

Bishop Gives Warm Endorsement To Fund For Community Chest

Cleveland, Nov. 21.—Cleveland's annual Community Fund campaign this year was held from November 17 to 25. The total sought was \$4,375,000, an increase of \$200,000 over the 1923 year figures.

This is the seventh year of this annual appeal to the entire community to contribute to the common fund devoted to the maintenance of 173 institutions engaged in work of social betterment of various kinds.

Cleveland believes that it is the first city to put the idea of a city-wide appeal for a common fund into effect. The campaign has been successful each year in attaining its goal and those in charge of the fund include the ablest men in the line of business ability and public good in the city.

Bishop Joseph Schrembs has given his earnest support to the fund on each recurring year since he came to the city three years ago, and on the opening night of the campaign November 17 the Bishop was the speaker for the Catholic portion of the city at a dinner meeting in which Rabbi Louis Wolsey of the Euclid Avenue Temple and Rev. Paul P. Suthphen of the Church of the Covenant, Presbyterian, were spokesmen for the Jew and the Protestant elements.

The talks were sent throughout the country by radio. Bishop Schrembs said that in his visit to St. Louis a few days before to attend the convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, he had talked with radio experts who had told him that all the speeches ever made were still in the air and that if instruments could be perfected it would be possible to reach out and bring them again to life.

"I wish that I could reach up tonight and bring down to you the sweetest words that ever issued from human lips," he said. "The voice of the Master on the Mount: 'Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.'"

"You are an army ready to go out into the city to appeal in the cause of religion, in that other army of the helpless and dependent there is not one who has the opportunity that each of you has to plead his cause."

On Sunday afternoon Messrs. T. O. O'Reilly, pastor of St. John's Cathedral, was the speaker for the Catholics at a radio-casting program from station WJAX. Mr. O'Reilly stressed the beauty of the idea back of the common appeal in a common cause and said that the community chest is "a concrete illustration of the love of man for man."

"Charity, or the contribution of money to a common fund, is not a duty that applies only to the wealthy," Mr. O'Reilly said, "but rather the principles that include all that are able to give. The man of wealth at times is in need of the charity of human sympathy, just as his poorer brother is in need of the charity of material help, and this annual community fund appeal brings us all together in one big family as no other single act can."

Catholic institutions will receive the following sums: Catherine Herstmann Home for Working Girls, \$4,923; Catholic Charities office, \$13,300; Merrick House, welfare settlement, \$25,000; Rose-Mary Home for Orphaned Children, \$10,588; St. Alexis Hospital, \$21,000; St. Ann's Maternity Hospital and Infant Asylum, \$70,000; St. Anthony's Home for Boys, \$11,099; St. John's Hospital, \$19,484; St. Joseph's Orphanage, \$38,914; St. Mary's Tu St. Rita, \$17,853; St. Vincent de Paul (Big Brothers), \$5,500; St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, \$96,174; St. Vincent's Orphanage, \$48,696.

This is a total of \$281,613 out of a grand total of \$4,375,000.

Mother Hildegard Remembered in Will of Father John W. Goff

New York, Nov. 21.—Mother Hildegard, the daughter of former Supreme Court Justice John W. Goff, who gained special permission to return from her European convent to comfort him in his last days, has made chief beneficiary of Justice Goff's estate in the will just filed.

Mother Hildegard is to receive the income of all her father's stocks, bonds and realty mortgages during the lifetime, and in her will she may dispose of the principal to any person or institution without restriction. The consent of two trustees will be necessary before she may dispose of the property previous to her death. The residue of the estate is to go to John W. Goff, Jr.

Belfast Newspapers Suppress Tolerance Pleas of Protestants

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, Nov. 17.—Some notable speeches were delivered by Protestant clergymen in Belfast in support of the labor candidate in the west division of the city at the General Election. Rev. A. L. Agnew gave utterance to the following observations:

"All Christian ministers are not against labor. I curse in my heart those people who got it into their minds and heads of their dupes to go out and fight their Catholic fellow countrymen. The opponents of labor are deliberately trying to set up sectarian strife and murder again in Belfast, and to set Protestants and Catholics against one another. The Protestant religion is said to be in danger. It is false. The only persons who will destroy Protestantism are the ten thousand Yahoos who run after various politicians shouting 'To Hell with the Pope!'"

