

Sunday Visitor Issues Impressive Press Month Number

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Huntington, Ind., Feb. 2.—The February 1 issue of "Our Sunday Visitor", national Catholic weekly published here, has been made an impressive "Support the Catholic Press" plea. As such, it will be perused by leaders in the neighborhood of two millions in number, scattered all over America.

Led by a three-column picture of Christ the Teacher, with the caption "Learn the Truth and Spread It", the entire front page is devoted to sane, practical "Reasoning" for a strong Catholic press and to the words of eminent men in its support. Under the heading "Lack of Press Support Explains Our Enemies' Success", the statement is made and backed up with facts that "had the Catholic people supported the Catholic press 100 per cent and spread its truth among Protestants . . . it is not likely there would have been any Know-nothing, or A.P.A., or K.K.K. days."

"What is Needed is an Apostolate of the Press", "The Press Crusade Should Begin in the School Room", "Admiral Benson Admonishes Catholics of Their Plain Duty", "Foresters Will Get Behind Press Month as a Body", "How the Popes Urged the Reading of Catholic Papers" and "This Appeal Comes From the Bishops of South Africa" are the headings of some of the articles on the front page.

Nowhere in the paper is a poem to Saint Francis, patron of Catholic writers, and even the "Readers Speak to Readers" column contains the press appeal. In an editorial, Monsignor Noll, the editor, rounds this admonition to parents: "Parents, you have recently experienced what it means to have your faith misrepresented, the Catholic name slurred, and your devotion to country questioned. The thousand and one lies which have been broadcast about your Church, her teaching and practices, will do mischief for a long time to come. The better to defend your faith, the clergy, your various institutions, etc., you had often wished you were better instructed."

"Your children will go through a similar experience, you possibly a worse one, in ten or twenty years from now. They will lament the same handicap, which you have lamented, unless you have them interested themselves in the Catholic press and in Catholic literature generally."

Bishop Dunn Disperses Fears Concerning Pilgrimage Plans

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, Jan. 28.—The Right Rev. John J. Dunn, D., Vicar General and Auxiliary Bishop of New York chairman of the National Holy Year Committee, addressing members of the committee at a meeting held today in the Chancery office, urged them to do all in their power to dispel reports that reservations for the various pilgrimages leaving this city and other ports on the Atlantic Coast were not obtainable. The Bishop also announced that Frederick J. Fuller, a prominent banker of this city had been appointed secretary of the committee.

In the announcement which Bishop Dunn made public after he also emphasized the importance of correcting false impressions concerning any possible scarcity of reservations in Rome.

"We have received countless communications all of which express concern over the availability of obtaining suitable reservations both on the steamers which we have chartered for the pilgrimages and the obtaining of comfortable accommodations abroad," the Bishop said. "As I have announced in the instructions to the committee, there will be ample accommodations for as many persons who apply for reservations, and provisions have already been made in Rome for the care of thousands of persons attending the Holy Year celebration. The report that no more accommodations are available is entirely without foundation, and the committee handling the pilgrimages is prepared to assist all who make application. In the city of Rome certain religious orders were founded many years ago to provide against any inconvenience of the visitor and pilgrim, and these orders still function to give food and shelter to the many thousands of pilgrims."

Bishop Dunn also explained that American pilgrims could obtain information concerning the pilgrimages by communicating directly with their respective diocesan heads or the National Holy Year Committee, whose Sunday Visitor and Rev. Michael A. O'Connell, associate editor of that publication will be in charge of a two-week mission in St. Peter's cathedral this city next month.

Sons Pallbearers At Funeral Service For Mrs. T. P. Flynn

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Six sons were pallbearers at the funeral of Mrs. Catherine Flynn, wife of Thomas P. Flynn, vice-president of the National Council of Catholic Men, who was buried from St. Bernard's church here on Wednesday morning.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Flynn is survived by her mother, Mrs. Margaret Kenny, two brothers James P. and Hugh D. Kenny, and ten children—the children are Raymond D. Thomas P. Jr., James F., Hugh W. John J., Lawrence E., Robert K., Mary C., Margaret C., and Eleanor.

Mrs. Flynn was for many years a leading figure in Catholic women's activities in Chicago, and a great number of the officers and members of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters, with which she was long identified, and many Catholic social workers attended the funeral, which was one of the largest ever conducted from St. Bernard's church. In addition to these hundreds of women with whom Mrs. Flynn had served in religious, charitable and fraternal affairs, there were present scores of Mr. Flynn's co-workers in the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Foresters, and other Catholic organizations.

