

Pope Deeply Moved By Big Pilgrimage Of Protestants

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Rome, Oct. 12.—One of the audiences which touched the heart of the Pope most deeply during the past few weeks was that in which he received the second Holy Year pilgrims from Scandinavia. A peculiar characteristic of this pilgrimage was that it not only included some Protestants—as had the first Scandinavian pilgrimage—but that the Protestants were in a overwhelming majority. In the first pilgrimage from the North countries there were forty Protestants out of a total of 440 pilgrims. In this second pilgrimage, however, there were only thirty Catholics out of a total of 210. Visits by Protestants who have come to Rome and who have been so much impressed by the grandeur and beauty of the Catholic religion, even to the point of being converted in many instances, is not new in the annals of Holy Years. Not a few have been converted and many of them have left striking testimonials in favor of the Roman Church. Calvin's Grandson Became Carmelite For example, in the Holy Year of 1850, among those converted was Stephen Calvin, grandson of the heretic, who was received by the Pope with great cordiality and assured heresy. Later in life Stephen Calvin became a religious in the Order of the Discalced Carmelites. Again, in the Holy Year of 1850 under the Pontificate of Innocent X, the heretic Christopher Rantzau was converted. He afterwards wrote a very beautiful letter to his Protestant friend George Calixt, describing his impressions of Rome and the Holy Year and saying: "Here in Rome all peoples and all tongues find themselves bound together in an indivisible link of one Faith only and one Charity only." In the first Scandinavian pilgrimage which consisted of pilgrims from Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Iceland, and which was the first from that country not only in this Holy Year, but in all the centuries which have passed since the Reformation; there were, as heretofore stated, a considerable number of Protestants. These non-Catholics took part, however, in all the practices of Holy Year; they were present at the Papal Mass and audience and even at the General Communion in the Vatican Basilica and they manifested the greatest respect and devotion. After the Communion they declared that they were profoundly impressed and envied the good fortune of Catholics in being able to participate in such a touching feast of the soul. Their conduct was similar to that of the twenty Bulgarian Schismatics who came to Rome with a group of 100 Catholics from that country. The Schismatics participated in all the prayers and visits to the Basilicas, attended the Papal Mass and audience and demonstrated no less veneration for the Vicar of Christ than did their Catholic companions. After the first Scandinavian pilgrimage had returned home its members were so enthusiastic about their visit to Rome that a second one was organized. And notwithstanding that in this second pilgrimage there were six times as many Protestants as Catholics, the entire group went through all the visits which for Catholics, constitute the fulfillment of the requirements for obtaining the spiritual benefits of Holy Year. All members of the pilgrimage carried the regular pilgrim's cards and wore the regular badges. They all visited the Basilicas, the catacombs, and the Missionary Exhibition. While the Catholics were repeating their visits to the Basilicas and attending to other pious practices necessary to gain the Holy Year indulgences, their Protestant friends saw the monuments and historical places in Rome, and some of them went as far as Naples to see that city and the excavations at Pompeii. However, they seemed to prefer to visit sacred monuments of Christian piety and to watch the processions of pilgrims passing through the streets of Rome in daily magnificent spectacles of devotion. Protestants Kissed Pope's Hand But where the Protestant pilgrims showed they understood the importance and spiritual significance of the Holy Year was at the Papal audience and in the manner in which they bore themselves in the presence of the Holy Father. That evening they were all gathered together in the Sala del Conclistoro, which was reserved for the Scandinavians exclusively, and there they awaited His Holiness in silence and profound meditation. When the Pope arrived all knelt, immediately and remained kneeling while he passed. The Holy Father, smiling with great benevolence, approached the group of ecclesiastics, which included Monsignor Sney, of Bergen, Norway; Father Jensen, parish priest of Copenhagen, and Father Meyer, S. J., of Stockholm, and greeted them cordially. They accompanied by Monsignor Sney, who speaks French well, the Pope passed round the rows of kneeling pilgrims, giving each his hand to kiss and distributing the commemorative medals. All of the pilgrims, Protestants as well as Catholics, fulfilled their duty of homage and gratefully received the Jubilee medal. The Pope accompanied Monsignor Sney to various places of the pilgrimage and his Holiness was seen to greet the pilgrims in French.

