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missions and build
schools, if you are not
able to wield the offensive
and defensive weapons of
a loyal Catholic Press.
—Pope Pius X

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U. S. Report Tells Of Educational Work Of Knights

Evening Schools, Scholarships And Correspondence Courses,
Threefold Activity Of Order

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

Washington, D. C., June 18.—The educational work of the Knights of Columbus is reviewed by Mark J. Sweeney, Director of Knights of Columbus Educational Activities, in a pamphlet issued by the Bureau of Education of the Department of the Interior.

"From the very beginning of the organization", says this pamphlet, "education has always occupied an important position in the activities of the Knights of Columbus, but in the earlier years of the existence of the order the educational activities were carried on almost entirely by the individual subordinate councils of the organization, and were confined to lecture courses, the founding of scholarships in local institutions, the placing of books in libraries, and other matters of a similar nature."

The pamphlet described the foundation of a chair in American History at the Catholic University in 1904, at a cost of \$50,000 and the successful campaign for \$500,000 to endow in perpetuity fifty scholarships at the same institution.

Since the war, at the end of which the Knights of Columbus had a fund of \$19,000,000 in their possession, the order "has been conducting an educational system free to former service men which has been maintained not only out of the interest but out of the principal of the fund remaining at the close of the war."

The three outstanding features of this educational work are described under the classification of: 1—The evening schools; 2—the scholarships; 3—the correspondence school.

The first Knights of Columbus evening school was opened in Boston on July 7, 1919. This school, known as a committee school was under the direct control of the national Education committee. There were 45 such schools, enrolling 31,163 students, established before the end of 1919. During the same year "council" schools, instituted by particular councils, were organized to the number of twenty-one, with 7,000 members. The council schools were not, in original intent, related to the efforts of the order in behalf of the ex-service man, but they are described as no less practical in aim and patriotic in purpose.

During the year 1920-21 the number of committee schools increased from 43 to 87, with 78,848 pupils and the council schools increased in number from 21 to 38, with 19,576 pupils. During the following school year there were 76 committee schools and 31 council schools in operation, with respective enrollments of 67,196 and 22,735. More than 200,000 men and women have been enrolled in the evening service schools.

Scholarships in representative American colleges and universities were given to 402 ex-service men as a result of an offer made in 1919. No more such scholarships will be offered and none of those now held by students will be transferred.

"The outstanding feature of the educational work at the present time", says the pamphlet, "is the Knights of Columbus Correspondence School, established in February 1922. In December, 1922, the total number of students actually enrolled in these correspondence courses was 10,340. These students come from every State in the Union, and from the farm as well as the small town and city."

The pamphlet, which is published by the Government Printing Office is part of the advance sheets of the Biennial Survey of Education in the United States.

Porto Rico Seeks American Teachers

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, June 18.—The Teachers' Registration Section of the National Catholic Welfare Council Department of Education has received a call from convent schools in Porto Rico for American teachers who are qualified to teach English.

It is specified that these applicants who have a high school education or more will be given preference and it is desired that the applicants should not be over thirty years old. The positions pay a salary of \$60.00 a month with room and board provided. Catholic women who are interested may obtain further information from the Teachers' Registration Section, 1314 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington.

BISHOP DUNN ORDAINS CLASS AT MARYKNOLL

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Maryknoll, N. Y., June 18.—In the temporary chapel of the New Seminary at Maryknoll, the Right Rev. John J. Dunn, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, ordained a number of candidates to the priesthood yesterday.

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Masked Bigots Are Flayed By Federal Judge

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

New York, June 18.—The right of the Catholic Church to religious freedom is being menaced and abridged in many parts of the United States, according to Federal Judge Martin T. Manton, who spoke at the commencement exercises of St. Joseph's College for women in Brooklyn last week.

Judge Manton called attention to a recent meeting on Long Island of a "band of hooded and masked men, gathered in a cornfield to protest against the importance and influence of Catholics in the affairs of the government."

"These men were masked to hide their faces as if in shame or fear," said Judge Manton. "They did not wish to be seen and the natural question is—why? They not only defied a criminal law of our State, but they defied the age-old law that the accuser shall face the accused."

"Why, in this enlightened age, are there thousands of American citizens, masked and in the dark, practicing the trades and conduct of men ashamed of their acts and declarations?"

More than 2,000,000 students in Catholic schools and colleges, said Judge Manton, receive both a mental and moral education, which is lacking in many public schools. This country, he pointed out, was settled by people who came here for religious freedom and the first schools here, as well as in Europe, were church schools.

Priest In Alaska 14 Years, Had Not Heard Of World War

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

Cologne, June 4.—A German family in Behman, Bavaria is rejoicing over having received news from a son, the Rev. Anton Hess, who left for the United States in 1909 and was not heard from until a few weeks ago.

Father Hess had been laboring for more than a decade in the Alaska missions and he did not hear of the world war until the war was over for more than four years. He arrived in the United States in March and immediately wrote his parents in Bavaria.

Twenty Dominicans Included In Class Of Thirty-two New Priests

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

Washington, D. C., June 18.—Twenty Dominican novices were included among the thirty-two young men ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore in St. Dominic's Church. The Dominicans represented the largest class of that order ever ordained at one time in the United States.

