

"Ave Maria" Editor Completes Fiftieth Year With Magazine

New York, March 31.—Is the Dean of American Catholic editors also Dean of American journalists? This question is sure to be asked widely when it becomes known that during this week the Rev. Daniel E. Hudson, C. S. C., will celebrate his golden jubilee as editor of the Ave Maria. The little magazine "dedicated to the Blessed Virgin" which comes from Notre Dame every week, is known throughout the world as quoted everywhere by people of distinction, and has endeared itself to a generation of homes.

Irish Protestant Opinions Against Partition Plan

Dublin, March 23. That the Protestants in the Twenty-six Counties of Southern Ireland are daily growing more articulate in their opposition to the Partition of the nation, was illustrated at a recent banquet of "The Companions of St. Patrick," a dinner club in Dublin composed of representative men of all denominations. Speaking on this occasion the Provost of Trinity College—an ultra-Protestant establishment—declared that the two portions of the country had been separated by an unnatural divorce and expressed his belief that there will be a reunion, though perhaps not in the near future. Experience has demonstrated, he said, that the Southern people know how to govern in a manner that is orderly and law-abiding, and the suspicious Northern Protestants may entertain on this subject. He cited instances of Southern efficiency in finance and business and invited the North to take notice of these realities. Declaring that St. Patrick, the patron of the club, stood for all Ireland the Provost said: "There was no boundary in those days and I there was I doubt that St. Patrick would have recognized it."

Irish Immigrant Sufferings Are Called Needless

(N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, April 4.—A storm of press discussion and a series of hasty statements by government officials in charge of immigration work have followed protests at the flood of immigrants from the United States by cause of diagnoses of heart disease. Two facts stand out in the discussion the protests have evoked. Henry H. Curran, Commissioner of Immigration, agrees that existing conditions work a needless hardship on the men concerned. The suggestion that medical inspection be made abroad, obviating much of the difficulty, has been widely endorsed. Agrees With N.C.W.C. Officials. I agree with officials of the National Catholic Welfare Conference less hardship conditions work a need, and women. Commissioner Curran is quoted as saying in New York: "The Irish immigrants have appeared to me to be young men quite fit physically, but, of course, it is for trained physicians to judge the condition of their hearts. The real remedy, it seems to me, lies in completing the physical examination abroad so that the question of fitness would be passed on before an immigrant spends his money for a steamship ticket. In making this assertion I am concurring in the opinion of R. M. Mohler, of the National Catholic Welfare Council. Two more reforms in the procedure of handling immigrants were advocated by Commissioner Curran. He would have appeals of physical defect cases considered at New York where the inspectors are in personal contact with the cases, instead of at Washington where the Secretary of Labor's Board of Review has "tooth and nail" a piece of paper to work. With this change, he says, work can be made possible the disposal of the cases the same day they are made, instead of entailing a delay of two or three weeks, as at present. Inspection Abroad Endorsed. The second unjust procedure aimed by the Commissioner was the system of admitting second class passengers with a perfunctory medical examination, while third class passengers are put through a rigorous examination at Ellis Island. The "Island" would be debarred at Ellis Island without question, the Commissioner believes. He denies, however, there has been discrimination against the Irish. Speaking of the proposal advanced by Bruce M. Mohler, director of the N.C.W.C. Bureau of Immigration to hold the examinations abroad, and thus obviate the breaking up of homes and spending of money needlessly by immigrants, the New York Sun says in part: "If there is any good reason why this should not or cannot be done, it has not been made clear. At least the examination would obviate a good deal of needless disappointment and tragedy. The New York Evening World says editorially that the proposal for inspections abroad is "manifestly just," and adds: "If there is any discrimination made between nationalities at the Island the evil cannot be charged to the Commissioner, but if there is an evil there it should be thoroughly investigated. It is something new to find the Irish physical weaklings. In another editorial the World remarks sarcastically: "President Cosgrave should get in touch with Ellis Island's doctors, and Science as well as courts should look into the amazing disclosures. Meantime, officials of the United States Public Health Service here have attempted an explanation of the flood of heart diagnoses by blaming the climate, bad tonsils and rheumatism in Ireland, but have advanced no explanation for the suddenness of the rise in the number of cases. Dr. W. C. Billings, of the Public Health Service, denied that discrimination existed, and waved the matter aside by saying: "We have examined more than 50,000 aliens since last July. Of the 537 aliens found to have valvular heart disease, 147 happened to be Irish. It is a coincidence, of course. An Immigrant's View. Much discussion, however, has not as yet brought concrete action to remedy the situation. The cases continue to be debarred, and the immigrant is either deported or required to find bond. The N.C.W.C. Bureau has received at least one indication of how the immigrant himself takes the situation. It has just received a letter from a young Irishman, Hector Lowe, now in Philadelphia, who was recently admitted on bond and has now decided voluntarily to return. Giving his reasons, he says: "I do not like the way I am in this country on bond, as I have to report every six months as to where I am, what I am doing and am I keeping well. The bond is for five years and it has took all my sister's money so I would sooner go back to my country where I have never been any trouble to anyone and have worked in a coal mine for eleven years without any loss of time. "Had I been staying in this country I would have done anything to have helped the boys from the British Isles as I think it had having to go back after they have spent all their money as I myself have lost about 70 pounds."