Count Captured Stealing Jewels In Rome Church

(Special Cable N. C. W. C. News Service) Rome, Oct. 16.—Count Jose Delamotha, native of Mexico, dealer in precious stones, and friend of many members of the Italian nobility, has been arrested here and charged with trying to steal the rich jewels that adorn the statue of the Virgin in the Church of St. Augustine. The arrest has caused a sensation since the Count has enjoyed great esteem in the most exclusive social circles. Police believe they have succeeded in linking the Count with other mysterious robberies of churches during the past few years. Burglar's Tools Found on Captive Last Friday night the Count secreted himself in the Church of St. Augustine and allowed himself to be locked in. About midnight he came out of his hiding place and attempted to remove the jewels adorning the statue of the Virgin. A lay brother on guard gave the alarm and the police arrested the Count in a small room near the organ, where he had sought refuge. When arrested he was searched and a set of burglar's tools and some gold objects which did not belong to the church were found. He also had a topographical plan of the Church of St. Louis, which is near St. Augustine. Further investigation by the police, they declare, has fixed the guilt upon the Count for the theft of precious objects from the Cathedral of St. Ambrose, in Milan, several years ago, while the present Pope was Archbishop of that See. On that occasion the thief forced open the tomb of St. Ambrose and took the richly ornamented episcopal ring, which had been given by Cardinal Richelieu, Archbishop of Turin, to Cardinal Ferrari, Archbishop of Milan, and which had been placed in the Saint's tomb by the latter. Five diamonds were also taken from the episcopal cross of St. Ambrose. This outrage caused a great furor in Milan and several ecclesiastics connected with the cathedral were arrested on suspicion. All were released after a few days, however, when no evidence could be found to link them with the theft. The present Pope, then the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan, was greatly distressed because all the circumstances indicated that the theft had been perpetrated by someone closely connected with the cathedral. At that time no one had any suspicion that Count Delamotha had any connection with the robbery, but it has now been recalled that he was a frequent visitor to the Milan Cathedral and had obtained permission to make studies and photographs of the tomb of Saint Ambrose. It has also been recalled that the Count made similar photographic studies of the richly jeweled picture of the Madonna in the Church of St. Bernadine in Milan, and that the Sacristan of that church discovered him attempting to hide in the church basement. The rector of St. Bernadine's wished to have him arrested, but some noblemen of the Count's acquaintance intervened in his favor, guaranteed his future good behavior and the arrest was not made. The Count was, however, forbidden to enter the Church of St. Bernadine again. At the time he denied any criminal intention and gave various unconvincing explanations of his behavior. Stories are now being told of attempts he made to approach other rich shrines in various sanctuaries and also the royal treasures at Monza. When the news of the Count's arrest reached Milan a woman representing herself as his wife came at once to Rome and endeavored to convince the police that it was all a mistake. Jesuits To Extend Study of Earthquakes St. Louis, Oct. 16.—St. Louis is to become the national center of Jesuit stations for the study of earthquakes, and as such is to have perhaps the greatest research establishment in that field in the country, it has been announced here. The announcement is the outcome of a meeting a month ago in Chicago of Jesuit seismologists in the United States. At that time the Jesuit Seismological Association was formed and the St. Louis central station was projected. This plan has now been ratified. Father James S. MacElwane, S. J., new Professor of Geophysics and Seismology at St. Louis University, is in charge of the station. For the last two years he has been in charge of the seismographic station at the University of California, and he also had charge of the study and publication of the records of the earthquake station at the Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton. He has an international reputation among seismologists. An extremely sensitive seismograph will be constructed by Father MacElwane here to study the almost imperceptible earthquakes in the Ozark regions. The priest-scientist has just returned from Washington, where he conferred with officials of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey on a survey of the Ozark area which has been authorized by Congress. By determining what danger exists, it may be possible to prevent huge loss in life and property through providing protection beforehand.

