Catholic Press Activity In Spain and Belgium Bringing Good Results

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Press". Later, in order to further enlarge and imporve the news service, Father Dueso, in 1911, founded the "Legionaries of the Catholic Press" who make small contributions for this purpose, and enjoy many spiritual privileges granted by the Supreme Pontiff and the Hierarchy This Association extends even into the most remote corners and villages of the peninsula and distributes millions of propaganda leaflets.

As a result also of the first Press Congress, Dr. Ildefonso Montero founded in Seville in 1905, the Institute "Ora et Labora", the first Catholic School of Journalism in Spain or in Europe, which won many vocations for the press. This Institute actually grew into an international organization. Among its achievements may be mentioned the Catalogue of the Catholic Press of the World and the Ora et Labora Almanach, the first book of its kind, in which all Catholic publications are described with dates and interesting statistics. In 1913 courses in journalism were reorganized. Seminarians from every diocese attended them and it published the first issue of "La Cruzada de la Prensa" ("The Press Crusade), organ of a flourishing association. In 1916 "Ora et Labora" promulgated the first "Press Day" which was later extended to every parish in Spain and is being imitated, under various forms, by Catholics in other countries. In 1918 the school compiled the National and International Catalogue of Catholic Journalists. In view of this work, Benedict XV extended to the whole world a plenary indulgence for Press Day, an indulgence which had previously been granted for Spain alone. Since then the Institute "Ora et Labora" has represented the Catholic press of Spain at various international congresses, and last year at Lugano, Switzerland, it tried out an international, polyglot radio broadcasting station to be used for Catholic action. This station has now begun to function in Seville, Spain.

A prominent citizen of Bilbao, Don Jose Oriol, created "La Editorial Catolica" from which grew a number of fine papers, among them "El Debate", the leading Catholic daily of Spain. This association sent several of its editors to the United States to study the schools of journalism and technical methods of the American press. With the "Editorial" there came into action a group of laymen devoted to journalism and Catholic social work, under the direction of Don Angel Herrera, director of El Debate. These men now direct the leading Catholic papers of Spain and collaborate in many others.

According to the most recent official statistics, of the 2,101 periodical publications issued in Spain, 1006 are Catholic. Of these 70 are dailies, of an exclusively Catholic character, while about 30 more may be considered as such although they devote themselves more to politics; 230 are weeklies, 145 fortnightlies and 225 monthlies. These figures do not tell the whole story for in the last two years there have been many additions to and improvements in the Catholic press in Spain. Many missionary reviews have been founded which are not included in these statistics. In addition to their principal doctrinal reviews, all the religious educational institutions publish weeklies for their alumni and each college has its own. Some of them are very elaborate and of great interest. In addition Spain has quite a number of catechetical reviews. Each parish distributes weekly its parish bulletin.

Good Papers For Children

As a result of the activity of the Catholic Youth Association, circulating libraries are being established by means of which the faithful in every parish are able to obtain good reading matter for a few centimes. A new form of journalism is the field of children's papers, and some very good ones have already been started.

Although there are good Catholic dailies in all the principal cities of the kingdom, and although they have now attained their present flourishing position, much still remains to be done and it is hoped to bring the Catholic press to the level of the best in the world. The Church in Spain already has a wonderful instrument of defense and influence, respected by public opinion and constituting one of the greatest achievements of Spanish Catholics.

Threatened, Priest Has Pair Arrested

Chicago, Feb. 27.—When a man [illegible] threatened the Rev. Thomas J. Bebal, pastor for many years of St. Cyril and Methodius' [illegible] on an alleged blackmail plot, [illegible] sent for the police. They [illegible] man, who, they said, [illegible] a priest, and the woman [illegible] to jail, charged

Islamic Conduct Has Been Postponed

By Dr. Alexander Mombelli
(Jerusalem Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Jerusalem, Feb. 14.—The great Islamic Conference which was to meet at Ryiad in the near futura to elect a Caliph of the Moslem world, has been postoned indefinitely.