Gov. Smith's Talk On Humility After Holy Communion

New York, March 30.—Governor Smith received Communion with the 3,500 members of the Holy Name Society of the New York Police Department who attended the annual Communion Mass and breakfast of that branch of the Society here in St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Governor marched down Fifth Avenue at the head of the policemen to the Commodore Hotel where he and Cardinal Hayes were among the speakers at the breakfast. Responding to an enthusiastic introduction, Governor Smith said in part: "I think I'll just say what was running through my mind this morning when I was kneeling at the altar rail and that is the force of example. You represent the great power of the law. Law given you set a wonderful example of humility. "No great thing in our history has been accomplished without an act of humility. Remember that act of humility performed by George Washington when he knelt in the snow at Valley Forge and prayed to God that his army might be spared through the cruel winter, and remember that speech of Lincoln in the White House during the Civil War when he prayed that God be with him in the great struggle. "Respect for the law is the very cornerstone upon which must rest the security of this country. You can bring from every citizen respect for the law when you can convince that citizen that you have in your own hearts deep respect for the law. Cardinal Hayes, who was introduced before the Governor in order that he might have time to get back to St. Patrick's for the eleven o'clock High Mass, said to the policemen: "You know what your citizens say for petty larceny. Selgel, who has been laboring long and diligently for the last twenty-three days of his term in the Chapel, is a painter by trade, but Warden Hanley did not know that the prisoner planned his own decorative designs for the Chapel, and was given a crew of men to help. The result after his long hours of labor is the transformation of a somewhat dingy interior into an extremely bright and pleasant one. The altar of the chapel was formerly done in oak, but Prisoner Selgel repainted it in white, marbled. The ceiling was made to look as though it were the sky with fleecy clouds, a generous sprinkling of stars and a back of churches in process of erection and monasteries, nunneries, (sic) seminaries, colleges and universities being founded and rapidly adding to their equipment. The United States, however, is no longer a foreign mission field, and the Church is beginning to have surplus energy for other lands."

New York May Have Ten Commandments Read In Its Schools

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, April 4.—It is expected that the Board of Education at its next meeting will be asked to provide that the Ten Commandments shall be read without comment at least once a week. Bible reading without comment is already authorized under existing laws. The movement to bring this about had its origin at a meeting attended by representatives of Catholic, Episcopalian, Jewish, Congregationalist, and Methodist organizations. Miss Helen P. McCormick, President of the Catholic Big Sisters of Brooklyn was among those who initiated the movement. At one of the meetings recently held in connection with this movement Miss Celeste Swenson, former member of a committee which checked up on cheating in high school examinations, said: "The teachers invariably had no knowledge of religion. This would imply that there is a group of people for us because they are creating trouble for us because they have had no moral training."

