

### Catholics Open \$600,000 Club In Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo., March 14.—Praised as a "pledge of Catholic confidence in our common country and of Catholic loyalty to her Constitution and laws and institutions," Kansas City's imposing new \$600,000 Catholic Community Club was dedicated at a formal public ceremony today.

Bishop Lillis of Kansas City presided, and Admiral William S. Benson, war-time Director of Operations of the National Council of Catholic Men, shared honors as chief speaker with Bishop Kelley of Oklahoma. Thousands attended an open house following the formal program.

One of the most pretentious structures of its kind in the country, the Community Club has complete facilities for hotel-club purposes, for large social and other gatherings such as mass meetings, balls and banquets, and for sports. It is built in three units, each separate. There is the club proper, with a lounge, reception rooms for both men and women, and an assembly hall for organization meetings. In the hotel section there are eighty rooms, with a coffee shop adjoining. In the recreation section there are a gymnasium, a swimming pool, a billiard room and card rooms. In addition, there is a large ballroom, with regulation-sized stage and orchestra pit. It will seat 800.

Ald To Schools and Charity. While the Knights of Columbus started the structure, it has been completed as a community Catholic project. A board of nineteen trustees, self-perpetuating, manages it, and all stock is held by them under a trust agreement which provides that any surplus earned above fixed charges and operating expenses must be devoted to Catholic education and charity.

Both Bishop Kelley and Admiral Benson, after expressing admiration for the new structure itself, lauded the spirit in which it was erected and the purposes to which it is dedicated.

"The dedication of this magnificent institution is something besides an expression of your zeal for your church," said the admiral. "It is at the same time a proof of your civic interest and patriotism. The pride which you are entitled to feel in this great enterprise is shared, I am sure, by your fellow citizens of other faiths."

Seizing the occasion to make a plea for broad tolerance in America, the speaker said in the new community endeavor by the Catholics here a pledge of Catholic devotion to service and to country.

"In all parts of the United States our Catholic people are making sacrifices in behalf of religion, of education, of social service," he said. "They have already invested many millions of dollars in their churches and schools and orphanages and homes and hospitals. That was investment in the welfare of the welfare of our country. For, no matter how our fellow Americans may differ from us in their ideas and manners of worshiping God, they must, I think, be convinced that we, like themselves, are contributing to the better and nobler side of citizenship."

Proof of Loyalty. "If Catholics were disloyal to America or divided in their allegiance, as some few who don't understand us suspect, how could they so freely devote their money and their sacrifices to such charitable and civic and patriotic causes as your own Center here represents and typifies?"

Reminding that control of government nearly everywhere in the country is in the hands of Protestants, who constitute the majority of the citizenry of the nation, and that thus they have the civil and religious liberties of Catholics in their keeping, the speaker asserted Catholics have no fear because of this situation.

"No, my friends," he continued, "we trust to the honor and the justice and friendship of our fellow Americans of every faith. We know from more than a hundred years of happy experience that America, above every other land, has given us that priceless blessing of religious and civil liberty; security and equality under all her laws. This is our country, too. We love and admire

### Ireland Loses Great Catholic By Death Of Dr. George Sigerson

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

Dublin, March 10.—Ireland lost a great Catholic in Dr. George Sigerson, president of the National Literary Society, who in the eighty-six years of his busy life won worldwide celebrity as a biologist, a historian, a poet, a Shakespearian commentator, and a medical scientist. In each of these fields he attained eminence. The late Lord Acton, the English Catholic peer who for so many years stood at the head of British letters, constantly turned to Sigerson for collaboration. It was he who showed the sources of Shakespeare's songs, and interpreted the cryptic expressions in some of their refrains. His last literary work was a tender religious lyric on the Holy Babe, which he published last Christmas. Apart from these activities he was a prolific writer on medicine, while as a specialist in nervous diseases he was kept busy all day, for his anteroom was always full of patients.

Throughout his career he was a noted publicist. Gladstone acknowledged that his book on the Irish Land Question enabled him to understand that baffling problem. The late Lord Bryce was another who expressed indebtedness to Sigerson's universal knowledge.

He was a master of prose. After the 1916 executions, when the country was stunned and gagged, the first breaking of the silence was the National Aid Appeal—a manly and moving piece of Christian eloquence, calling on the nation to stand by the bereaved families and to make their cause its own. The remarkable statement echoed round the world. It was commonly attributed to the late Archbishop Walsh, but the N. C. W. C. Service has authority for declaring that Dr. Sigerson was the author.

One of his daughters, Dora Sigerson, inherited his poetic gift. She became the wife of Clement K. Shorter, editor of the London "Spheres." Another married W. H. Brayden, who for many years was editor of the "Freeman's Journal."

Sigerson was an Ulster man, was born in Strabane in 1839. He was educated at Cork, Dublin, and Paris.

