

Pontiff Donates 1,000,000 Lire To Dutch University

Holy Father's Gift Is Recognition Of Infant Catholic Institution's Remarkable Record Of Growth

Louvain. — The Catholic University of Nymwegen is about to close its second year of existence with a great advance over its first year.

Catholic Hollanders, knowing so well how to abide their time, to prepare the field and to create interest, seldom undertake a work of consequence without making it a success.

So they did with their university, which they wanted for years but refrained from launching until the way was cleared of all obstacles. They started by setting up throughout the land a perfectly-organized system of schools of all grades — from the kindergarten up through the elementary school to the high school and the classical college — to be able to lead their children under their own Faith's auspices to the highest in educational work, the University.

They thus laid the foundation first, then raised the walls of the edifice, and when those were secure and complete, they put up the roof, as it were. Withal, they still builded better than they knew. With their perfectly equipped and numerous high schools and classical colleges to act as feeders to the university, they felt certain, in opening the Nymwegen institution, that it would succeed. But they did not look for the immediate and grand success they are able to record at the end of the second year of service.

Holy Father's Appreciation. — That success is so marked that the Holy Father has signified his appreciation of it by placing 500,000 lire at the disposal of the Holland bishops for a home for theological students attending the University, and another 500,000 for a Holland seminary in Rome.

This double and agreeable surprise was part of the Pope's greeting to the Holland pilgrims presented to him by the Archbishop of Utrecht, Mgr. Van de Watering, and the Catholic premier, Sir Ruys de Bierenbroek, on the occasion of the canonization of the Blessed Canisius, their countryman.

The university city of Nymwegen, where Saint Canisius was born, still numbers citizens within its walls who may lay claim to blood relationship with this bright star in the new constellation of the saints' firmament. The privilege also is enjoyed by Sir Ruys de Bierenbroek, himself a staunch defender of the Faith, championed by his illustrious relative in all the lands where the German tongue is spoken.

The Nymwegen's Theologians' Hall is fairly under way, and will be opened to the students next fall. Thus far, priests and clerics pursuing higher studies at the University were forced to go to private houses for quarters. A poor makeshift that, and one which hampered clerical attendance at the university.

Students Lead Aid. — To be entitled to deliver legal diplomas from the Faculties of Law and of Philosophy and Letters, the University of Nymwegen, strange to say, is obliged by the civil law to maintain a theological faculty.

It is quite interesting to watch the hearty share the students themselves take in the equipment of their infant university. In the course of the year, their concerted endeavors secured for their meetings an exclusive clubhouse, with convention hall, restaurant, reading rooms and sets of private quarters, to help in solving the housing problem.

The Rector Magnificus, de Langen Weeds — the secretary of the office because the university has adopted the rotation system, prevailing at Dutch universities of naming from among the members of the academic body, a new rector every year — declared the opening of the Students' House second in importance to the opening of the university itself.

To remain in close touch with the Catholic people of all the land and to show their personal appreciation for the generosity with which the people answered the bishops' appeal for a university, the professors have taken over the editorship of a widely read and high-class weekly periodical, "De Nieuwe Eeuw."

Besides, during the weeks between Sept. 27 and October 11 this year, university days have been arranged for throughout the country, at each of which a professor of the university, as booked to give a popular lecture on either an apologetical, historical or literary subject. The purpose is to afford the people an opportunity to realize the better the value to them of the university their munificence called into being.

Fr. George T. Walsh, Priest For 25 Years, Honored At Houston

Houston, Texas. — The Very Rev. George T. Walsh, permanent rector of Annunciation parish here and dean of the Houston Catholic college, has celebrated his twenty-fifth year in the priesthood. Father Walsh's popularity is great, and the whole community joined in felicitating and honoring him.

A solemn high Mass of thanksgiving was celebrated by the jubilarian, with Bishop Byrne of Galveston and many members of the clergy participating. Bishop Byrne preached the sermon. After a dinner was given at the Bender hotel, and in the evening, the Catholics of Houston, joined by many non-Catholics, tendered the jubilarian a reception. Prominent citizens lauded his record of service. Father Walsh began his priestly labors at the Catholic University, Washington. His first assignment in Texas was at Galveston. Later he served at Bay City and still later at a parish and church at Houston. He became pastor of the Annunciation parish here in 1913.

Faith In 13th Century Recalled In Colorful Old German Pageants

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine, (Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service).

Cologne. — Two famous German Medieval festivals, the "Gymnich Ride" and the "Echternach Spring Procession", were recently celebrated with particular pomp. Both have been observed regularly for centuries.