Rockne-Meanwell Coaching School Drawing Heavily

Austin, Texas, April 4.—The Rockne-Meanwell Coaching School to be held at St. Edward's University here August 1 to 15 already has drawn enrollments from a large number of the best coaches in the South and Southwest, Jack Meagher, athletic director at St. Edward's has announced. Athletic authorities here have summed up some of the achievements of the two masters who will have charge of the school. In seven years, they point out, Rockne's football teams, usually playing the hardest schedules in the country, have won sixty-three games, tied two and lost only three. In twelve years Meanwell's basketball combinations have won 195 games and lost only 29. Nine times they have won the Conference championship and they have never finished below third. His coaching in the twelve years has been in the section of the country where the fastest basketball in the world is played. Arrangements have been made whereby coaches may take both the football and basketball courses. A diploma will be given each man who completes the work satisfactorily.

Jew Prisoner Decorator Does Over Tombs Chapel

New York, April 3.—The Catholic Chapel in the Tombs Prison has been redecorated in the freshest of colors, so that when the Easter Sunday services are held the prisoners will see a rehabilitated interior whose bright hues are indicative of the season's awakening. The man responsible for the good work is a Jewish prisoner, Leonard Selgel, who was serving a four months' sentence for petty larceny. Selgel, who has been laboring long and diligently for the last twenty-three days of his term in the Chapel, is a painter by trade, but Warden Hanley did not know that the prisoner planned his own decorative designs for the Chapel, and was given a crew of men to help. The result after his long hours of labor is the transformation of a somewhat dingy interior into an extremely bright and pleasant one. The altar of the chapel was formerly done in oak, but Prisoner Selgel repainted it in white, marbled. The ceiling was made to look as though it were the sky with fleecy clouds, a generous sprinkling of stars and a back of churches in process of erection and monasteries, nunneries, (sic) seminaries, colleges and universities being founded and rapidly adding to their equipment. The United States, however, is no longer a foreign mission field, and the Church is beginning to have surplus energy for other lands."

Marquette Relays Assured Of Record Number Of Entries

Milwaukee, Wis., April 4.—The heaviest entry list in the history of the annual Marquette University Interstate high school relay carnival, now in its third year, already is assured for this season. Committees in charge are exerting every effort to make the May 9 program one of the greatest prep athletic events ever staged in the Middle West. Entries already have been received from Madison Central, Madison East, Chicago Hyde Park and all Milwaukee high schools, and other Chicago high schools are expected, as are at least two Detroit high schools, Cedar Rapids and St. Paul. Many high schools in Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana and Minnesota are being sent special invitations. The new Marquette stadium will be at the disposal of the relay competitors for the first time, and Conrad M. Jennings, track coach at Marquette, is superintending the preparation of the field. There will be three divisions of competition in the relays—one open to Wisconsin interscholastic Athletic Association schools, another to state and out-of-state high schools, and a third to academics and military schools. The contestants will be housed by the Marquette fraternities, and gate receipts will be prorated among the teams to cover their rail expenses. Relay races will feature the carnival program but special events will be open to all high schools.

Protestant View Of Catholic Work In Chinese Field

Shanghai, March 2.—Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, Professor of History in Yale University, has published here in the Chinese Recorder, an appreciative article on "American Catholic Missions in China." Dr. Latourette notes that the past two decades have seen a remarkable development of the interest of American Catholics in foreign missions and adds: "The Catholic Church in America has not yet passed the brick and mortar stage. Even a casual inspection of our cities will show many new churches in process of erection and monasteries, nunneries, (sic) seminaries, colleges and universities being founded and rapidly adding to their equipment. The United States, however, is no longer a foreign mission field, and the Church is beginning to have surplus energy for other lands."