America. We have no other preference or allegiance in all the world. We, as Catholics, owe America more than we owe any other nation on earth. No matter from what race or soil we have sprung, our first duty as Catholics citizens is to the Constitution and laws and government of the United States."

Declaring that the country had learned from experience that it could not safely call on Catholics to uphold it in any crisis, he continued:

**Bulwark of Americanism.**

"The Catholic Church stands as another Gibraltar against the enemies of America and her institutions. Bolshevism and all its kindred menaces are her implacable enemies because she opposes their false and odious doctrines of government without God. She has the enmity of every other cult that threatens lawful authority and public order. She warns her faithful to give no aid or comfort to any proposal or movement that would imperil the principles of our American government. We share the convictions of persons with facts to support them, that much, if not most, of the warfare against the Catholic Church here and elsewhere is inspired by those who hate her for her inviolable resistance to radicalism and red revolution against orderly Christian government."

Admiral Benson asked that Catholics set an example of tolerance toward all their neighbors, and added, "and every other American is our neighbor. An overwhelming majority of the non-Catholic fellow citizens of Catholics are fair and just to them," he declared. Reminding his hearers of the bright pages Catholic have written into the history of the United States, he closed with an earnest plea that they awake fully to their duty and write "still brighter ones."

### English Bishops' Lenten Messages Discuss Extension

London, March 10.—Several English bishops in their Lenten messages make reference, direct or indirect, to the work of Church Extension. Following Bishop Clancey's suggestion that England should work on Extension lines to solve its leakage problem, a Catholic paper featured articles about the American society, explaining its methods and its successes.

Curiously enough the Bishops who would benefit largely by the success of a national society in England have not shown any enthusiasm for the movement.

"Let us all continue to work, and to work hard," says the Bishop of Clifton, "but let us remember that God will not be hurried."

His Lordship's view is that England will not be converted as a whole in isolation. More likely, he thinks, the country will be caught up in a widespread yearning of the peoples for a return to that religious unity which of old reigned in Europe from which she is doomed to relapse into decay and barbarism, and falling which she is doomed to relapse into both again.

"God alone holds the secret, whether His Church is to come into her own again," says the Bishop, and for that reason he deprecates any attempt to hustle the conversion of England.

**Will Not Be Hurried**

The Bishop of Northampton, who says his diocese is the poorest and geographically the largest in England, with a Catholic population of 18,000 says that the country man will not be hurried. His Lordship gives a description of the mentality of the people of the countryside.

"The countryman is accustomed to go slowly, steadily, thoroughly. But he will not be hurried. Ideas must have time to mature in his brain. He is a keen thinker and observer; but he won't be hurried, especially by a man he does not know; and, being cautious by nature, he is slow to make new friends. Lightning missions, unless followed up by a priest whom he has learned to know, leave him cold. It takes many, many years to win his confidence, and until that is accomplished you may talk to the moon for all the progress you are likely to make."

On the other hand the Archbishop of Cardiff, Msgr. Mostyn, who also devotes his pastoral to Church Extension, shows what he has been able to do with a diocesan fund. From twenty persons he has collected a sum of \$20,000 which he is capitalizing and the interest on which he is devoting to the establishment of new missions.

The Archbishop shows how men, seeking work in other towns which possess no church, first go to Mass when they can, then merely attend to their Easter duties, then perform send their children to non-Catholic schools and finally lose touch with the Church altogether.

"Those are not isolated cases," says the Archbishop, "but we know for a fact that there are hundreds, nay, thousands, similarly placed who are in danger of losing their faith if nothing is done for them."

**Would Build Small Churches.**

"The only remedy for this state of things is to build small and inexpensive churches in these outlying districts, which at the commencement can be served from the neighboring parish hall."

The Extension plan, with a national collection, utilized to give aid for church extension wherever it is most needed, is thought well of by business men and those who are embarrassed and confused by the multiplicity of appeals for help which reach them from all quarters. There is no doubt that more will be heard of it.

### Anglicans Demand Clear Statement On Secrecy of Confession

London, March 10.—Half the Church of England is already out of communion with the other half, declared Canon Wilson in a discussion in the House of Clergy on the revision of the prayer book. He opposed proposals for the commemoration of all souls.

Dr. R. G. Parsons wanted a clear statement in the prayer book, that a clergyman, in hearing confession, was under a vow of secrecy. The motion was carried.

### English Library Has Gathered 49,000 Books for Louvain

London, March 10.—The Rylands Library, Manchester, has sent a further 4,500 volumes to the restored Louvain Library. Rylands took up the task some years ago of gathering together from all over the world a collection of books which would help to make good the wartime destruction of the famous Louvain library. Including the new contribution it has now sent 49,000 books.