Church Re-Union Project Started With Study Week

(By Rev. J. Van der Heyden (Louvain Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service) Louvain, Oct. 12.—Under the patronage of Cardinal Mercier and his suffragans, a study-week was held in Brussels last week to initiate Catholics into the movement for the re-union of Churches. The week was presided over by Msgr. Schrygens, coeditor of the Belgian Catholic daily, "Le XXe Siecle" and of the Brussels high-class weekly, "La Revue des Idees et des Faits." Msgr. Schrygens, in his inaugural address, defined the object of the course as follows: "What this study-week aims at is to create a movement of sympathy in favor of the great crusade for the union of Churches to which Pope Pius XI has invited all Christians, and to make a beginning by enlightening people's minds about it." Plans For Abbey at Tancremont The secretary and main spring of the week was Dom Lambert Beauduin, O.S.B., late professor at St. Anselmo, Rome. He has returned to his fatherland in response to the Holy Father's mandate to the Benedictines to detail some of their men for the work of the re-union of the Eastern Churches with the Roman Catholic Church. To prepare the way in the west for that re-union, he is maturing the plans for the foundation of a Benedictine Abbey in the Walloon section of Belgium, at Tancremont, near Spa. A selective cosmopolitan band of twelve coworkers awaits the signal to harness themselves to the task with him. One of the twelve is the son of a former English ambassador to Russia. He is quite familiar with the Russian language and with Russian mentality. A center of apostolate in the Flemish land is to follow under the leadership of Dom C. Bosschaerts, M.A., Vicar of the Apostolic Visitor to Bulgaria. The study-week put these two projects in evidence, explained their purpose and made friends for the work they aim at undertaking. The more prominent lecturers at the course were the Rutenian Metropolitan of Halicz and Archbishop of Lemberg, Msgr. Szeptycky, whom the president of the week called "the greatest of modern Slavs, the pioneer of the work for union, whose word radiates throughout the whole oriental world"; Count Perovski, an erudite Orthodox Russian, who keeps the Belgian newspaper readers informed on Russian affairs; Father Lev Gillet, a monk of the Slavonic Rite; the Assumptionist Father Manglier, whose residence is at Constantinople; the Abbe Portal, well known participant in the "Mechlin Conversations" for union with the Church of England; Dom de Galen, a monk of the famed Abbey of Emmaus, near Prague, and founder of the Catholic Union, which is enlisting Catholics everywhere in a powerful crusade of prayer for the re-union with the Holy Church of the separated brethren in Russia and other Near Eastern countries. Cardinal Mercier spoke also. His masterly oration, the last of the course, summed up all the lectures delivered. In introducing His Eminence the chairman expressed himself in substance as follows: "The assembly rejoices to hear at last the man whose thought has hovered over it all through the week, whose name has been frequently uttered, and warmly applauded, but most so, when the Venerable Abbe Portal, under the spell of a deeply-felt emotion, recounted the sympathetic welcome the pilgrims of the Union of Churches met with at the hands of the great Belgian Prelate, whose attractive power upon our separated English brethren, the Abbe told us, has produced a change in the religious atmosphere of England, whose charity to Russian refugees, Count Perovski declared, has accomplished more towards a better understanding of both eastern and western churches than any amount of arguments could and would ever do." Cardinal Mercier, in his address, summarized the lectures of all the speakers of the week. Every morning a Solemn Mass in the one or the other Oriental Rite was celebrated in a Brussels church; and every evening, recitals of church music of the various rites were given for the benefit of the delegates and their friends by specially trained church choirs from different parts of the country and also by the choir of the Brussels Russian Orthodox Church. Two New Bishops To Be Consecrated At The Same Time Philadelphia, Oct. 16.—Announcement was made here upon the return of Cardinal Dougherty from Rome that the consecration of Bishop-Elect Edmond J. Fitzmaurice as fourth Bishop of Wilmington to succeed Bishop John J. Monaghan, tentatively scheduled for October 28, will take place here November 30. At the same time Bishop-Elect Edwin V. Byrne, formerly secretary to Bishop James P. McCloskey of Jaro, P. I., will be consecrated Bishop of the newly created Diocese of Ponce, in Porto Rico. Both of the bishop-elect are Philadelphia priests. Cardinal Dougherty will be the consecrator at the dual ceremony.

