

Nun War Nurses' Convents To Get Ivy Memorials

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

Washington, D. C.—Every convent throughout the nation from which Catholic Sisters went forth to serve the Government as nurses in the Civil War is to have a perpetual memorial of their patriotic services in the form of vines of ivy and myrtle taken from the site of the "Nuns of the Battlefield" Memorial monument erected here by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. These plans were announced here recently by Mrs. Ellen Ryan Jolly, LL. D., Chairman of the Committee which had charge of the erection of the monument.

Ivy Memorials For Convents

When the site of the memorial was being made ready for the actual installation of the monument, Mrs. Jolly asked the War Department, which has jurisdiction over the public grounds in the District of Columbia, if it would be possible to obtain slips from the ivy and myrtle then growing on the site. She had conceived the idea that vines transplanted from this site would be appropriate memorials for the various convents from which the Sister-nurses of the Civil War volunteered. Through the good offices of Col. C. O. Sherrill, Officer in Charge of Public Buildings and Grounds, the necessary permission was obtained. The government offered to transplant the vines from the monument site to government nurseries here where they could be properly rooted and the slips prepared for mailing.

Convents to which the slips will be sent in the near future include: forty houses of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (White Coronet Sisters) both in Northern and Southern States; the convents of the Sisters of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame, Indiana; the convents of the Ursuline Nuns at Galveston, Texas, and Cleveland; convents of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Wilmington, N. C., and Philadelphia; the Dominican Sisters at Memphis and Nashville, Tenn.; the Sisters of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at New Orleans; the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis in Cincinnati; Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy at Charleston, S. C.; Sisters of Charity (Mother Seton, Black Cap Sisters) at Madison, N. J., New York City and Cincinnati; Sisters of Providence at St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana; Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (White Cap Sisters); and convents of the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh, New York City, Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Savannah and Vicksburg. In return for the vines sent out to the various convents from the site of the national memorial here, these institutions are being asked for slips from vines from their own grounds to be planted in the parkway in front of the monument.

Reports which have reached officers of the Ladies Auxiliary, A. O. H. indicate that, in harmony with plans previously arranged, memorial exercises were held throughout the country in the convents of the Civil War Sister-nurses on the same day the monument was dedicated here. The services in the convents included religious ceremonies and patriotic exercises. The latter in all cases including a recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Marking Graves Of Civil War Nurses

The Ladies Auxiliary of the A. O. H. is making continued progress in its work of seeing that the graves of the Civil War Sisters throughout the nation are marked with official government markers in accordance with a ruling recently obtained from the War Department. The markers used in this case bear the religious and worldly names of the Sisters and the words "United States Army Nurses". Such markers are placed only above the graves of those nurses whose military records have been certified and approved by the Secretary of War. So far, 120 graves have been officially marked and the records and names of approximately 300 other Sisters are now before the War Department for final approval.

Red Cross' Birthday Observed In Germany

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine

Cologne, Sept. 15.—A jubilee week in honor of the sixty years' existence of the Red Cross has been opened in Berlin, and the whole population is participating. Sermons have been preached in all the churches and collections taken up for the Red Cross' work.

In Holland, where the jubilee is being celebrated, officials of Aix-la-Chapelle were invited to the neighboring Dutch town of Herlen, where the queen's consort was taking part in the observances. The Aix-la-Chapelle officials took occasion on their visit to pay the highest tribute to the Dutch for their aid in alleviating hunger in their...

Over 6,000,000 Women Employed At Less Than Living Wage

Chicago—More than 6,000,000 women are employed in the United States at less than a living wage, declared Mary L. Downes, High Chief Ranger of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters, in an address before a welfare congress here.

The minimum living wage, determined by boards made up of employers, workers and representatives of the public is \$15.30, according to Miss Downes. "This sum provides only a place to sleep, enough food to keep her at work, and a limited supply of very ordinary clothes," said Miss Downes, whose organization has been actively interested for years in the woman who works. "It allows no luxuries or recreations. It does not provide for the care of dependents. It does not take into account the idleness of seasonal occupation. Children attend the public primary schools.

"Efforts to improve working conditions and provide adequate wages should be made by every woman's organization in the United States. Statistics show that 80 percent of our women workers have families wholly or in part dependent upon them. This makes a further drain upon the pittance received by the six million."