### Rochester Chiropractic Health Service Notice

Due to the continued overcrowding of patients at our office at 507 No. Goodman Street and the large amount of house calls, we have been compelled to combine our two offices into one.

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Rochester Chiropractic Health Service, 507 No. Goodman Street, near E. Main street. Next to Public Library.

### Aquinas Wins, 35-9

Aquinas Institute Basketball five of Rochester won the first game in the National Catholic Basketball tournament at Chicago Thursday morning, defeating St. Patrick's quint of North Platte, 35 to 9.

### Sacred Drama To Be Presented March 30, 31

"The Upper Room," a sacred drama, will be presented by the Catholic Women's Club Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 30 and 31, at St. Boniface Hall.

Miss Elizabeth Clark, who is directing the production with the assistance of the Rev. William P. Ryan as consultant director, has completely cast the play. The cast includes Harry B. Crowley, Miss Anne E. Verhoeven, Miss Blanche J. Thompson, Miss Laura A. Huebner, Thomas Hendrick Dwyer, George T. Roche, Emmett J. O'Neill, John E. Graham, Joseph T. Otto, J. Emmett O'Brien, F. Leo Hogan.

Miss Julia M. Murr is mistress of the wardrobe and J. Dumont Stone is directing the chorus. Tickets for "The Upper Room" are on sale at the clubrooms, 7 South street.

### Catholic Photoplay To Be Given Sunday

"The Eternal Light" picturing the Life of Christ, will be presented by the Catholic Art Association next Sunday at 3 p. m. and again at 8 p. m. at Holy Apostles Hall, Lyell avenue and Austin street, for the benefit of the New St. Theodore's Church in Gates.

### Editor Buried

James E. Doyle, editor and proprietor of The Syracuse Catholic Sun who died last week Friday was buried Monday morning. May his soul rest in Peace.

### Free State and Ulster Land Purchase Plans Show Big Difference

Washington, March 13.—A comparison of the Land Purchase Act of the Irish Free State, passed in 1923, with the provisions of the Land Purchase plan formulated by the Northern Ireland Government in a statement issued here by the Legation of the Irish Free State. According to the statement, the points of difference between the Free State Law and the Northern Ireland plan are:

The Free State Act wipes out all arrears of payments and taxes up to 1920, while under the Northern Ireland proposal these charges remain payable in full.

Under the Free State Act arrears and rents falling due between 1920 and 1923 are reduced by 25 percent, and the landlord's right to take legal steps to collect such debts is removed, and they are made payable to the Irish Land Commission. Under the plan for Northern Ireland the landlords rights to collect would remain unimpaired.

Both the Free State Act and the Northern plan provide for conversion of rentals into purchase annuities and for reductions of rentals but the rates of reductions vary. The differences are outlined in the following paragraph from the statement issued through the Free State Legation.

"Applying these terms to concrete cases, take as illustration the cases of two farmers, one residing in the Free State and the other in Northern Ireland, who are each subject to an annual rental of 100 pounds which neither has paid between 1918 and 1923. That is, the arrears collectable from each at the close of 1923 would be 600 pounds. But through the operation of the clauses in the Land Act of 1923, the farmer in the Free State will only be charged with 187 pounds, 10 shillings, of arrears while his Northern neighbor is held liable for every cent of arrears due. In addition the Free State Act reduces the farmers' Purchase Annuity to 65 pounds if the rent was fixed before August 1911, or to 70 pounds if the rent was fixed after that date. The Northern proposal fixes the Purchase Annuity at 72 pounds if the rent of 100 pounds was fixed before 1896; if fixed after August, 1896, it will be 82 pounds; if fixed after August 1911, it will be 88 pounds."

### Sectarian Mayors' Orders Set Aside By French Council

Paris, March.—The Council of State has handed down two decisions which are the more remarkable as they liberalize contrasts with the policy of the present administration.

Upon complaint brought by two priests, the Council has annulled as illegal two orders issued by sectarian mayors. One forbade the pastor of a parish in the Yonne to celebrate religious ceremonies in front of the monument to the war dead of the community, in a public garden. The other, signed by a mayor in the Correz, prohibited all religious manifestations on the public road with the exception of funerals and the carrying of the vaticour. The Council of State proclaimed that these decrees were in no way justified by the necessity of maintaining order in the streets and that in consequence they had been signed in violation of the laws regulating the authority of mayors.

### Death Heroically Faced By Missionaries

(continued from page 4.) and remain quite still. He went to a point at the rear of the ship which was less exposed to the flames and sat quietly on a bench where he recited his rosary aloud, giving an example of wonderful Christian resignation, tranquillizing, by the sublimity of his attitude, the terror and despair of his companions.

The last passengers saved were a mile from the "Cigale" when she sank. A paper published in Reunion a few days later said that the passengers carried away with them a picture of the priest, calm in the face of death, his silhouette lighted by the flames completing their work of destruction.