Thousands of pedestrians, including hundreds of pilgrims, take part in the "Gymnich Ride", together with a dozen priests on horseback and hundreds of carts and wagons of all sorts filled with pilgrims who pray devoutly during the five-hour progress of the cortege. It winds through the village of Gymnich and its surrounding fields.

The procession had its origin in the Thirteenth Century, at the time of the Crusades. A Count of Gymnich sank into a swamp with his horse, and when he was near death made a vow that if he were delivered, he would introduce a mounted procession in his home district. Just then a water hen flew up from the swamp, frightening the horse to renewed effort, and the animal and its rider were saved. Since that time the Counts of Gymnich have had a water hen on their arms, and the procession has faithfully been continued.

Pestilence and suffering originated the other observance, at Echternach, Luxembourg. It sprang into existence at a time when great processions were formed in Germany to implore Divine deliverance from the epidemics of the day. Many of these observances had to be suppressed because of the extreme self-punishment the marchers inflicted on themselves in their frenzy. But the bishop prescribed rules for the Echternach cortege which were observed, and it survived, a touching reminder of Medieval faith.

Thousands attend the observance annually, including many visitors for the Echternach Procession has attained world fame. All the participants wear white shirts, and continually spring forward two steps then backward one, to the strains of a simple popular melody. All sing and pray as they go.

Urges More Irish Missionaries For Pagan Countries

Dublin. — "The population of the earth is 1,700 millions. The heathens are 1,069 millions. The Catholics are 273 millions. Want of priests and funds are the cause of this."

So stated Father Blowick, head of the Irish College for Missions to the Heathens, which has its novitiate at Galway. For the 930 millions of people in Asia and Africa there were fewer than 8,000 priests a mere handful, Father Blowick said. Before the European war, France held pride of place in the great campaign to spread Christianity, but she was now compelled to give away whole territories because she could not send them priests.

Father Blowick is asking Ireland to try to fill the gap to the full extent of her power. He points out that the Catholics of Holland are making a tremendous effort, and have sixteen bishops in the mission field, compared with eight Irish bishops.

His views have met with friendly criticism from Father Rouxayne of Killeshandra, who considers that the Church cannot convert the pagans until it can give them a native priesthood. He cites the present case of China, where a European priest might not know what attitude to adopt. The great Powers might order him to follow a line that would compromise his own mission. Only the native mind, he believes, could disentangle the slender thread of Christ's interests in the conflict.

Fr. Cahill, In Chinese Danger Zone, Is Safe Says Cable To Sister

Hancock, Md. — Reverend Father William J. Cahill, American missionary in China for whose safety the Department was concerned, is safe and has suffered no harm in the Chinese uprisings and wars, he says in a cablegram received here by Miss Louise Cahill, his sister. The cablegram consists of the single word, "Safe."

Father Cahill is stationed in one of the most troubled of the Chinese provinces. With him is Father Carl Roth, and in the same district is Father Francis X. Clougherty. It is assumed, from his failure to mention either of the other priests, that they too are safe. The State Department's fears were aroused by the fact that nothing had been heard from the American priests since before the outbreaks against foreigners.

Catholic Chaplain Of Legion Asks Aid For War Orphans

San Francisco, July. — War relief organizations too often cease to function when wars are over and the soldier needs them most, Father J. M. J. Lonergan, National Chaplain of the American Legion, declared here in urging support of the Legion's effort to raise an endowment fund to aid widows and orphans of veterans. "The true patriot is not the man who gets out and waves a flag when the boys march off to war, but the fellow who will dig down in his pocket and produce a little money to help the ex-soldier get back upon his feet," Father Lonergan said.

Orthodox Prelates Return Anglicans' Visit To Palestine

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

Jerusalem, July 1. — Several of the highest dignitaries of the Orthodox Church have gone to England to attend the official Anglican commemoration of the Sixteenth century of the Council of Nicea, at Westminster Abbey. The Orthodox dignitaries include Patriarch Damianos of Jerusalem, Patriarch Photius of Alexandria and the Archbishop of Jordan. The Patriarch of Antioch unable to make the journey because of illness, asked the Patriarch of Alexandria to represent him.

The visit of the Orthodox prelates to England is in return for the visit paid by the second Anglo-Catholic Pilgrimage to the heads of the Schismatic churches in Jerusalem and Alexandria last May. The exchanges of visits form a part of the movement for union of Orthodox with Anglicanism.

