and where will now be the principal entrance to the Palace—will be divided into several apartments intended for the residence of the Cardinals.

Pittsburgh Ladies Give Gold Chalice To National Shrine

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

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—Forty-two members of the Pittsburgh delegation to the annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women visited the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception a chalice with a diamond cross, made of old gold, had been collected by them. The delegation was headed by Mrs. Teresa Molanphy, who made the presentation.

The chalice will be used for the first time on Armistice Day, November 11, when the Rev. Bernard A. McKenna will celebrate a special mass in the chapel. Caldwell Hall for the annual Conference on the Limitation of Armaments, which starts that day. The rosary will be recited after the mass.

Director Of Vatican Observatory Speaks Before Astronomers

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

Rome, Oct. 14.—Rev. Father Hagen, Director of the Vatican Observatory, has returned from Germany where he took part in the Congress of the Astronomische Gesellschaft. The Congress took place at Potsdam, Germany, and attracted about 100 astronomers, including Professor Einstein, the originator of the theory of Relativity, and Sir Arthur Eddington of the Royal Astronomical Society of London. The works of the observatory were discussed. Director Hagen spoke in support of the results of the observations during the last year, showing the progress of the work.