Large contributions of time, effort and money had been made to Catholic charities by Mrs. Flynn during the many years of her participation in the Catholic life of Chicago. She was noted as the generous hostess of scores of Catholic gatherings. In her home many successful Catholic enterprises of a religious and charitable character had their initiative.

Messages of sympathy from hundreds of leading Catholics in all parts of the United States and Canada have been received by Mr. Flynn.

Child Labor Defense By Dr. Ryan Chosen As Rhetoric Model

Washington, Jan. 30.—A pamphlet written by the Rev. Dr. John A. Ryan, Director of the Department of Social Action, N. C. W. C., on "The Proposed Child Labor Amendment" has been selected as a model of argumentative rhetoric, the Department here has been informed.

Dr. Ryan's permission has been asked by Prof. John R. Slater, of the English Department of the University of Rochester, to use his work in a college textbook Professor Slater is preparing. The author of the book writes:

"Your pamphlet on 'The Proposed Child Labor Amendment' published by the National Child Labor Committee is so able and impressive a defense of this measure that I should like with your permission to reprint it, in whole or part, as an example of argumentative discourse. In a new edition of my textbook of college rhetoric. It would there appear side by side with Senator Wadsworth's speech against the amendment, and students could compare for themselves the charges and refutation thereof."

The pamphlet is a fifteen-page monograph which is being distributed by the Child Labor Committee from its New York Office. It reviews the case for the amendment and presents the arguments in refutation of charges made by its opponents.

Fr. O'Connell Named New Chancellor Of Cleveland Diocese

Cleveland, Jan. 29.—Rev. Patrick J. O'Connell chancellor of the diocese since April, 1922, has been appointed pastor of St. Rose's church here, succeeding Rev. James J. Stewart who died December 17, 1924. Father O'Connell has spent more than 20 years as a priest in this city having filled the assignments of assistant at the cathedral; assistant to the Chancellor under the late Bishop Ignatius F. Horstmann; chaplain to St. Vincent's orphanage and for nine years pastor of Holy Name church, Cleveland.

Upon the resignation of Rev. Dr. William A. Scullen as chancellor, in 1922, Father O'Connell then pastor of Holy Name parish was named by Bishop Joseph Schrembs as chancellor and Dr. Scullen assumed the pastorate of Holy Name Church. Before beginning studies for the priesthood Father O'Connell was a civil engineer and served as assistant city engineer and later as city engineer of Lansing, Mich.

Msgr. Noll To Conduct Cincinnati Mission

Cincinnati, Jan. 29.—Msgr. John F. Noll, founder and editor of Our Sunday Visitor and Rev. Michael A. O'Connell, associate editor of that publication will be in charge of a two-week mission in St. Peter's cathedral this city next month.

Klan Suspends Four Georgians Including Two Athens Ministers

(N. C. W. C. News Service) Athens, Ga., Jan. 30.—Four local officials of the Ku Klux Klan, including two Protestant ministers, have been suspended by the imperial headquarters of the night-owned organization as a result of a Klan "clean-up" designed to wipe out gambling and liquor law violations here. Action by the imperial headquarters is said to be based on objections to the methods used by the local Klansmen in carrying out their campaign. The principal objectionable method was the alleged establishment of a gambling resort here by a Klan investigator who turned patrons to his place of business for the purpose of obtaining evidence on which to base indictments.

Local Klan officials assert they were acting under instruction from the national officers but the latter, following the exposure of the unsavory methods used—disclaim responsibility. There is also a story in circulation here to the effect that Governor Clifford Walker attended a conference at which plans were mapped out for the purification of Athens through the agency of the Klan. The Governor denies this story. Whatever the origin of the clean-up plans, nearly a dozen citizens of Athens including the City Recorder, a member of the City Council, and a woman have been indicted so far. T. C. Huston, Klan investigator who operated the alleged gambling house as a trap for the unwary, has also been indicted.

Husted is said to have admitted that the only gambling in Athens of which he has knowledge, was conducted in two private homes and in the establishment he conducted. The Rev. Dr. B. M. Miller, pastor of the First Christian Church and Cyclops of the Klan, is being severely criticized here for having planned with Husted for the opening of the latter's gambling house and having thereby given implied sanction to such an establishment. Local opinion is inclined to the belief that the whole performance was staged in the hope of compromising a prominent young citizen of Athens who has been active against the Klan.