Postponement was deemed necessary because of the tremendous number of inquiries which have been received by the Caliphate Committee asking for a clearer statement of the purposes of the Conference and the action which it was proposed to take there. There were also many questions raised as to what qualifications should be deemed necessary for candidates for the Caliphate and as to the method of election. The Committee is now preparing a pamplet in which, it is hoped, all questions raised will be answered. When the pamphlet is completed it will be distributed among the Mohammedans of the various countries.

Child's Letter To Archbishop

London, Feb. 21.—Writing a letter to the Archbishop of Liverpool, Dr. F. W. Keating, a child began her letter, "Dear Frederick William," inspired no doubt by his Grace's signature.

Bishop Scrembs Asks Becoming Observance Of St. Patrick's Day

Cleveland, Feb. 26.—A suggestion as to the observance of St. Patrick's Day is contained in the pastoral of Bishop Joseph Schrembs that was read in the Cleveland diocese Sunday preceding Lent.

After making the usual announcement regarding the church law on fasting and abstinence, and the requirement to refrain from public amusements the bishop says regarding the feast of St. Patrick:

"I wish to renew here the injunction I made some years ago in regard to the scandalous character of certain forms of St. Patrick's day celebrations. Public dances, balls and other like forms of public amusements are gotten up by enterprising promoters who are more concerned with money making than with honoring St. Patrick. Such forms of amusement are not in harmony with the spirit of Lenten observance nor with the proper observance of the saint's day.

"St. Patrick was one of the great apostles of the Church of God; he made Ireland the isle of saints and scholars; he planted the Catholic faith in all its purity so deep in the hearts of Ireland that centuries of cruel persecution have not succeeded in uprooting it. Can any one imagine St. Patrick the apostle of Ireland, would approve of such forms of celebration to do honor to his memory?

"There can be but one answer to this question, the Catholic answer, and that is that such forms of celebration are scandalous and constitute an insult to be blessed memory of Ireland's great apostle and saint. By all means let us celebrate St. Patrick's day, but let it be done in a dignified and becoming way and let not the Church's penitential season of sober thought and blessed grace be violated."

The pastoral also refers thus to the diocesan missionary union:

"A little over a year ago we ordered the establishment of the Diocesan Missionary Union for the purpose of stimulating the missionary spirit throughout the diocese. Rev. James A. McFadden, our newly named chancellor, was appointed diocesan director of this missionary union. Much has been accomplished since that time. Twenty-eight thousand dollars has been collected and sent to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith; $4,000 was given to foreign mission seminaries; $33,802 sent to the Indian and Negro mission bureau and the Catholic Church Extension society and $25,886 given to small and struggling parishes in the Cleveland diocese.

"This record is good but it falls far short of what ought to be expected from the diocese of Cleveland."

Explaining his desire for the contributions from this diocese into one tribution from this diocese into one diocesan bureau the bishop comments:

"In the past there have been all manner of appeals to the faithful of this diocese, many of which came from absolutely irresponsible sources, but there seems to be a power in a personal appeal, and therefore, strange to say, such appeals in many instances, were answered, whereas the diocesan appeal, coming through official channels and carrying with it the assurance of good faith, went unheeded.

"To increase membership in the Diocesan missionary union we direct pastors to appoint solicitors for this work and endeavor to enroll every family in their respective parishes."

Upshaw Thinks Klan Governor "Golden Hearted Christian"

Washington, Feb. 27.—It is entirely proper for a public official to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan and in that respect there is no difference between the Klan and the Knights of Columbus, in the opinion of Representative William D. Upshaw of Georgia, persistent champion of the Anti-Saloon League, the Lord's Day Alliance and numerous other "reform" lobbies in Washington. Mr. Upshaw did not express this opinion on the floor of the House but embodied it in a letter to the Baltimore Evening Sun as part of an "extension of remarks" printed in the Congressional Record of February 24 in reply to an editorial published in the Sun. The editorial, part of a long continued controversy with Mr. Upshaw on the prohibition question, contained an explanation of Maryland's refusal to enact drastic prohibition enforcement laws in support of the Volstead Act. One part of the editorial reads:

"Maryland is not dominated by Ku Klux intolerance. Maryland does not elect Ku Kluxian governors."