Chicago, June 15.—DePaul University, conducted by the Vincentian Fathers here, closed its twenty-fifth year with graduation exercises for a class of 125 students. Archbishop Mundelein conferred the degrees. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon County Judge Edward K. Jarecki, and D. F. Kelly, head of the Associated Catholic Charities.

Diamond Jubilee Of St. Mary's College

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

St. Mary's College, June 11.—With attendance somewhat cut down because of flood conditions St. Mary's College celebrated its Diamond Jubilee Commencement. Governor Davis of Kansas was the speaker at the dedication of the Arch erected in memory of Lieut. William Fitzsimmons, a St. Mary's man and the first American officer killed in action in France.

The Right Rev. Thomas F. Lillis, Bishop of Kansas City, was the speaker at the graduation exercises.

Oppose Catholic As School Official

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

Cologne, June 11.—The appointment of Dr. Reismann, a Catholic, as headmaster of one of the high schools in Bochum, Westphalia, has resulted in a protest on the part of the Protestants, who are headed by Mrs. Hoffmann, the German national deputy. It is claimed by the opposition that there are only 31 per cent Catholics in the high schools to which Dr. Reismann has been appointed. Bochum has a Catholic population that numbers about fifty per cent of the people in that place and Protestants hold posts and headmasters in the other two high schools.

Socialist Power Wanes In Saxony

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

Cologne, June 11.—The power of the Socialists is waning in Saxony, if one can judge by the votes cast in the recent elections when the rights of Christian education were at stake. Previously the Socialists were able to muster a very large vote, not only in the large cities, such as Leipzig and Chemnitz, but also in the towns and hamlets. The results of the elections were such as to indicate that large numbers of the former followers of the Socialist Party have foregone their allegiance, or that they are not willing to follow the dictates of the party leaders regarding the stifling of Christian teaching.

GERMAN CARDINAL HONORED IN NEW YORK

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

New York, June 8.—His Eminence Cardinal Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, was given a reception at the Catholic Club of this city. President Conboy of the Catholic Club was chairman of the reception committee. Bishop John J. Dunn, of New York, spoke a few words about the Cardinal's reason for coming to America and expressly stated that he was sure that Catholics in America appreciated thoroughly the sufferings of the German people.

Abbe Saves Ship

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

Paris, June 7.—Lost in the fog, a schooner from Saint Nazaire went aground on the rocks before Lorient, recently, and efforts to put it afloat having failed, the fate of the vessel became critical. Abbe Lecam, of Lorient, the son of a seaman, fitted out a boat and taking three men with him went to the rescue of the schooner. After several hours of strenuous work the vessel was floated and saved.

Centrist Party's Aims Announced By Fehrenbach

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

Cologne, June 11.—An important announcement of the Centrist Party was made recently by the former Chancellor, Constantin Fehrenbach, on the occasion of the jubilee of the Centrist leader, Dr. Parnell.

"The danger of a new Kulturkampf" has not yet passed. Powers inimical to the saddle and they are attacking vigorously, which is the greatest bulwark of faith. May there be a new Kulturkampf!

"We shall do well to clear our eyes of the dangers. The Centrist Party has shown its respect for their opinions. It has done this in the solution of the important question of the school. We shall concede to parents who demand that their children be educated in their own schools and confessional schools after their own request. But we must not forget that the policy of the Centrist Party, which has been a political party, has not remained the approval of all the German people. It will tell whether or not this party is able to solve the extremely difficult conditions to which we are able to put in the world. It is not possible for its leaders were anxious to destroy the stage, the Socialists declared their intention to do so. The feelings of the German people, the Republican convictions.

"Now that the Republic has been established, other parties have become active in the German States as it is. We have seen that it is an important thing for the people to be able to live in a secure environment. The heroes of the German people of better times. Catholic people are standing in the districts form the backbone of the German people. These are the people who are justly proud."

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N. C. C. M. To Publish Official Handbook

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

Washington, D. C., June 11.—Plans for the publication of an official handbook of the National Council of Catholic Men, which will act as a guide to Catholic men's organizations generally in carrying out definite types of work, have been announced by Michael J. Sweeney, executive secretary of the N. C. C. M.

The handbook will be published in a series of volumes which will include, especially, the following: (1) a manual of Catholic social work, (2) a manual of Catholic social work, (3) a manual of Catholic social work, (4) a manual of Catholic social work.

Included among the subjects to be treated in the handbook will be education, legislation, immigration, social work, clubs, rural problems, historical records, motion pictures, dramatics, parish organizations, recreation, boys work, lectures, debating, Catholic literature, city, night school and similar. Special attention will be given to the aid that may be furnished by Catholic societies by the various organizations.

FATHER LEAHY DEAD

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

Mount Vernon, N. Y., June 11.—The Rev. David J. Leahy, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, died here last week of pneumonia. Father Leahy was born in New York City, June 29, 1857, and was a graduate of St. Francis Xavier College and St. Vincent Seminary at Troy, N. Y. He was ordained in May 1881, and his first assignment was at St. Lawrence Church, New York City. Later he was assigned to Mount Vernon, N. Y. He was pastor of St. Mary's for many years.