Martyred In Year 1577 For Having Holy Year Paper; Honored Today

London, July 6. — Blessed Cuthbert Mayne, to whose shrine at Launceston, Cornwall, a party of 500 Catholics went this week, was martyred in 1577 because he had in his possession a Papal Bull proclaiming the Holy Year of 1575. This fact was recalled by Abbot Vomer, O. S. B., who, after a procession through the town, addressed the pilgrims on the site of the prison from which the martyr walked to his death.

The charge against Blessed Cuthbert Mayne was that he had a Papal Bull pronouncing the deposition of Queen Elizabeth, and also that he said Mass. It was only recently, said the abbot, that new light was thrown upon the case, showing that the Bull had no political significance and that it merely proclaimed the Holy Year in indulgences.

F. P. Cunnion, Leader In Catholic School At Cliff Haven, Dead

New York, July 14. — Francis P. Cunnion, trustee and former treasurer of the Catholic Summer School of America at Cliff Haven, N. Y., died suddenly Wednesday evening at Cliff Haven, where he had been spending his summer vacation.

Mr. Cunnion was made a Knight of St. Gregory by the Pope when Cardinal Hayes was elevated to the Sacred College. He was a member of the Board of Education of New York from 1903 to 1917 and treasurer and trustee of the Catholic Summer School of America from its foundation until 1927.

Born in New York in 1862 and educated in the La Salle Institute and Manhattan College, Mr. Cunnion has always been associated actively in Catholic circles in New York. He was President of the Upper Manhattan Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and a leading member of the Catholic Club.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the residence, and a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, many prominent priests attending. Burial was in Gate of Heaven cemetery.

Man Who Died 400 Years Ago Is Still Aiding City's Poor

London, July 6. — A man who died 400 years ago is still benefitting the poor of Birmingham to the extent of more than \$40,000 a year, under an unusual trust. This week the 400th anniversary of the foundation of the trust was celebrated. Lench, a Birmingham tanner, gave all his property to certain friends in 1525, while he was alive. They were to apply the income to him and his wife while they lived, and afterward charity was to benefit.

After Lench's death and that of his wife, there were disputes and litigations, but in 1540 all the differences were adjusted and the trustees drew up directions for the use of the rents and other profits of the trust. With the greatly enhanced value of real estate in Birmingham, the profits are greater now than ever.

If the profits had remained constant at their present figure since the old man's death, he would have been responsible for bestowing the enormous sum of \$16,000,000 upon the poor of Birmingham. The trust today maintains four almshouses with 185 occupants, in addition to women pensioners.

Old English Catholic Men's College Moving

London, July 6. — The only Catholic training college for men teachers in England is moving this week from Hammersmith, where it has stood for several generations, to a magnificent estate at Strawberry Hill, Twickenham. Old students, now teaching in Catholic schools in various parts of the country, assembled for a farewell to the prize-giving, attended by Cardinal Bourne, "Te Deum" was sung followed by a benediction in the college chapel. The missionaries are said to be members of the Catholic Foreign Missions.

K. of C. Acclaimed At Convention Of Disabled Veterans

Omaha, Nebraska. — The Knights of Columbus were loudly acclaimed at the fifth annual national convention of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War recently.

The occasion was the appearance on the convention program of Supreme Director Francis P. Matthews, of this city, representing the K. of C. in an eloquent address, he outlined the manner in which the order disbursed its funds and those donated to it for war and post-war work, and stated that approximately \$2,000,000 remaining from the original fund will be expended in the interests and welfare of the wounded and disabled World War veterans of the nation.

Enthusiastic applause greeted Mr. Matthews upon the conclusion of his report, and the delegates arose as a unit in a vote of thanks to him and the Knights.

Knights of Columbus took a prominent part in welcoming and entertaining the most of wounded and disabled veterans for their stay in Omaha, a corps of former overseas secretaries being stationed in a replica of a K. of C. hut in the municipal auditorium distributing comforts and favors to the men. War Activities Director Patrick J. McCarthy supervised the activities of the secretaries.

An afternoon and evening at Krug Park, local summer resort, with a twilight barbecue served by the local corps of the Catholic Daughters of America, assisting the Knights, and a banquet to the convention delegates another evening during convention week, made up the Knights of Columbus portion of the entertainment program. All civic and fraternal interests in Omaha joined hands to make the visit of the disabled veterans memorable.

John W. Mahan, a wounded veteran and prominent attorney of Helena, Mont., was elected national commander to succeed Frank J. Irvin, D. S. C. of New York, the retiring commander.

Nun, Aged 90, Victim Of 2 Persecutions, At Convent Jubilee

London, July 6. — A nun aged ninety who has passed through two persecutions, in each of which her community lost its home, took part this week in the golden jubilee celebrations of the Convent of the Visitation at Walsner, Kent. She was professed seventy years ago.