"Long working hours is another condition which should be corrected. In five states—Iowa, Alabama, West Virginia, Indiana and Florida—there is no limitation by law on the number of hours a woman may work. In twenty-three states, ten hours per day or more is permitted. In forty-two states, women are allowed to work fifty hours a week or longer.

"These long working hours give the women and girls no time or strength for outside activities. They often have insufficient rest. Their interest in things in general is stifled by small pay and long hours. The situation demands drastic and immediate action by the women's organizations of America."

Lutheran Minister Advertises School With Religion Course

Louisville, Ky.—That Catholics are not alone in their belief that Christian training is necessary in the school and that there are others who boldly proclaim it is demonstrated by the following advertisement inserted in a Louisville paper under the heading "Christian Education," by the Rev. F. Schumacher for the Evangelical Lutheran School of the Redeemer:

"The Lutheran school at Twenty-second and Madison Sts. is maintained on the principle that the fear and love of God is the beginning of wisdom. We offer a graded course of daily instruction in the fundamentals of religion and Christian training, preparing our pupils for a happy and useful Christian life, as well as for sound American citizenship. We also provide a thorough and complete eight-grade course in grammar school work. "Tuition free."

Pious Nun Honored By Westphalians

Cologne, Sept. 15.—The Westphalian town of Dulmen has just celebrated with enthusiasm the 150th anniversary of the birth of the pious nun Anne Catharine Emmerich, who died in Dulmen after much suffering. The Jesuit Father Sadler of Essen in his sermon called her "the Myrrh of Dulmen."

Sister Anne Catharine's books on the Passion of Christ are attaining much wider circulation, and the novel written about her life by the Dusseldorf convert, Anna Baroness of Krane, entitled "Die Leidensbraut," has made her known in circles not especially interested in things Catholic.

Artistic Chalice Given to Shrine

Washington, D. C., Oct. 3.—Mrs. James W. Dunphy, of Boston, has presented to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in memory of her husband, a magnificent chalice of solid gold, ornamented with diamonds and a large opal of perfect fire. It stands twelve inches high, and is a copy of the exquisite gold chalice of the late Duke of Leicestershire, in England, fifty years ago. It was especially made for the Shrine, and is regarded as one of the finest examples of the goldsmith's art in recent times.

From the estate of another benefactor, the shrine also has received a fine chalice of solid silver, enriched with eighteen amethysts of great size and purity.

Great Personalities Of Catholic Church

Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Apostles to the Slavs.

There has just closed at Veltehrad, Czechoslovakia, a great congress for the reunion of the Catholic and Eastern churches, at which the watchword was the Apostolate of Saints Cyril and Methodius and speakers repeatedly adverted to these two early prelates as the dominating characters of Catholicity among the Slavs.

Saints Cyril and Methodius were brothers of a noble Thessalonian family who spurned high worldly honors to give two remarkably zealous lives to the priesthood. They were born in 827 and 826 respectively. When a call for Christian missionaries came to Constantinople from Moravia, the brothers were chosen.

The great instrument of their success was Cyril's linguistic labors. He translated the Gospels and church liturgy into Slavonic, constructing his own alphabet with such scholarship that it has survived as the Cyrillic alphabet. Later he added the entire Bible, and he and his brother brought the Catholic service to the masses in their native tongue.

Here, however, was not only the seed of their success but the cause of continuous zealous opposition. This opposition came from the Germans, who had long been in Moravia but because they insisted on using the Latin rite had made virtually no progress among the masses. Political considerations also entered.

Repeated journeys to Rome were necessary to confirm the privilege of using the rite, and Methodius languished for three years in a German prison when his opponents held the ascendancy. Cyril died in Rome in 869 on the occasion of one of these summonses to the Holy City. Methodius, however, commended and made Archbishop of Moravia, worked vigorously until the fall of Wratislav and his imprisonment. Pope John VIII peremptorily ordered him freed and reinstated and later upheld him in another controversy over the Slavonic rite.

By this time, the masses of Moravia had accepted the Catholic faith. Methodius never visited Bohemia, but in 878 he met the Bohemian Duke Borzivoj and baptized him at Veltehrad. The duke's entire family embraced the faith, and soon Christianity triumphed throughout Bohemia. Poland likewise gained its Catholicity from Moravia.

Ramsay MacDonald's Great Uncle Was Catholic Priest

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

London, Sept. 28.—Ramsay MacDonald, Labor Prime Minister, had a great uncle a priest. It has just transpired. The premier announced recently that he had a great uncle who had been rector of a church in Seel street, Liverpool.

