

Nation-Wide Drive Decided Upon For Gibbons Institute

Pittsburgh, April 10.—Starting out to raise \$10,000 for the Cardinal Gibbons Institute for colored youth, its committee here has just completed its canvass with approximately \$15,000 raised, after a remarkably gratifying campaign of three weeks.

The auspicious effort here, it has been announced by the friends of the Institute, will be the start of an nationwide project to arise half million dollars. With this backing it is proposed to make the Cardinal Gibbons Institute the outstanding Catholic educational endeavor for the negro race in America.

Similar canvasses in other large cities are now being prepared under the direction of A. C. Monahan, executive secretary of the Institute. The plan thus far has been held in abeyance until a try-out revealed what results might be expected, but the overwhelming success here has determined those in charge to go forward immediately.

James Houlahan, Commissioner of Allegheny County, headed the effort here, which included as a field the county as well as the city of Pittsburgh. The results attained are credited largely to his constant work and organizing capacity, and to the same, dignified manner in which the campaign was waged, as well as the hearty cooperation of prominent clerical and lay Catholic figures.

The Rt. Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh, who lent every aid to the project, and Admiral Benson, addressed the first organization meeting held March 8. Previous to that Admiral Benson had asked several Pittsburgh laymen at the Lymn's Retreat League banquet to undertake the raising of the \$10,000, and these men had chosen Commissioner Houlahan chairman, William A. Ryan as named secretary and James J. Waters treasurer.

A larger committee was then formed, and it was to this group that Bishop Boyle and Admiral Benson spoke, bringing home the worthiness of the project and the urgent need that the Institute be supported. For one name was obtained immediately, and local committees were formed in every ward, borough and township of the county. Report meetings were held, and the total of sums received mounted rapidly. Meantime, a letter campaign was launched.

The Cardinal Gibbons Institute itself, it was pointed out in pamphlets, has started gallantly on its mission of educating colored youth despite a shortage of money. Its teachers are even doing manual work at the plant and the students are joining in the task of completing the grading and painting of the new buildings. But lack of money has hampered the larger realization of the Institute's work. It is to avoid a long period of waiting to accomplish this work, that the present effort is being made.

Incorporated under the laws of Maryland, the Institute is being patterned after the most successful schools of its kind in the country. It provides both academic and vocational education in parallel courses. Its students must be fourteen years old or more, and must present certificates of good character, and ample provision has been made for their spiritual welfare. The faculty is of the colored race.

The location, at Ridge, Maryland, is regarded as strategic, since it is believed that here the most good can be done, and a splendid but not costly site has been obtained including a large farm. Some support is gained from the farm, but little may be expected in the way of tuition from students.

His Grace the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, is ex-officio president of the board of trustees, and among other members of the board are Bishop Corrigan, auxiliary of Baltimore; Admiral Benson, Father John B. Creedon, S. J., former president of Georgetown University and Senators David I. Walsh and Joseph E. Ransdell.

Pope Sends Rosary To Non-Catholics As Well As Catholics

New York, April 6.—A rosary blessed by the Pope for every man, Catholic or non-Catholic, who served with the famous old 69th regiment (now the 165th) in France has been brought back from Rome by the Rev. Francis P. Duffy, chaplain of the Regiment. Father Duffy has kept a list of the addresses of all the men who served with this regiment and maintains a regular correspondence with them.

When the case containing the 3,000 rosaries reached the customs officers here it was classified as "jewelry." After an explanation by Father Duffy the officials so construed the tariff laws as to pass the gifts free of duty.

Prague Councillors Protest Against Tax

Prague, April 7.—Catholic members of the City Council of Prague walked out of the Council Chamber while a meeting was in progress today in protest against a new religious tax law, sharply discriminatory against Catholics, which the Council passed.

Under the new law parents of Catholic children are taxed 67 crowns yearly; parents in the Czech National Church are taxed 17 crowns yearly; and parents in the Calvinist Church pay 13 crowns yearly; parents pay 14 crowns.