Father Dufay was only 48 years of age. He was born in Rouen of a rich and honorable family of business people and had been in business himself for some time. After entering the priesthood in Normandy, he expressed the desire to devote himself to a missionary apostolate, and he was on his way to a new post assigned to him by his superiors when he met his death on the "Cigale."

### Mrs. Catherine Walsh of Victor Succumbs After Long Illness

Mrs. Catherine Walsh of Victor, N. Y., entered into rest Thursday evening, Feb. 12th, at Memorial Hospital, Canandaigua, N. Y., after an illness of several months. She is survived by her husband Patrick Walsh, and relatives in Ireland. Her funeral was largely attended at the house and also at St. Patrick's Church, where the services were conducted by the Pastor, Rev. John W. Kelley. Father Kelley also officiated at the grave where a large number of friends had assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to one who will be greatly missed. Mrs. Walsh had been a resident of Victor for many years and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She leaves a large circle of friends in Victor and Rochester to mourn her loss. "Requiescat in pace."

Lines lovingly inscribed in memory of Catherine Walsh who entered into rest Thursday evening, Feb. 12.

The evening sun sank slowly  
And day drew to its close.  
God called from his garden below,  
Just one more flower, a rose.  
And transplanted it before his throne,  
To live forever there.  
Where death and sorrow hath no part,  
In his mansions bright and fair.  
But oh, too soon she left us,  
And sadly the message was borne,  
To those who knew and loved her,  
And are left today to mourn.  
The passing of her whose life was complete,  
With noble deeds well done,  
Who lived her life that a ray of sunshine  
Into other lives might come.  
For her whose sterling worth was known  
To saddened hearts today,  
Resigned because 'twas the Master's will,  
She was called from our midst away.  
Away from those who were inspired,  
Because she was a friend,  
Faithful and loyal, kind and true,  
A valiant woman to the end.  
We shall miss her friendly greeting,  
And the kindly word for all,  
Her extended hand and gracious smile,  
Memory will oft recall.  
Her country home on the hillside green  
And the flower's blooming there,  
Where oft we wailed away the hour's  
When Summer skies were fair.  
We miss her, but a loving God  
Decreed her work was done,  
And called her to receive the Crown  
She had so nobly won.  
Weep not; We shall meet again.  
To part, No, never more,  
When we, too, shall enter the gates ajar.  
And all sorrow will be o'er.  
—M. C. W.

### New Convent for Sisters of St. Joseph In Seneca Falls

Plans for the erection of a new \$25,000 convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph, at the corner of West Bayard and Swaby streets, Seneca Falls, N. Y., are being completed.

Announcement of a new convent was made sometime ago by the Rev. B. L. Quirk, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, and will replace the present convent in Terrace row on lower Fall street.

### Deaths of the Week

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

Hahn—Mrs. Nellie McKay Dalley Hahn, wife of Peter J. Hahn, died at the family residence, No. 15 Huntington street, Seneca Falls, March 15. Funeral from St. Peter and Paul's Church, March 18.

Miller—Edward Miller died at his home, No. 85 Atkinson street, March 15, aged 44 years. Funeral from Lady Chapel, Cathedral, March 18.

Schweitzer—Barbara Schweitzer, widow of Anthony Schweitzer, died March 15, aged 70 years. Funeral from St. Michael's Church, March 18.

McLaughlin—Mrs. Mary Wynn McLaughlin died March 12, at the family residence, No. 7 Algonquin terrace, Rochester, from Corpus Christi Church, March 16.

Carney—Francis M. Carney, aged 11 years, died March 16 at the home of her uncle, William H. Moore, 80 Cherry street, Geneva, N. Y. Funeral from St. Francis Church, Geneva, N. Y., March 19. Burial at Canaseraga, N. Y.

Reynolds—Leo J. Reynolds died March 16, at the family home, No. 130 Cedarwood terrace. Funeral from Corpus Christi Church, March 20.

Radell—Anthony E. Radell, died at the family home, No. 1691 Main street east, March 14, aged 58 years. Funeral from St. John the Evangelist Church, March 17.

Zwinger—Sebastian Zwinger died March 14, at his home, Norton road, Bay View, aged 61 years. Funeral from St. Joseph's Church, March 17.

D'Lorme—Lella M. D'Lorme, aged 8 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. DeLorme, of No. 38 Helena street, died March 16, at the Rochester General Hospital. Funeral from the Church of the Holy Redeemer March 19.

Cook—Anna Fagan Cook died March 16, at the family home, West avenue, Brockport, N. Y. Funeral from the Church of the Nativity, Brockport, N. Y., March 20th. Burial in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Donlon—Marcella Donlon, wife of James Donlon, of No. 36 Benton street, died March 18, at the Park Avenue Hospital, aged 31 years. Funeral from St. Mary's Church, March 21.

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