In reply, Mr. Upshaw wrote:

"Since you speak of governors, let it be remembered that I hold no brief for Georgia's governor further than to say that I have known him since his boyhood, and I know Clifford Walker to be a golden-hearted Christian man, always on the right side of every moral question. If he has elected, in the exercise of his American freedom, to belong to a secret, fraternal patriotic organization of Protestant Americans like the Klan, he certainly has as much right to belong to that, as some other governors in America have a right to belong to the Knights of Columbus, an organization so secret and so exclusive that nobody but an oath-bound Roman Catholic may belong. It is easy enough for the Evening Sun to prate about 'intolerance' on the part of Protestant Klansmen, or Masons, or members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, but you seem to think that there is nothing intolerant about Catholics and Jews banding themselves together in exclusive secret organizations. The fact is—and you know it mighty well—that it is nobody's 'blooming' business what organization any man or woman belongs to, just so they are loyal American citizens."

Governor Walker, referred to with commendation by Mr. Upshaw, is the Governor who addressed the national Klonvocation of the Ku Klux Klan in Kansas City last September and took that occasion to critize Joseph P. Tumulty, Secretary to the late President Wilson for alleged religious discrimination against Protestant organizations during the war. Mr. Tumulty countered with a challenge to the Georgia Governor to present his charges before a Protestant tribunal and the challenge has not been accepted.

Belfast Reports On Its Internees

Dublin, Feb. 20.—The Belfast Government has published a report on its "internees" or persons imprisoned without trial. It asserts that throughout the past year their health was very good. "Their conduct was very good also, save on the occasion of the organized hunger strike". The hunger-strike began on the prison ship Argenta in October 1923, and soon spread to the prisoners in Larne workhouse and in Derry jail, nearly 300 men in all refusing food till certain grievances were remedied. The strike lasted three weeks.

The Belfast Ministry mentions that a Catholic Society has been formed to aid discharged prisoners. No exact information is given as to the number still detained. In April, after many literations there remained about 300 men undergoing imprisonment without trial. Since then there have been further releases and arrests.

Portland's New Catholic Cathedral

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 21.—Contracts have been let covering the construction of the new St. Mary's Cathedral in this city on the block now occupied by the Cathedral school. Rev. George J. Campbell, pastor of the Cathedral, expects to have the new church ready by Christmas of this year. The estimated cost of the building and furnishings is placed at $225,000.

Kansas May Welcome Klan Without Charter

Topeka, Kans., Feb. 27.—The State Senate has passed a bill which would admit the Ku Klux Klan to Kansas without a State Charter. On a record vote 23 Senators favored the bill and 14 opposed it. The bill is now before the State House of Representatives.

Iowa Knights Active For Catholic Press

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 27.—Letters have been sent to every council of the Knights of Columbus in Iowa from the state secretary's office here, asking that some definite action be taken to increase the subscription lists of the Catholic publications in the state.

There are seventy-one K. of C. councils in Iowa, and an effort is being made to get a solicitor in each community where a council exists, to promote greater interest in Catholic reading.

The Iowa Knights will hold their twenty-third annual convention in Dubuque May 26 and 27. At the same time the Dubuque council will celebrate its silver jubilee.

Tolerance Champion Who Turned Klansman Repents His Mistake

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 27.—Tom L. Roberts, once an ardent champion of tolerance but more lately a worker for the Ku Klux Klan in southern states, has made a public disavowal of the Klan.