LEPERS IN PHILIPPINE COLONY ARE VISITED BY THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

By Msgr. Enrico Pucci
Rome, April 1.—Papal approval has been given to the project of the Catholic Youth of Rome to restore the famous statue of the Redeemer on Mount Guadagnolo which was struck by lightning and partially demolished last winter. The statue owes its origin to the piety of Italian Catholics in the last Holy Year of 1900. In response to a letter from the Catholic Youth, outlining their proposal to restore the statue, Cardinal Gasparri, acting for the Pope, has sent them the following letter:

"The proposal of the Catholic Youth of Rome to restore the statue of the Divine Redeemer on Mount Guadagnolo to its former state is both noble and worthy. In this way, on the highest summit in the Lazio, will rise again more beautiful and resplendent the image of Him Who, through His Vicar, diffuses on this blessed Roman land the perennial and unwavering light of the eternal truths which are the sole guides along the sure paths of justice, truth and virtue well-being.

This beautiful undertaking cannot lack the enthusiastic praise and encouragement of the August Pontiff. The Holy Father is delighted at the generous proposal of the Catholic Youth and is confident that the ardor of those who are invited to respond will not be less than the youthful fervor which inspired the proposal.

Auburn Daily Paper Pays Tribute to Work of Late Father Payne

Auburn, N. Y., April 10.—The funeral of Rev. William Payne, pastor of St. Mary's church in this city for 12 years was held on Wednesday. Father Payne died Monday after an illness of several years. He was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., in 1856. After his career as a priest was spent in the diocese of Rochester. Before coming to St. Mary's Auburn he had been pastor or assistant in Geneva, Stanley, Rushville and Charlotte.

Rev. Thomas F. Hickey was celebrant of the Requiem Mass, and the funeral cortege was one of the most impressive in the Catholic annals of the city. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, this city.

"The Auburn Citizen", a secular newspaper commenting editorially on Father Payne's career said: "The death of Father Payne was not unexpected, yet it brings a sense of loss to the entire community, for he was one of those leaders whose activity was not bound by the confines of his own congregation, large as it was.

"In his contacts with all progressive civic movements—Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Community Chest and similar affairs—he could always be relied upon to pave the way to a smooth relationship and a high mutual respect among interests that are not usually found pulling together in such matters.

"His pulpit utterances were forceful and courageous, and he was admired everywhere for his readiness to attack wrongs regardless of opposition. In his determination to do the right he called a spade a spade, and while at times this did not please some of his most conservative friends, even though they conceded that he was right, in the end he won for him both their admiration and affection.

"As a connecting link between the Catholics of Auburn and the community outside of that church, he was most helpful and constructive, and his services in this respect were of great value.

"The long illness the love and kind thoughts of thousands of citizens, regardless of religious affiliation, were with him, and their hopes for his ultimate recovery were eager and sincere.

"His life was truly spent in behalf of his fellow men, and he has earned a fine reward."

Maniac Destroys Statues in Church At Bricon, France

Paris, April 4.—The church of Bricon has been robbed under peculiar circumstances. A man, the victim of a sudden attack of insanity, entered the church at noon, damaged the altars, throwing to the ground the ornaments and accessories of worship, statues and tabernacles. Some ancient statues of great value were destroyed. The poor madman then started out for some other villages, declaring that he had been directed by the pastor to direct the repairs in the churches. His intention, evidently, was to commit further depredations.

Knights of Columbus Of San Francisco Plan Summer Tours

San Francisco, April 10.—Knights of Columbus councils here have planned three elaborate excursions for June and July.

California council will have a sixteen-day rail and steamship trip to Alaska, the party leaving here June 14. At Seattle it will board the Canadian Pacific's steamship Princess Louise for a ten-day cruise through the Inside Passage, returning to Seattle June 26 and arriving back in San Francisco June 29.

Golden Gate Council will have an eight-day outing in the Yosemite Valley July 19 to July 26 inclusive.

Mission Council plans a four-week trip to Havans, starting July 4, on the liner Mongolia. The Panama Canal will be traversed and Central American and Cuban ports visited. On its return the party will stop at Key West, Miami, St. Augustine, New Orleans and the Grand Canyon.

In this way might come to pass the wish of all good people, together with the most ardent desire of their common Father, and the divine image of the Redeemer will return to bless the Eternal city and the country and suburbs surrounding it, from the highest Lazial summit.

In 1900 the Catholics of Italy, as a demonstration of faith, consecrated the Italian mountains to God and initiated a practice of erecting statues of the Redeemer on some of the more prominent peaks. One peak selected was that of Mount Guadagnolo in the Lazio, on the estate of the Duke Leopold Torlonia. The Duke donated the site and the statue, the work of a noted sculptor, Professor Zaccagnini, was formally unveiled September 13, 1903. The figure of the Redeemer was of heroic size, five and a half meters in height. On the base was an inscription reading in translation, "To Jesus Christ, God."