Cardinal Bourne, who took part in the celebrations, told her remarkable story. She was a member of the community at Lubin, Poland, in 1855 when a terrible persecution broke out. The religious orders were suppressed one by one, and the community had to go into exile.

The nuns settled in Hanover, and for nine years went on doing good, until the persecution under Bismarck drove them to England, where they have been settled peacefully for fifty years.

Archbishop Bruchesi Of Montreal Dead; Held Post 28 Years

Montreal, July 11. — The Most Rev. Paul Bruchesi, Archbishop of Montreal, died late Thursday. He was living and well at the age of 85, and had been Archbishop since 1897. The Archbishop was a native of this city. He received his education at St. Sulpice Seminary, Paris, and later took advanced work at Rome. He was ordained to the Catholic priesthood in 1875 and sent to Laval University, Quebec as a member of the faculty. At the time of the Chicago World's Fair, which was his last appointment as Archbishop, Father Bruchesi was entrusted by the Provincial Government with the preparation of the educational exhibits of the Province of Quebec at Chicago.

The Archbishop was the author of several books and essays besides his many pastoral letters. He was a member of the Royal Society of Canada.

\$1,000,000 In Charity Spent In 5 Years By Catholic Daughters

San Francisco, July 17. — A report showing that the Catholic Daughters of America have spent almost \$1,000,000 in charity in the last five years was made to the convention of the order held here recently. Miss Katherine Rosney, national secretary, presented the report.

Pacifism, birth control, race suicide and eugenics were condemned in resolutions passed by the convention, and it was strongly urged that divorce laws be made more rigid.

U. S. Destroyer Sent To Rescue Catholic Missionaries In China

Washington, July 17. — Reports that the United States destroyer "Simpson" has been sent to Yeung-kong, Kwangtung Province, China, to rescue nine Catholic missionaries whose lives were menaced by the anti-foreign agitators, have been confirmed at the Navy Department here. The missionaries are said to be members of the Catholic Foreign Missions.

Mission Crusade Graduates First Leadership Class

Cincinnati, July 17. — The first class of the School for Leadership conducted by the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade has just completed its course here and the second class is now starting in the course. Students from institutions for men composed the first class, while the second is made up of young women. Marked success has attended the work so far, according to officials of the Crusade organization.

The School for Leadership is an outgrowth of discussions and action at the Fourth General Convention of the Crusade at Notre Dame University in 1922. Approval of the plan has been voted by Pope Pius XI, Cardinal Van Rossum, head of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, and other members of the Hierarchy. The Rev. Frank A. Thill, National Secretary-Treasurer of the Crusade, is Principal of the School. Week-end sessions will be held throughout the year, the attendance being restricted alternately to young men and young women. Sessions are held in Crusade Castle, national headquarters of the organization.

All the methods for promoting mission education which are sponsored by the Crusade will be illustrated in lectures and in practice in each session of the school. These methods include the Round Table study plan, use of stereopticon lectures, posters, publicity and the drama. General instructions also are given on the qualities of leadership which the student Crusader should have. Emphasis of student cooperation with school superiors and the adoption of methods of mission study in the Crusade units which best fit in with the general discipline of the respective schools.

French Catholic Women Organize For Use Of Vote

Paris, July 11. — Following the recent vote of the French Chamber on the bill granting suffrage to women, it is believed here that French women soon may be permitted to go to the polls. The question, therefore, now on is not to decide whether or not woman suffrage is a benefit or an evil, but whether or not women will use the vote to defend the moral, religious, family and patriotic interests of the nation, say commentators.

Preparation of women for their civic duties thus becomes a necessity. This was the thought which inspired the founders of the "Union Femelle Catholique et Sociale", recently organized under the patronage of Father Desbuquois, S. J., Director of the Action Populaire, with the assistance of the directors of the Catholic social movement and a large number of existing organizations.

The program adopted by the new association is briefly as follows: Protection of maternity and child labor, suppression of divorce, opposition to Neo-Malthusianism, prostitution and pornography, respect for the rights of parents in the education of children, freedom of education subsidized by the State, the family vote, that is to say the granting to parents of extra votes according to the number of their children, and efforts against the high cost of living and illicit speculation, and against alcoholism and tuberculosis.

Churches' Reunion Studied By Foreign Students In Paris

Paris, July 11. — On the occasion of the closing of the schools at the end of the school year, the foreign Catholic students of the Paris colleges held a last-day reunion. A pilgrimage was made to the basilica of Saint Denis, and after a luncheon at which a member of the Hierarchy presided, the work accomplished during the year by the various study circles was summarized.