Rev. Edgar J. Fripp denounced the "fanatical bigotry" of the Unionist Party. He added:

"The Die-Hard Conservatism of Ulster is a discredited and impotent factor in political life."

Rev. J. Bruce Wallace observed: "Sectarianism is Ulster's curse. May the day soon come when Catholic and Protestant workmen will unite in furtherance of their own ideals and keep united in their own defense."

These speeches were completely suppressed by the Belfast Orange newspapers. This act alone is enough to prove the charges of bigotry made against the Orangemen.

De Valera Prepares Republican Platform Before Going To Jail

Dublin, Nov. 17.—An outline of the aims and works which he suggests should be undertaken by the Republican party was prepared by Mr. de Valera before he was sent to jail by the Belfast Government. This outline, put before the Sinn Fein convention, included the following suggestions:

The drink evil; need for sobriety, industry, and initiative as the basis of progress; nation to be made self-sufficient and self-contained economically as possible; need of capturing and developing home markets; finding foreign markets and achieving such a correct proportion between exports and imports as will avoid balance to be established between agriculture and manufacture; mutual advantages and the part that industrial North could play with profit to itself and to nation; need for protection and necessary safeguards to prevent abuse; case of the North and its necessary raw materials, etc.; and agreed common economic policy for whole island essential; folly of Partition, politically and economically, and of a boundary with its administrative wastage in officials, guards, and delays in transit; voluntary preference measures that can even now be practised; duty of women—buyers for household—and great role they can play in stimulating Irish industry and agriculture, and reducing unemployment by purchasing home-made goods and home-grown food products.

Need of a daily penny paper, national and trustworthy, and run on strictly business lines with successful business men as directors, value of such a paper as teacher, as true interpreter of home and foreign news, of matters national, financial, economic, and cultural; efforts being made to secure its establishment.

New York Girl Scouts Guests At Luncheon

New York, Nov. 20.—Catholic Girl Scouts of this city participating in a drive for money for the Girl Scouts Building and Budget Fund which is being conducted this week were addressed by Rt. Rev. John J. Dunn, Bishop Auxiliary and Administrator of New York at a luncheon held at Hotel Roosevelt on Monday, at which Mrs. Nicholas F. Brady, treasurer of the Girl Scouts of America, was hostess.

The Bishop highly praised the work being done for delinquent girls by the Girl Scout organization and urged the Scouts to take advantage of the many good opportunities offered to them by their leaders.

On Sunday about one thousand Girl Scouts in full uniform attended the 9 o'clock Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and were addressed by Cardinal Hayes. The Cardinal congratulated the girls for their excellent deportment and their accomplishments. He told them that their adherence to the laws of the Scouts would make them stronger character and give them something which later on in life they would appreciate tremendously.

Illinois University Students Hear How Evidence Guild Works

Campaign, Ill., Nov. 21.—How the Catholic Evidence Guild broke down anti-Catholic prejudice in England in a remarkably short time, was told to 850 Catholic students, members of the Catholic Foundation of the University of Illinois. In a lecture here by Francis J. Sheed, one of the leaders of the Guild work in London. It is hoped to effect some adaptation of the Guild's plan at the University.

"The Catholic Evidence Guild has done more breaking down prejudice and hostility to the Church among the masses in England than any other agency in the last century," said Mr. Sheed. This record, he continued, has been made despite the fact that the Guild movement began as late as 1919 and at first had difficulties. It now has twenty centers scattered all over England.

Outdoor meetings are used by the Guild, said the speaker, and so general have they become that in one week 40,000 non-Catholics hear Guild speakers in North London alone. It is the special care in the presentation of the speakers' theme, however, which makes the meetings successful.

"The work is not in any sense of a revivalistic nature," he continued. "There is no preaching, no moral exhortation, but simply the plainest exposition of Catholic doctrine. The meeting is not so much a meeting in the ordinary sense, as a class at which those who are interested may learn exactly what the Church is and what it teaches. Political and social subjects are rigidly avoided, but on the Catholic doctrine, questions of every sort are answered."

"The speakers are of every condition—of all classes and professions, educated and uneducated, the clever and less clever. They are taken exactly as they are, and trained by the Guild in the Catholic doctrine. Protestant opinions and public speaking. No one connected with the Guild receives any kind of payment."