All Irish Parties United To Assist Gaelic League Work

(N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, Jan. 23.—There are many platforms, upon which representatives of all Irish parties can and do meet. One of these is supplied by the Gaelic League. A conference to consider the future of the League, held in Dublin, was attended by representatives of all the different political parties in the country. In the past, when dissensions were causing many to despair, the Gaelic League arose to give new life to the national spirit, to ennoble Irish traditions, to bespeak support for Irish industries, and to provide a common platform for all schools of national thought. In this movement for the revival of the Irish language, priests were then, as they are today, the foremost workers.

The conference in Dublin agreed that the Gaelic League is as badly needed now as ever. It decided to summon a general meeting to formulate a new scheme to place the League on a footing with the altered conditions in Ireland. The authorities have set up a commission to report as to the percentage of Irish speakers in a district which would warrant its being regarded as an Irish-speaking district or a partly Irish-speaking district. When this information has been obtained the commission is to make recommendations as to the use of Irish in the administration of such districts and the educational facilities suitable to the inhabitants of such districts. The economic conditions prevailing in the Irish-speaking districts also will be considered.

Cross Word Puzzles Popularize Catholic Reference Libraries

London, Jan. 23.—Visitors to a Catholic reference library here have increased since the Catholic papers took up cross-word puzzles, according to the Librarian. Most of the visitors want the "Catholic Encyclopedia" to follow up the clues. "We may have to set a time limit for its use," says an official.

An interesting fact is that the puzzles have awakened interest in many subjects suggested by the cross-word clues. The Catholic papers are publishing cross-words, most of the clues to which have a Catholic significance.

All Catholic News Items Should Be Sent To This Office Not Later Than Wednesday To Ensure Publication. The Same Week.

Strassburg Bishop Praises Alsations For Firm Resistance

Strassburg, Jan. 21.—Catholic Alsace is threatened, France herself is in danger as a result of the attempt of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in every parish in the religious orders in France. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ruch, Bishop of Strassburg, has declared in a stirring appeal to the clergy of his diocese. He commends the Alsation Catholics for their firm resistance to the onslaughts on their religious liberties. The appeal is as follows: "The hour is grave, even critical and full of danger. Catholic Alsace is threatened."

"Pitiless opponents have declared war against her. They wish to annihilate our Holy Religion, and in order to achieve this they have decided to rear the children in Godless schools, against the will of their parents. They are striving to ruin youth by making it unmoral. They have decided to expel various religious orders, and wish to take from all the right to teach. They have sworn to replace a Concordat which has protected religious influence for a century, by regulations which would condemn the Church to a miserable and pitiful existence, cripple its civilizing activities and hinder it from devoting itself with all its might to the common welfare."

"France is in danger. Men—and they are thousands—who no longer believe in God and no longer observe His laws, who recognize no might other than material force and who hope tomorrow to seize this might for themselves, proclaim aloud that they want to change the order of society from the ground up and destroy the entire Christian civilization."

"These new barbarians—and they do not stand at our doors, they are at work in the nation—proclaim that they wish to do away with everything that stands in their way—property, freedom and private life, neither the family nor ethics will find mercy at their hands. What was once France would become a barren, poor land, the prey of the enemy, an empty hell."

"Against these measures the clergy and Catholics of Alsace are arising with an energy which has struck the enemy and held him somewhat in check. The whole of Catholic Christianity is watching this drama and is marveling at you. Your Bishop knows this better than any one. He extends to you with his whole heart, with confidence and pride, the warmest thanks of the Holy Church."

Indiana Senate Kills Sims Bills Backed By The Ku Klux Klan

Indianapolis, Jan. 30.—All of the so-called Americanization bills, introduced in the Indiana State Senate by Senator Sims of Vigo County with the backing of the Ku Klux Klan, have been killed by the Senate. The first to be thrown out was the anti-religious, anti-Semitic and overwhelmingly defeated. Then in quick succession the Senate voted for indefinite postponement of the Sims bill which would have required teachers in the public schools to be graduates of the public schools and of a commissioned high school, and another of the Sims proposals which would have made Bible reading in the public schools compulsory.