During the last few months, a series of conferences has permitted the Slav and French students to get together to study the series of circumstances which brought about the successive separations of the Oriental and Greco-Byzantine churches from the Roman Church between the Fifth and Ninth centuries.

The members of the study clubs then listened to authoritative reports on the separated churches of Georgia, the Ukraine, Bulgaria and Russia, delivered by students from those countries.

The establishment of these study clubs in Paris is the first realization of the decisions taken last year at Velehrad at the Congress for the Union of the Churches. The wish has been expressed that similar clubs be founded in all university centers and that the initiative taken by Paris, under the supervision of Bishop Chaptal, Bishop of Foreigners, be imitated in the provinces.

New Ordinary Goes To Cincinnati Soon

Duluth, Minn., July 16. — The Rt. Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., Archbishop-Elect of Cincinnati, has announced that he probably will leave Duluth for Cincinnati in August. For the last seven years he has served as Bishop of Duluth.

Bogus Priest, Using Several Aliases, At Work, Order Warns

Notre Dame, Ind., July. — Complaints from several quarters are being received here at the Provincial House of the Congregation of the Holy Cross of a bogus priest who is swindling numerous persons by representing himself to be a member of the Holy Cross Order.

Various names are used by the man, among them being the Rev. Arthur Barry O'Neill, the Rev. John Kelley and the Rev. James Gailigan. The incomplete description which it has been possible to gain of him makes him a man of about 40 years, tall and thin. He seems well acquainted with the personnel of Notre Dame University, conducted by the Holy Cross Fathers here, and with some of the community affairs.

Usually he tells a story about having been at a Holy Cross house and having an altercation with the superior or pastor, and says he is on his way to consult the higher superiors. Sometimes he asks for money, sometimes for work and sometimes for recommendations so that he may get work. He always promises, it seems, that he will refund any money given him, as soon as he arrives at headquarters.

Divorce Bills Waste Time In Ireland Cosgrave Declares

Dublin, July 6. — When the Dail, which has just summarily rejected the Senate proposal that the power to introduce divorce bills be permitted under the standing orders, was considering the motion, President Cosgrave gave his position in the matter as follows:

"I am not in a position to speak for the Senate, but I can speak for the House and for the vast majority of the citizens of this country. Their attitude is expressed in the resolution passed by this House on February 11th.

"Since the country does not mean to grant divorce, the proper form of standing order is one that will prevent the introduction of divorce bills. It seems to me to be wrong to encourage or countenance the expense if there is no intention of granting relief. There could only be a needless discussion of the particular facts of each individual case, with all its unsavory details.

"I do not suggest that the House should refuse to examine any subject however unsavory, when occasion really demands it. But to do so when there is a foregone certainty of refusing the petition, would be an unjustifiable waste of public time, and serve no useful purpose. We know the will of the people. We have no right to come here to consider divorce."

Card. Bourne Pays Generous Tribute To French Priests

London, July. Cardinal Bourne when he took occasion to disagree with a Catholic magazine which, in his Eminence's opinion, "completely misrepresented the situation." He was speaking at the close of a triduum in honor of the newly canonized St. Sophie Madeleine Barat, founder of the Sacred Heart order.

The Cardinal said that after a generation brought up without religious instruction and the sacraments, the restoration in France was wonderful. "The greatest blessing God bestowed upon the Catholics of France at the end of the eighteenth century was," said Cardinal Bourne, "its magnificent priesthood, taken as a whole. If the French Revolution had taken place 200 years earlier we should not venture to contemplate what the disastrous results would have been."

"What happened when the French Revolution broke out? The body of clergy was ready to give up all for God and go into exile. The civil constitution was rejected by the great majority. A certain proportion of the clergy submitted to it, but the vast majority gave the greatest edification by the holiness of their priestly lives. Many were martyred for the Faith, countless others went into exile, and we know that the changed attitude in England towards Catholicism is largely due to the French priests of that period.

"Those who could do so remained in France and practised their ministry in secret, so that when the change came with the accession of Napoleon, there was an intense nucleus of priestly life."

Priest-Authors Are Honored By French Academy

Paris, July 11. — The French Academy, in distributing its literary prizes, has given one to the work of Mgr. Grouard, "Memories of Sixty Years of Apostolate in Athabaska-Mackenzie."

Another prize was awarded to "The Golden Book of the Clergy and Religious Orders" in which are related the brilliant exploits of priest and religious during the World War. The collection of the "Conferences Contradictaires", or Controversial Debates conducted during the last 20 years by Canon Desgranges, also received an award.

Twelve other works written by priests received recognition.