"Messenger" Editors Received By The Pope

Rome, Oct. 12.—Among the notable congresses held here during Holy Year was that of the directors of "The Messenger of the Sacred Heart", the organ of the Apostolate of Prayer, conducted by the Jeauit Fathers. Twenty-nine delegates from all parts of the world assisted at the conferences, the nationalities represented including: United States, Canada, Mexico, Columbia, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ireland, England, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Flanders, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia (Croatia), Yugoslavia (Slovenia), Hungary, Malta, Asia Minor (Arabia). The United States was represented by the director of the "Messenger of the Sacred Heart" in New York, Father Mullaly, who has 300,000 subscribers to his publication; Ireland by the director of the "Messenger of the Sacred Heart" of Dublin with 200,000 subscribers; Canada by two directors, Father Langevin for the French Bulletin and Father Devine for the English; Mexico by Father Cardoso. The figures which each director brought to the Congress showing the development of his own Bulletin were most encouraging. The United States and Ireland hold the first places with the figures already given, then follows Poland with 180,000 subscribers to its Bulletin. The Congress closed with a Pontifical audience granted by the Holy Father. The delegates, who were led by the Rev. Father Ledochowski, Superior-General of the Society of Jesus, were welcomed by His Holiness with the greatest cordiality and benevolence. Men More Religious, Women Cause Anxiety Declares Card. Hayes New York, Oct. 16.—Men are becoming more religious, while modern conditions cause considerable anxiety about the women, in the opinion of Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, expressed in an address at the blessing of the Father Shealy Memorial Building at Mount Mansera, Fort Wadsworth, here Monday. The building is being built at a cost of \$125,000 in memory of the late Rev. Terence J. Shealy, organizer of the layman's retreat movement sixteen years ago. In his address the Cardinal said: "We are gravely and sometimes might say, sadly disturbed and anxious about our good women, especially our young women. There has within a short time been a radical and revolutionary upset of principles that has eaten into the very home and that has desecrated the fireside and is still menacing the very foundations of our society, civil, political, social and moral. The Church of God is really praying most earnestly that our good women may be saved from the disaster that is pending. "Alongside of that there is a most promising sign of the times, and that is that the men are coming back to the altar. Men are not only going to Mass on Sundays now but on weekdays as well; they are going to the sacraments, not merely once a year or twice a year, but monthly and weekly and many of them daily. "And when our men realize their opportunities and their duties in that direction; it means nothing else but our salvation; it means the greater glory of God; it means the salvation of your own souls and the souls of others; it means a guarantee to our American ideals of life and of our Government." Retiring Catholic Lord Mayor Is Honored by King London, Oct. 12.—The retiring Lord Mayor of London and his two sheriffs—all three Catholics for the first time since the Reformation—have been honored by the King. The Lord Mayor, Sir Alfred Louis Bower, becomes a baronet and Alderman F. J. Barthorpe and Mr. H. G. Downer, the two sheriffs, are to be knighted. The sheriffs have already made way for their successors, but the Lord Mayor will not go out of office till November 9, when the new "first citizen of London" will be duly installed with the time-honored pageant through the city. To mark their last Sunday in office together the city's chief officials attended Mass together at Westminster Cathedral. They were formally received as they reached the cathedral in state and were conducted to special seats before the sanctuary. The new Lord Mayor is an Anglican and a freemason. Mass In Ball Room For Thousands At Railway Celebration London, Oct. 12.—Mass was celebrated in a large ball-room for thousands assembled at Manchester for the railway centenary celebrations. Boy Scouts erected an altar near the orchestra gallery and went out into the crowded gardens ringing bells to announce the Mass. Due to start at 11:30, Mass was delayed for visitors from outlying districts whose train was late.