In the year 1900 of the Redemption brought about by Him—the Roman, Sabini, Equi, Fricii, and Volsci (Latin names of the ancient peoples inhabiting the region where the monument was erected).

Many prominent personages attended the unveiling ceremonies. Those present included Cardinal Vanutelli, the Duke and Duchess Torlonia, Prince D. Francesco Massimo, the Marquis Theodoli, and many prelates, representatives of Catholic organizations and pilgrims.

Labor Council Fights Plan To Give Pupils Religious Teaching

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
New York, April.—A committee of the Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York has presented an address report on the proposal to have public school children excused at stated periods for religious instruction in churches of their choice.

The position of the committee was stated by Abraham Lefkowitz, one of the members, as follows: "Labor must fight any attempt to mix religious instruction with education in the public schools."

Mr. Lefkowitz's statement was supported by the Secretary of the Council, John P. Coughlin, who said: "I am a very religious man, but I won't stand for having religion dragged into the public schools. The same people who want to get religion training in the public schools, get those who opposed the Child Labor amendment and put over the Prohibition Amendment."

Faithful Of France Asked To Say Special Prayers For Country

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, April 4.—The cardinals and archbishops, at their recent meetings, expressed the desire that the clergy and faithful of France be asked to say special prayers for the solution of the present grave difficulties.

In the archdiocese of Paris Cardinal Dubois has ordered that Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament be given on a special day each week in every parish church and chapel in the diocese.

The rosary will be recited before the Blessed Sacrament, and the following invocations will be added: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us; Our Lady of Victories, Saint Michael, Saint Denis, Saint Genevieve, Saint Louis, Saint Joan of Arc, pray for us."

The clergy and faithful are also urged to say a decade of the rosary each day for France.

Needs of Catholic Medical Missions In India Stressed

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
New York, April 10.—The need of Catholic medical missionaries in India is stressed in an article, just received here, written by Dr. Margaret Lamont, a convert to the Catholic Faith, in which she gives a survey of the situation based upon her personal experiences. Copies of the article have been made public through the Medical Mission Board of the Catholic Hospital Association.

Dr. Lamont points out that a recent Protestant Missionary Directory lists 267 Protestant medical institutions in India of which 132 are hospitals and 135 are dispensaries. Of the hospitals 45 are exclusively for women and children. Complete separation of men and women patients is necessary in India because of the religious practices of the people. Dr. Lamont points out, usually the natives will not permit women to be cared for in the same building as the men and they will never permit a male physician to attend a woman.

Consequently the medical missionaries are compelled to establish separate hospitals for the women staffed with women physicians and nurses.

Cardinal's Slayer Sentenced to Death

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Madrid, April 7.—The sentence of death has been pronounced by the Military Tribunal upon Torres Escaquin, accused of the murder of the late Cardinal Soldevilla in June, 1923. Two other men, accused as accomplices to the crime were sentenced to six year terms of imprisonment.

The Cardinal was killed as he was seated in his motor car with his secretary in a street in Saragossa. The chauffeur of the car was also killed and the Cardinal's secretary seriously wounded.

Spanish Catholics Plan University Of Their Own

By Rev. Manuel Grana
(Madrid Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Madrid, April 1.—For a long time now the Catholics of Spain have been fighting to obtain freedom of education, that is to say the authority to confer academic degrees in private institutions. The system now prevailing in Spain is the university system of the Napoleonic type which centralizes higher education in the hands of the State. But the Catholics wish to restore the example of the Italians, following the example of the Italians who have made a beginning by the establishment of the University of the Sacred Heart at Milan.

With this object in view there has just been founded a sort of Institute which, it is hoped, may be the beginning of a future Catholic University. There has recently been celebrated in Madrid a Thomist Week, one of many similar celebrations held throughout the centennial year in honor of the great Doctor of the Church. But this Thomist Week deserves special mention because of the men who took part in it and because of its possible consequences.

In the first place, among those in attendance were professors of the State University who have studied some of the problems of Science and Law in the light of the teaching of Saint Thomas. But most important of all was the work of the committees which made a study of the statutes and organization of the new Institute.

The Institute will consist of three associations: one for Biblical Studies, one for Theology and one for Philosophy. Existing sections for these studies will be united and reorganized in a new form. The group of philosophical studies, in accordance with the philosophical tradition, will include mathematical sciences and physico-natural sciences together with anthropological sciences as a basis of empirical psychology and sociology.