Great numbers of converts have been brought to the Faith by these meetings, said Mr. Sheed, many lapsed Catholics have been brought back, and above all, prejudice and misunderstanding have been destroyed and at last the Catholic Church is understood.

The Catholic Foundation at the University of Illinois, where lectures on the Church to university students are given by the chaplain and are accredited by the University. In the last two years has brought about the remarkably large number of fifty-four conversions.

Klansmen Should Not Celebrate Christmas Glenn Frank Asserts

New York, Nov. 21.—The Ku Klux Klan has no right to celebrate Christmas so long as it continues to propagate the dogma of racial discrimination at variance with the principles of the Founder of Christianity, declared Glenn Frank, Editor of the Century Magazine speaking before the Institute of Arts and Sciences at Columbia University here.

"Today the Ku Klux Klan is literally copying the Jews it hates in attempting to create, as they created, a religio-racialism, and doing it in the name of a Jew who denounced it," Mr. Frank said. "For the Founder of Christianity flatly denied the Jewish claim to special privilege."

Filipinos To Have Catholic Papers In Native Dialects

Manila, P. I., November 3.—Plans for the publication of Catholic papers, books and pamphlets in the native Filipino dialects to combat anti-Catholic propaganda, have been announced here by the Very Rev. Henry Buerchen, S. V. D., Superior of the Missionaries of the Divine Word in the Islands.

The Missionary Fathers are now engaged in raising funds with which to establish a printing press here. A trade school in which Filipino boys will be taught typesetting, bookbinding, electrotyping, and some of the mechanical trades will be conducted in connection with the printing plant. A four year High School course will also be offered.

Approval for the project has been expressed by Monsignor Plant, Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines; Archbishop O'Doherty of Manila; Bishop Hurth of Nueva Segovia; and Bishop Verona of Iloilo.

Catholics, Once Mine Boys, Obtain Seats In Commons

Working Ship Riveter also Chosen At Last General Election In Great Britain

By George Barnard, (London Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service).

London, Nov. 15.—Three of the Catholic members of the new House of Commons started life in the mines; one was a dock laborer, another a builders' laborer, and still another is a ship's riveter. These are all Labor members.

The most eminent of them is the Right Hon. John Wheatley, who was Minister of Health in the last cabinet. He began work in a coal-pit at the age of 11. He is now a publisher.

J. Tinker, the Labor member for Leigh, began work at the pit head when he was 10. H. Murfin, who represents a Scottish constituency, is the other erstwhile miner.

J. Sexton, who is secretary of the National Union of Dock Laborers, had an adventurous career at sea when he was a boy.

Martin Connolly is a working ship riveter who has now got a place in Parliament after contesting a seat at two previous elections.

There are only 18 Catholics in the new Houses of Commons—five fewer than last session. Six represent Labor, ten are Conservatives, one a Liberal, and T. P. O'Connor who is labelled a Nationalist. He is the "Father of the House of Commons," having had a seat in Parliament for 44 years.

The Conservative Catholic members have some distinguished names among them.

Lord Colum Crichton-Stuart is the brother of the Marquis of Bute. He acted as private secretary to Lord Kitchener in Egypt and was in diplomatic service ten years.

Sir Gerald Strickland is also Count Della Catena in the Island of Malta. He has been Governor of the Leeward Islands, Tasmania, Western Australia, Norfolk Island and New South Wales.

Sir N. Grattan Doyle, who was knighted this year, is a director of the Northern Newspaper Company.

F. N. Blundell is the son of "M. E. Francis," the eminent Catholic novelist. He has been one of the strongest upholders of Catholic interests in Parliament, and his return has pleased the Catholic body in England.

He presented a Catholic Relief Bill last session and took up strenuously the local authorities' interference with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament at Carlin, Scotland.

R. Mitchell Banks is a Kings Counsel, son of the late Sir William Banks.

P. J. H. Hannon was assistant secretary of the Irish Agricultural Organization Society for a number of years and for seven years was secretary of the Navy League.

In Cleveland 300,000 Report No Affiliation With Any Church Body

Cleveland, Nov. 18.—Three hundred thousand persons in Greater Cleveland, a community of close to 1,100,000 population, are not affiliated with any church or synagogue according to information presented in the evangelistic program of the Federated Churches for 1924—1925.

The figures given included 110,000 children who are receiving no religious instruction.