The vote against the bill to require teachers to be public school graduates was 41 to 5. On the Bible reading bill the division was closer, 26 Senators opposing the bill and 20 favoring it. As indicated by statements from the floor, much of the support which the latter measure received was based upon a desire to enact another section of the bill which provided for the compulsory teaching of the Constitution in the public schools. Several Senators said they voted for the bill on first reading with the idea of striking out the Bible reading provision on second reading and preserving the other features of the bill.

Baron F. Von Hugel, Famous Catholic Scholar, Is Dead

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, Jan. 29.—Baron Friedrich Von Hugel, noted Catholic philosopher and writer, is dead here. He was seventy-three years old. Baron Von Hugel was the son of an Austrian diplomat, educated in Florence and Brussels. He married Lady Mary Herbert (who was received in the Church shortly before her wedding) and became a naturalized British subject. His special fields of study were Greek and Hebrew and biblical documents and also the psychology and philosophy of religion. His writings include: "The Mystical Element of Religion," "Eternal Life," and "The German Heresy in the service of Msgr. Le Soult." He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Oxford University in 1920.

Centenarian Servant Honored By Bishop

Paris, Jan. 26.—Msgr. Lecomte, Bishop of Amiens, has been to Compiègne in person at the celebration in honor of a centenarian, Mademoiselle Victorine Desrumaux. Mademoiselle Desrumaux has spent her life in the service of Msgr. Lecomte's parents. She has been attached to the family for 86 years.

Diocese of Detroit To Have Propagation Branch in Each Parish

(N. C. W. C. News Service) Detroit, Jan. 30.—Establishment of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in every parish in the Diocese of Detroit is decreed in a Pastoral Letter of the Rt. Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit, read in the churches throughout the diocese. Recalling the desire expressed by the Pope for the establishment of organizations to aid the missions, Bishop Gallagher's pastoral says:

"In obedience therefore, to the recent decrees of the Holy See, we direct that the Society for the Propagation of the Faith be established in every parish in our diocese. As soon as feasible a diocesan director will be appointed who will have charge of the work of the Home and Foreign Missions. Meanwhile, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward Jones, who was appointed by the Propaganda as Moderator for the Work of St. Peter, will inaugurate this most important work. I bespeak for him the kind and zealous cooperation of the clergy and laity of the diocese."

Bishop Gallagher urges every Catholic in the Detroit diocese to become a member of the Society by promising daily prayer, by giving an annual membership offering of two dollars for both the Home and Foreign Missions, by assisting, if possible, with greater donations and by personal service.

Mother of Archbishop Mannix Dies At 93

Dublin, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Ellen Mannix, mother of Archbishop Mannix, died at her residence near Charleville, Cork County, at the age of 93 years in 1920 Archbishop Mannix booked passage to Ireland mainly for the purpose of visiting his aged mother. The then British Government prevented him from coming to Ireland. The vessel on which he was travelling was intercepted by a British warship. The Archbishop was forcibly removed and taken away to an English destination.

He was prohibited from visiting Ireland the reason for this action on the part of the British Government was that Archbishop Mannix had advocated the Sinn Fein cause.

While he was in Britain, however, Mr. Lloyd George's emissaries secretly approached him with a proposal that he should go to Ireland and advocate peace on certain lines. But the Archbishop flatly refused to espouse the British plan, and eventually he returned to Australia, without being allowed to visit his mother.

Sister Aloysia, Ten Years Mother-General Of Her Order, Is Dead

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 26.—Sister Aloysia, 66 years of age, formerly Mother General of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Third Order of St. Francis, in which office she spent ten years, died on Wednesday, at St. Mary's Infirmary, 1536 Papin Street. The funeral services were held in St. Mary's Infirmary chapel Monday Morning at 9 o'clock and the interment was in Calvary Cemetery. Sister Aloysia was born in St. Louis and had been a religious for 49 years; she would have celebrated her golden jubilee in 1926. Most of her life as a religious was spent at the Motherhouse here, where for a number of years she was for pharmacist in 1895 she went to Kansas City and opened and organized a general hospital and, later, secured property and opened one for her own community. She is survived by four sisters and a brother: Mrs. Catherine Sweeney, the Misses Caroline and Mary Schrufer, Sister Mary Agnes of her community, and George Schrufer all of this city. Her niece, Sister Mary Cecilia, is also a member of the Sisters of St. Mary.

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