Noted Scholars in Charge
Among the prominent ecclesiastics in charge of the organization of the new Institute are Dr. Zaragueta, known for his philosophical works, a former disciple of Cardinal Mercier; Dr. Asin Palacios, Professor at the University of Madrid and the fortunate discoverer of the Mussulman sources of the Divine Comedy; Dr. Amor Ruibal, author of the "Fundamental Problems of Philosophy and Dogma"; and many other priests and laymen whose fame they are undertaking.

The aims of the Institute, as outlined by Dr. Zaragueta at the solemn closing session of the Thomist Week, in the presence of the Nuncio of His Holiness, various bishops and secular professors of the University of Madrid, may be summed up as follows:

The Institute, as far as the philosophical section is concerned, proposes to get out new editions of the classified works of Scholastic Philosophy and to translate the best productions of foreign philosophers. The present revival of Christian philosophy will form serial collections to be published by the Association. The Institute will have its own review which will not only be the organ of the work of the association, but the echo of the universal philosophical movement and an instrument of communication with foreign centers specializing in this line of work.

To Do Research Work
To this will be added the research work and the dissemination of information conducted by the association itself. The Institute is to be financed by subscriptions and ordinary donations of 250 pesetas. The Bishop of Madrid, who is an enthusiastic promoter of the association, hopes for extraordinarily generous gifts. Some have already been made, but the difficulty always raised by the Government to the conferring of degrees by private universities has led many to give their money for other purposes. This has kept many wealthy Catholics from giving money for this Institute, but when once a higher Catholic institution has been founded, with or without authority to confer degrees, the means of financing it will not fail, and the lovers of the Church and of culture will not be lacking in generosity.

The Congress of Catholic Education and the active campaigns undertaken to obtain complete liberty of education from the Government has induced the Directorate, under General Primo de Rivera, to examine again the possibility of granting this liberty so much desired by the Catholics. The foundation of the Institute which will in every way merit the natives will not permit women to be cared for in the same building as the men and they will never permit a male physician to attend a woman.

Consequently the medical missionaries are compelled to establish separate hospitals for the women staffed with women physicians and nurses.

The Catholics of Spain will thus lead the way for the foundation of other private universities, and so contribute to the increase of the general culture of the nation.

THOMAS DOUD

Solemn funeral mass for Thomas Doud, veteran Rochester hotelkeeper, who died Monday, was celebrated Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Mary's Church. The funeral and burial rites took place Friday morning at 9:45 o'clock from the home, No. 32 Lake View park. Rev. Simon Fitzsimons officiated, assisted by Rev. John E. O'Brien and Rev. John Guy. Bearers were John Kenney, Frank Grabenstetter, John Burns, A. T. Dean, Jesse Hanahan and William Quinn. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Colorado House Kills Bill by Single Vote

Denver, April 6.—Colorado will not have a law for religious education for children of the public schools for at least two years, the lower house of the state assembly decided after one of the bitterest and closest contests of this session. The measure, which was passed by the Senate by a vote of 30 to 4, was killed on second reading in the house March 31 when the administration leader moved to strike the enacting clause. The vote was 29 to 28.

The religious education bill, sponsored by Senator Knauss, would authorize school superintendents and school boards to excuse students desiring religious training not more than ninety minutes a week from their regular classes. Arguments advanced in favor of such a law stressed the necessity of "a return to fundamentals of morality" together with the three R's. It was decided that the churches of all denominations were in favor of such a move because the measure was nonsectarian and nondenominational since no provision stated what form of religious training excused children should take.

Although the bill enjoyed the support of administration senators, it was opposed by the administration members of the lower house, who declared that the proposed law would be unconstitutional either as class legislation by giving advantages to those who preferred religious training and not to those who did not want it, or as a law which forced religious education upon children, in violation of the Constitution.

The failure of the bill to pass called from the department of teacher training of the Denver Council of Religious Education a spirited protest and a resolution urging its committee to continue its noble work in the interests of the childhood in the state of Colorado, and to lay the facts before the churches and the Sunday schools of the state.