Inquiries in Liverpool brought to light the fact that in the dining room of St. Peter's Benedictine Priory, in Seel street, there hangs a portrait in oils of the late Rev. Archibald Bennett MacDonald, O. S. B., who was the founder and first rector of the church.

There is no doubt that this was the Premier's great uncle, and some people go so far to say they see a resemblance between the portrait and the Prime Minister.

Father MacDonald was buried in a vault beneath the church, and a monument describes him as the "liberal, intelligent and revered" pastor of the chapel for twenty-six years.

English Holy Year Pilgrims

London, Sept. 28.—A thousand persons are expected to join the national Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome which Cardinal Bourne will lead next May, the Catholic Association states. Other members of the hierarchy who have already expressed their intention of taking part are the Archbishops of Liverpool and Birmingham, and the Bishops of Brentwood, Leeds, Northampton, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Mitletopolis, Peila, Cynopolis and Sebastopolis.

Aged Ursuline Nun Dies At Decatur

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

St. Louis.—The Sisters of the Ursuline convent have been notified of the death of Mother Borromeo, a member of their community, who died at Decatur, Ga. Mother Borromeo was 87 years of age and was born at Kledenberg, Germany. She was known in St. Louis as Mary Doeren before her entrance to the order at Alton, Ill., when she was but twenty. Most of her years were spent in Decatur, where she was an instructor in music at St. Teresa's Academy. She also taught at Alton and Collinsville.

Workers Salaries And Cost of Living Told In U. S. Bureau Report

Washington, D. C.—How much money the wage and salary workers make and how they spend their money is reported on by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The study was made during the last year of the war and the four months following the armistice when the cost of living at that time was about the same as now and wages were a little lower.

Ninety two cities and towns in forty-two states were selected so as to make the investigation representative of the country as a whole. Over twelve thousand families were interrogated about the source and amount of their income, the way they spent it and what, if anything, they had left over at the end of the year. The families were those of wage earners or of low and medium sized salary earners. There had to be at least one child in the family and the family had to be self-supporting and English-speaking.

In these families over half of the men made less than \$1250 a year and about a fourth made less than \$1050. This was from 93 to 94 percent of the family income for all of the families. The rest of the money came from wages the wife or children received, or from taking in lodgers, or as gifts, or from raising a garden or keeping poultry. The families making under \$900 a year also received an average of sixty four cents a year from rent and investments. This ran up to as high as \$6.51 a year for three families whose income was between twelve and fifteen hundred dollars. The families receiving these incomes had two or three children.

How the families spent the money they had was also found out. In families making less than nine hundred dollars the husband earned \$765 and about \$40 more was earned in other ways. Over half of these families were in debt at the end of the year on the average of over a hundred dollars. It cost them \$31 a month for food, \$9 for clothing, \$10 for rent, \$5 for fuel and light and \$2.50 for furniture and furnishings. Twelve dollars was spent for miscellaneous items which includes care, amusements and vacation, newspapers and magazines, school tuition and books, medical care, funeral expenses, insurance, taxes, soap, etc.

In families making between nine and twelve hundred the husband made on the average \$1018 and they received about \$60 from other sources. They spent \$38 a month for food, \$13 for clothing, \$12 for rent, \$5 for fuel and light, \$4 for furniture and furnishings and \$17 for miscellaneous items. On the average they came out about even at the end of the year, about two-thirds being a little ahead and one-third being around a hundred dollars in debt.

The husband in the families making between twelve and fifteen hundred a year earned \$1252 and the family made another \$90 in other ways. They spent \$43 a month for food, \$17 for clothing, \$15 for rent, \$6 for fuel and light, five for furniture and furnishings, and \$22 for miscellaneous items. These families on the average were able to save about forty dollars a year.

Some of the families had incomes as high as \$2000 or \$2500. In such cases the husband made about \$1800 a year on the average and most of the rest of the money came from the children. These families were larger, having usually four or more children at home.