Lower School Rates For Large Families Proposed In France

(Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, Oct. 12.—At the National Birth Rate Congress which has just been held at Clermont Ferrand, under the presidency of the Minister of Labor, a special section, made up of numerous clergymen and laymen, represented the Catholic organizations. An interesting suggestion was given consideration, namely, whether it would not be possible, for the benefit of large families, to create "compensation funds" in Catholic educational institutions in order to grant the children of such families a reduction in fees for tuition and board. These reductions would be balanced by raising the price for children of families having but one or a very few children. The question will be studied. The "compensation fund" system has solved the problem of supplemental wages in factories. The employers turn into a joint fund a tax levied per workman employed, and from the resources thus constituted the bonuses granted to heads of large families are drawn. This system, initiated following one of the Catholic Social Weeks, is in operation in a large number of French industries. The resolutions adopted by the Birth Rate Congress demand a development of economic, juridical and moral advantages granted to large families and a relentless campaign against immoral propaganda. In the Catholic Section the resolutions adopted ask especially: "That the clergy give its full support, by preaching, through organization work and in the confessional, to the campaign against the birth rate crisis. "That young men and women be given better instruction regarding their duties by means of information suitable for their age, such instruction to be given through the societies to which they belong. "That women confine their work to the home as much as possible." Bishop Lillis Praises Worth Of N.C.C.W. At Diocesan Convention Kansas City, Mo., October 16.—The Solemn High Mass which marked the opening of the annual convention of the Kansas City Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women brought the largest crowd to the local Cathedral the national convention of the Federation of Catholic Societies before the world war when Cardinal Falconio, then Apostolic Delegate to the United States, several Archbishops and a large number of Bishops were present. In his sermon at the Mass Bishop Lillis made an appeal to the women present to make the National Council of Catholic Women a strong organization in his diocese. Later, at a luncheon in the Kansas City Club, the Bishop asked the women to help build a new home for working girls to take the place of that now conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, who would also have charge of the new one. The project involves an expenditure of approximately \$100,000. Addresses were delivered at the various sessions of the convention by the Rev. James N. V. McKay; Dr. Thomas E. Purcell, K. S. G.; Miss Agnes Regan, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women; the Rev. C. A. M. Dibbins of Lexington, Mo.; and Miss Lanna Bressette of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. New Superior Given New York-Maryland Jesuit Mission Board Philadelphia, Oct. 16.—The Rev. John P. Gallagher, S. J., has been named Superior of the Mission Band of the Maryland-New York Province of the Society of Jesus. He replaces the Rev. John P. M. Walsh, S. J., who becomes Superior of St. Joseph's Church here. Father Gallagher will have his headquarters at that Church. The Rev. Joseph P. Green, S. J., who has been named Assistant Director of the Missions for New England, will continue to make his headquarters at St. Mary's church, Boston. The Rev. John J. Coveney, S. J., has been appointed a member of the Mission Band. Eminent Lecturers For Campion College Prairie du Chien, Wis., Oct. 16.—Among the lecturers who shortly will address the faculty and student body of Campion College here are Mrs. Eileen Kileen, widow of the soldier-poet, Joyce Kilmer, who gave his life in the World War; T. A. Daly, the poet; Dr. James J. Walsh, of New York, and Louis Wetmore, formerly literary editor of the New York Times. Mrs. Kilmer's visit will be of special interest, as her husband had expressed a wish to be stationed at Campion. The college is planning to erect a memorial library to the soldier poet, whose father has promised to donate the young man's manuscripts and at up a room in memory of his illustrious son.

Strange Prophecy About Yarmouth Recalled at Jubilee

London, Oct. 12.—When the church at Great Yarmouth celebrated its 75th anniversary this week a prophecy that came to pass was recalled. In the middle of last century a Spanish priest, Don Lopez, took up the task of trying to start a mission at Great Yarmouth. He collected alms from the nobility of Spain and then tried to buy a site for his church. The hand of prejudice was against him. No one would sell him land where he wanted to buy it. In the end he bought a waste lot outside the town, between it and the sea. People laughed at him. "Mark me," he said to the bigots, "the town will follow me." And the town grew out to the church.