Roberts is known throughout Iowa, especially among veterans of the World War. A Baptist minister, he became State Chaplain of the American Legion, and because he was an able orator spoke the length and breath of the state. He was prominent at all Legion conventions and held the esteem of the veterans generally.

It was in this period, when he was pastor of the Baptist church at Sheffield, Iowa, that he went to the Legion state convention at Waterloo and nominated Father Whalen, pastor of the Catholic church at Rockford, as state chaplain. He made an earnest plea for tolerance. With dramatic effect he told how he had "slept on the fields of France under the same blanket with a Jesuit priest."

Then came the Klan era and the blandishments of those who sought eloquent orator preferably of the ministerial sort, to make the doctrine of hatred sound plausible. When Roberts listened to it, he drew upon himself Legion condemnation from all parts of the state. He went to the South.

Now the Iowa Legionaire, official organ of the Legion in this state, has received a letter from the erstwhile chaplain, who has returned to the Baptist ministry in Nashville, Tenn. Some excerpts are as follows:

"To the bottom of my heart let me repent as a man for my transgressions.

"No man has ever gone into this matter more than I have, and, after experiences that no one can tell, I have found that nothing of this nature founded on hate and nourished by love of gold can live or have a place in this American democracy.

"Nothing can take the place of the church, and nothing can teach in its name, and anything that so deceives is dangerous, not only to civilization but to life and happiness.

"No government can be controlled other than according to laws. We need no one to supplant that teaching, and in the name of free speech and free press and free schools, it is unsafe to capitalize on such things so sacred and sublime.*****To those who might have been so deceived, as I have—take this mistake as an example from one who knows and let no one deceive you."

Coughs and Colds That "Hang on"

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Liberty Must Mean Religious Tolerance Declares Roosevelt

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 27.—"Liberty means religious toleration", Theodore Roosevelt told an audience at the Seelbach Hotel here where he delivered an address on "Liberty as Taught and Practised by Lincoln."

"We hold that is the right of every man to worship his God in the way his conscience dictates", said Mr. Roosevelt. "The necessary corollary to this is that there should be no governmental distinction made of any sort between sects. When we judge a man, we must judge him as a man, and not as a follower of any particular creed or as a member of any particular race.

"Racial and religious distinctions must be kept out of politics. A man should stand or fall in the eyes of his fellow countrymen on what he individually represents, and on nothing else. A Catholic must not vote for a Catholic for office simply because he is a Catholic, a Jew must not vote for a Jew for office simply because he is a Jew, and a Protestant must not vote for a Protestant for office simply because he is a Protestant.

"Wherever any organization bands together for the purposes of encouraging racial or religious discrimination in our government, whether it be the Ku Klux Klan or any other organization, that organization is committing an un-American and subversive act."

Priest Nephew Of Lamartine Dead

Paris, Feb. 16.—The Rt. Rev. Monsignor de Ligonnes, Bishop of Rodez, nephew of the great poet Lamartine, and a veteran of the War of 1870 with Germany, is dead at the age of eighty.

Bishop de Ligonnes entered holy orders late in life, after a distinguished secular career. He was a captain in the Franco-German conflict of fifty-five years ago and afterward became mayor of a commune in Cevennes.

A great concourse attended the funeral Mass at Rodez, and eight prelates and 300 priests were in the cortege.

M. Raynaldy, Minister of Commerce in Premier Herriot's cabinet, came to Rodez on the eve of the burial, to pay respect to the dead bishop.

Cup For Church Attendance Given At Ft. Washington

Washington, Feb. 27.—Reports coming into the office of the Chief of Chaplains at the War Department here tell of an effort being made at Fort Washington, Md., to stimulate attendance at regular religious service. A "Church Attendance Cup" has been offered as a prize to the company showing the highest percentage of its personnel at divine services during a period of three months. The winner will hold the cup until its record is broken by another unit.