EDWARD J. RYAN

Edward J. Ryan of Fairport, for more than 20 years designer of artistic printing for the Rochester Post-Express, died Saturday morning, April 11, after a brief illness at the Park Avenue Hospital, aged 55 years. He was an excellent amateur bowler and a member of the Fairport Club. He was a member of the Newark Council of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by two brothers, Fred L. Ryan of Duluth, Minn., and Philip J. Ryan of Fairport. The funeral took place Tuesday morning, April 14, from his home, No. 94 High street, Fairport, at 10:45 o'clock and from St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Fairport, at 11 o'clock. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

EDGAR C. SHERIDAN

Funeral services for Edgar D. Sheridan, Rochester insurance man, were held Monday morning, April 13 from the home at 8:30 o'clock and from the Blessed Sacrament Church at 9 o'clock. The church was crowded with hundreds of friends and associates.

Solemn high requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. William Kilgus, assisted by Rev. Thomas F. Connors as deacon and Rev. William Dugan as subdeacon.

The bearers were Alderman William Keneally, Henry Gabe, Michael Haley, Thomas Moore, John J. Moylan and James Cox. Burial was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery. Rev. John Hogan gave the final blessing at the grave.

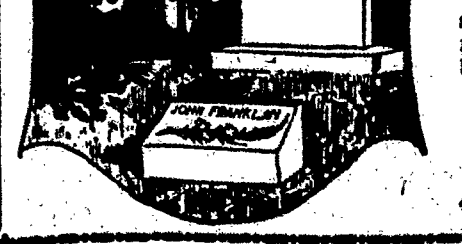
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CHARLES J. NIER

Charles J. Nier, for eighteen years a motorman on the Plymouth and Portland avenue street car line, died at his home, No. 51 Fernwood road, Sunday, April 12, aged 42 years. The funeral took place Wednesday morning, April 15, at 9:15 o'clock from his home and at 9:30 o'clock at St. Andrew's Church. Burial was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Mr. Nier was a member of the Knights of Columbus; St. George's Society of St. Andrew's Church and Local No. 282, Street and Electric Railway Association. The bearers were: Martin Memmel, Thomas Coyle, John Crowley, Joseph Hauser, Henry Bolger and William Robarge, all members of the Street and Electric Railway Association.



Deaths of the Week

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

Campbell—Alexander Campbell died at the home of his niece, Mrs. B. F. Mcell, No. 10 Solo street, April 13, aged 69 years. Funeral from St. Mary's Church, April 15.

Malone—Mary Malone, wife of George Malone, died at her home, 94 Ambrose street, April 15. Funeral took place from Lady Chapel, Cathedral, April 17.

Rice—Francesca Rice died April 12, at his home, No. 222 Magna street aged 36 years. Funeral from St. Anthony of Padua Church, April 15.

McCabe—Philip McCabe of No. 39 Kent street, died April 11 at St. Mary's Hospital. The funeral took place from Our Lady's Chapel, Cathedral, April 14, at 9 o'clock. Solemn Requiem High Mass being celebrated by the Rev. James Keenan as deacon and the Rev. James Curtin as sub-deacon. The bearers were John Monahan, John Ward, Michael Barry, Michael J. McHugh, Patrick Neary and John Moffett. Interment took place at Holy Sepulchre cemetery in the family lot. Last blessing at the grave given by Rev. John Hogan, chaplain of St. Ann's Home.

Newcomb—Mary, wife of Thomas Newcomb, of No. 204 Cypress street, died April 12, at the Park Avenue Hospital, aged 55 years. Funeral from the Immaculate Conception Church, April 15.

Vermeire—Jeannette Arion Vermeire, widow of Edward Vermeire, formerly of Rochester, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Herman, No. 215 East avenue, East Rochester, April 11. Funeral from Our Lady of Victory Church, April 15th.

Mengee—Clarence Frank Mengee, son of Mrs. Anna and the late Herman Mengee, of No. 126 Lapham street, died suddenly, aged 31 years. Funeral from the Church of the Sacred Heart, April 14.

O'Brien—Mary O'Brien, formerly of Clyde, N. Y., died April 11 at St. Ann's Home, aged 75 years. Funeral from St. Ann's Home Chapel, April 14.

Schultz—Elizabeth T. Schultz died April 15, at Sonyea, N. Y. Funeral from St. Matthews Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., April 17. Burial at Cemetery of the Holy Cross, Brook- ark Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Schlegel—Florence Mary Schlegel, daughter of Martin and Margaret Wolf Schlegel, of No. 303 Benton street, died April 14, at the Rochester General Hospital, aged 24 years. Funeral from St. Boniface Church, April 17.

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