Protestants Attend Dedication Of First Church In Locality

Fort Mitchell, Ala., March 21. St. Joseph's (Chapel at Holy Trinity, Alabama) was solemnly dedicated on Wednesday, the Feast of the Annunciation, by Rt. Rev. Edward P. Allen, D. D., Bishop of Mobile, assisted by Very Rev. Thomas A. Judge, C. M. S. B. T., Rev. John J. Loftus, C. M. S. B. T., Rev. Joseph A. Tomerlin, M. S. B. T., Rev. Philip F. McCormack of Eufaula, Ala. and Rev. Eugene T. Snyder of Phenix City, Ala. The psalms were chanted by Br. Jerome Donegan, M. S. B. T., Br. Jerome Supple, M. S. B. T. and Br. Cyrillus, M. S. B. T. A large crowd of neighboring Protestants were attentive witnesses of this impressive ceremony. It was the first time any of them had attended a Catholic service, and they were very cordial in expressing their appreciation of the opportunity given them. After the dedication a Solemn Mass Coram Episcopo was celebrated by Very Rev. Thomas A. Judge, C. M. S. B. T., Rev. John J. Loftus, C. M. S. B. T., acting as Deacon and Rev. Joseph A. Tomerlin, M. S. B. T., as sub-Deacon. Br. Gabriel, M. S. B. T., was Master of Ceremonies, John Agoa of Newark, N. J., and Lawrence McArdle of Troy, Ala., were Thuriferarii, and Francis Quinn and William Reynolds of Harrison, N. J., were Acolytes. Rev. Eugene T. Snyder and Rev. Philip F. McCormack were Chaplains to the Bishop. A full Gregorian musical program was rendered by the Brothers' choir under the direction of Brother Jerome Donegan, M. S. B. T. After the Mass the Rt. Rev. Bishop Blessing to all present. He then preached a most impressive sermon explaining the dedication ceremonies, what they meant, and what the Chapel just dedicated, the first and only Catholic Church in Russell Co., would mean to the non-Catholics as well as the Catholics of the neighborhood. Then he briefly explained the sacraments of the Church, particularly the sacrament of Confirmation which he was about to administer. He administered the sacrament to nine. Two of the nine were adult converts. The services ended with the chanting of a solemn Te Deum.

Religious Teaching Bill Heaten Sacramento, Cal., April 3

The California House of Representatives has rejected the Mill Bill which would have provided for the dismissal of public school pupils for specified hours of school time to receive religious instruction. The vote against the bill was 41 to 36.

Nicholas F. Brady Is Nominated For Yale Fellowship

New York, April 2.—Nicholas Frederic Brady, of this city, recently made a Knight Commander of St. Gregory, has been nominated for an Alumni Fellowship of the Yale Corporation of Yale University, together with nine other Yale alumni, one of whom will be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chief Justice William Howard Taft. It was announced today. Ballots will be issued within a few weeks to those alumni eligible to vote, and the election to the corporation is for a period of six years. The name of the successful candidate will be announced at the alumni luncheon on June 17. Mr. Brady is a member of the class of 1899 of Yale, and is actively associated with many enterprises throughout the country. He was vice-chairman of the New York Catholic War Fund, a director of the Society to Help Devastated Churches in France, Inc., chairman of the Knights of Columbus Building Committee, and chairman of the Knights of Columbus war drives. He is a trustee of the Emigrants Industrial Savings Bank, and an officer or trustee of the New York Foundling Hospital, the Brady Maternity Home of Albany, and a member of the board of the New York Catholic Charities organization.

Former Anglican Vicar And Curate Get Minor Orders

London, March 26.—An Anglican vicar and his curate who became converts received minor orders at a service at the Brompton Oratory this week. They are Mr. Kilburn, former vicar of St. Saviour's, Hoxton, and Mr. Kilburn. They will join the Oratory.

Grandmother At 33 Years Of Age

London, March 26.—A grandmother, at the age of 33, Mrs. S. Flanagan, of Middleborough, thinks she is the youngest grandmother in the world. She married at fifteen.

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