The report of the committee making the survey shows:

Three hundred and fifty-two thousand Protestants with 358 churches.

Three hundred and thirty-six thousand Roman Catholics with 78 churches.

Eighty-five thousand Jews with 29 synagogues.

Fifteen thousand Greek and Orthodox members with 20 churches.

The evangelistic task of the Federated Churches for the coming year is declared to be the quickening of its present membership; winning the unchurched, and teaching the 110,000 children receiving no religious instruction. The civic committee of the Federated Protestant Churches of Cleveland and its suburbs has also undertaken a movement "for new and intelligent" Sunday laws.

An appeal to consider this movement has been sent to Catholic pastors and Jewish rabbis.

The first Sunday in December is set aside as the day on which people will be asked to consider the observance of Sunday in American life.

Cleveland is said to observe the day less than New York, Philadelphia or Boston. These cities, according to Rev. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard, pastor of a prominent Congregational church, "still observe the laws of their statute books which we seem to have agreed to ignore. Every motion picture house and other theater in this city, for example, is open in defiance of the law and there has been no public demand to close them."

The remedy for the situation, the report of the committee states, is "a reawakening of conscience before there can be any effective approach to new constructive legislation. The place to begin must be with the religious groups in the city—Roman Catholic, Jewish and Protestant."

Cardinal Stimulates Interest In Fifth Avenue Celebration

New York, Nov. 21.—Celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the opening of Fifth Avenue, held here this week, was stimulated by publication of a letter from Cardinal Hayes addressed to the pastors of the Archdiocese of New York and read in all the Catholic Churches last Sunday. The Cardinal spoke of the famous thoroughfare as the center of the vast structure of American commercial prosperity and expressed the hope that "business may be promoted in the spirit of justice and honesty, that charity in its truest sense may find the means of administration and that the religious spirit may not be diminished or dimmed by the lure of excessive material wealth."

In his letter to the pastors, the Cardinal said in part:

"Your parishioners are in constant contact with the busy life which pulsates through this main artery of the city. The entire nation knows it is the center of our trade and the source, in a very large measure, of the unprecedented prosperity which we are now enjoying."

"Upon this world-famous thoroughfare are likewise collections of art of national importance, and, neighboring to edifices which houses these, are institutions of benevolence attesting the philanthropic spirit of our citizens. On the avenue is our great Cathedral Home of Our Lord Himself, the monument which Catholic faith and loyalty have built."

The Right Hon. J. F. Hope and his son are both in the House. Mr. Hope is a nephew of the late Duke of Norfolk and of Lord Fitzalan of Derwent. He was Deputy Speaker in the last Parliament. His son, Captain A. O. J. Hope, goes to Parliament for the first time. He won the Military Cross during the Great War.

Major P. B. Malone is an accountant. He has taken a part in local politics for 30 years and has been in Parliament before, but was defeated last year.

The only Catholic Liberal in the new House is E. A. St. A. Harney, King's Counsel. He was called to the Irish Bar in 1892, went to Australia and was one of the first six senators sent by Western Australia to the Commonwealth Parliament in 1901. Resigning, he returned to England and was called to the Bar in 1916.

Twenty-one Catholic candidates were defeated at the polls. Seven of them had seats in the last Parliament.

Marquette, Scorning Superstition, Picks Thirteen Debaters

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 18.—Marquette University debaters do not believe in "hoodoo" and, to demonstrate their contempt for superstition, Prof. William Duffey, head of the dramatic art department, has picked just thirteen students to compose the Marquette debating squad this year. The most ambitious debating program in the history of the university has been arranged, with Creighton, Colorado Aggie, Occidental, Loyola, Western State, Michigan Aggie, Ripon and University of Detroit on the schedule. Campion St. Mary's and St. Louis may be added.

Mother General Of Dominican Nuns Dies Of Pneumonia

Nyack, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Mother General Mary Regina of the Dominican Order of Sisters died of pneumonia Tuesday at St. Agnes' convent near here, less than five months after she had been elected to the chief office of her order.

Mother Regina had held important offices in the Dominican order for years. From 1895 to 1911, she was novice mistress, after which she was chosen prioress of St. Agnes' convent. She had charge of the novitiate until 1920, when she became superior to Mother Mary Raymond. The limitation for the holding of the office having been reached.

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