Catholic Children Shipped From Dublin To Ulster Says Priest

Dublin, Feb. 20.—Much uneasiness has been caused by the definite assertion of Father Gannon, S. J., of Dublin, that "1,000 Catholic children are in Protestant institutions in Ireland, and the number is kept up by new victims every week." He gave startling statistics of Catholic children spirited away from the poor quarters of Dublin to Protestant homes in the North-East of Ireland. A newspaper correspondence is in progress as to the need for ending this grave scandal, at once. The letters have contained allusions to the effective steps taken by Cardinal Hayes and the other American Bishops to establish organizations for the care of Catholic orphans and destitute children.

In Ireland, of course, there is no lack of effort in the same direction, but the poverty and unemployment of recent years have increased the opportunities of the rich and ever-active proselytizing societies that in one guise or another infest the country.

Campion's Quintet Has Notable Record

Prairie du Chien, Wis., Feb. 27.—Campion College, a Catholic institution here, has performed the notable feat of developing a powerful basketball team from a student body of only 100. Under the tutelage of Ben Connor, former Notre Dame star, the quintet has won seven games and lost only two. Among its victories is one over St. Thomas College of St. Paul, one of the strongest Catholic lives in the Northwest.

Series of Saints' Stamps

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

London, Feb. 21.—Two new stamps to be issued in Malta in April will bear the effigies of saints, it is announced here. The new 2s.6d. issue will be adorned with the figures of St. Publius, the first Bishop of Malta, with the inscription "Primus Episcopus Melitae, A. D. 58." The ten shilling stamp will have the figure of St. Paul, the patron of the island, with the inscription "Patronus Melitae."

Deaths of the Week

Funeral services were held from the respective churches on dates given. May their souls rest in peace.

Gavin—James J. Gavin died at the family residence, No. 114 Clay avenue, March 4, aged 81 years. Funeral from Sacred Heart Church, March 7. Interment at LeRoy, N.Y.

Houseman—Louis Houseman died March 3. Funeral from Lady Chapel, Cathedral, March 6.

Weber—Mrs. Rose Heindle Weber died March 4, aged 73 years. Funeral from St. Michael's Church, March 6.

Larkin — Timothy Larkin, died February 28, aged 68 years, at his home, Pine Grove avenue, Irondequoit, N. Y. Funeral March 4, from St. Thomas Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Zarnow—Theodore C. Zarnow, died February 28, at Henrietta, aged 68 years. Funeral March 3 from Blessed Sacrament, Rochester. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Doran—Patrick W. Doran of No. 419 Flower City park, died March 2. Funeral March 4th, from the Sacred Heart Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Vogel—Charles Vogel, died March 1 Cherry road, Coldwater, aged 77 years. Funeral March 4 from Holy Ghost Church. Interment at Holy Ghost cemetery, Coldwater.

Gesinger—Caroline Gesinger, died March 2, aged 63 years. Funeral March 4 from St. Michael's Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Kennedy—Mary A. Kennedy, died March 1. Funeral March 4 from No. 447 Glide street, and from Lady Chapel of the Cathedral. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Fagan—The funeral of Miss Julia A. Fagan took place Monday morning at 8:45 o'clock from her home, No. 111 1-2 Evergreen street, and at 9 o'clock from St. Bridget's Church. A solemn mass of requiem was celebrated by her nephew, Rev. Victor Hurley, with Rev. Philip Golding as deacon and Rev. Raymond Lynd as subdeacon. There were many friends at the home and church and the floral offerings were numerous. Interment was made in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, where the final blessing was given by Rev. Victor Hurley, assisted by Rev. John Hogan.

DeMond—Mrs. Catherine M. DeMond, died March 3, at the family home, No. 423 Plymouth avenue. Funeral from St. Joseph's Church, Weedsport, N. Y., March 5. Interment at Weedsport, N. Y.

Reynolds—Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds, died at her home, No. 61 Weld street. Funeral from Corpus Christi Church, March 5. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

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