Kendrick Seminary Alumni Officers Elected At Reunion

St. Louis.—At the closing session of the annual reunion of the Alumni Association of Kendrick Seminary, the following officers were elected: President, Rev. James J. DuSseau, assistant pastor of St. John's church, St. Louis; vice-president, Rev. R. L. Foristal of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; secretary, Rev. John J. Butler of St. Louis; treasurer, Rev. W. J. Witterling of St. Philip Neri's church, St. Louis; historian, Rev. E. J. Blankemeyer of Arcadia, Mo.; Executive Committee, Rev. Harry V. O'Brien of Mendota, Ill., Rev. J. J. McCaffrey of Kansas City, Rev. J. J. Kane and Rev. Joseph O'Toole of St. Louis. The reunion began with a solemn Mass of which Rev. J. J. Kane was celebrant; the sermon was by Rev. William Hamill. A dinner followed, at which Very Rev. M. S. Ryan, C. M., president of the Seminary, made an address of welcome to which Rev. E. A. Rogers, the retiring president, responded. On Wednesday morning at St. Malachy's Church, solemn Mass of Requiem for deceased members was celebrated by Rev. James J. Duggan. A banquet at the Coronado Hotel brought the reunion to a close.

Two New Bishops Consecrated With Throngs Present

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

Monsignor Kelley, founder of Extension Society, becomes Bishop of Oklahoma, and Msgr. Piagenes Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit. Chicago, Oct. 3.—With high prelates of the Catholic church from three nations officiating in the principal roles, and with prelates from many states either among the officials of the service, or in attendance, Rt. Rev. Francis Clement Kelley, D.D., LL.D., Protonotary Apostolic, and for nineteen years president of the Catholic Church Extension Society, was consecrated Bishop of Oklahoma, at Holy Name Cathedral yesterday morning.

His Eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein, was the consecrator, and had as co-consecrators Most Rev. A. A. Sinnott, D. D., Archbishop of Winnipeg, and Most Rev. Leopoldo Ruiz, D. D., Archbishop of Michoacan, Mexico.

The Assistant Priest to the Cardinal was Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Fitzsimmons, V. G., rector of Holy Name Cathedral, and the deacons of honor included Rt. Rev. Msgr. G. Deprettere, administrator of the diocese of Oklahoma, and Very Rev. Msgr. William D. O'Brien, acting president of the Catholic Church Extension Society.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. A. Purcell, rector of Quigley Preparatory Seminary was deacon of the Mass and Rt. Rev. Msgr. James F. McGuire, chancellor of the diocese of Oklahoma was sub-deacon.

Rt. Rev. E. E. Ledvina, D. D., Bishop of Corpus Christi, Tex., and formerly associated with Bishop Kelley as vice-president of the Extension Society, preached the sermon. Priests from the Chicago Archdiocese, Jesuit and secular were chaplains, masters of ceremony, cross bearers and offering bearers. In his sermon, Bishop Ledvina dwelt upon the many-sided career of the soldier, priest, author, traveler and missionary who saw service in the Spanish-American war as a chaplain with the 32nd Michigan Infantry and whose "Book of Red and Yellow," descriptive of Mexican religious persecution aroused the Wilson administration. Particularly he painted the remarkable results of Bishop Kelley's thirteen years' work as head of the Extension Society, during which every state in the union has been reached by the missionary society.

Cathedral Thronged

Holy Name Cathedral was thronged with prelates, members of the religious orders and many long before the ceremonies began at 9:30 a. m., and other crowds, unable to gain admittance, filled the streets about the church. Many of the city's leading men of all professions and industrial enterprises were in attendance to do honor to a prelate who, during the years of his residence in Chicago, has endeared himself to all through his religious work, and because of his literary attainments.

The choir from the Quigley Preparatory Seminary, directed by Rev. Paul Smith and Rev. Philip Mahoney, furnished the Mass music, and students from the seminary acted about the altar.

A large delegation of clergy and laymen from Oklahoma came to Chicago to greet their new Bishop, and to escort him back. It is understood that the installation of the Bishop will take place in the Cathedral Church of St. Joseph, Oklahoma City, during the week of Oct. 7. Following the ceremony of consecration, a reception and luncheon was given the new Bishop at the Drake hotel.

"It is peculiarly appropriate that Bishop Kelley should be given his first charge in Oklahoma," said the Rt. Rev. Msgr. G. Deprettere, who headed the delegation from Oklahoma. "The Catholic Extension Society he founded first brought the church to the sparsely settled parts of the territory of which he is now Bishop."

Catholics Show Increase in Berlin

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine

(Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cologne, Sept. 16.—Statistics just compiled show that the number of Catholics, Jews, dissidents and members of sects have increased both in Berlin and the surrounding Mark of Brandenburg.

Of the Berlin population, Catholics formerly numbered 3.7 per cent, and they now number 1.2 per cent. In the Mark, where they constituted 1 per cent, they now number 7.5 per cent.

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