

### Finding Of Treasure Hidden For Centuries In Shrine Is Recalled

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).  
Rodez, France, Nov. 2.—The ancient basilica of Conques, shrine of Saint Foy, has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its restoration and the discovery, in 1875, of the famous treasure which had remained hidden since the Wars of Religion in 1561.

The history of Conques dates from the eighth century, when Louis the Debonair, son of Charlemagne, entrusted to the monk Daton the task of founding a monastery which he endowed.

In the Eleventh century, the body of Saint Foy was brought to Conques from Agen where she had been martyred, burned alive on a grate in the year 300, at the tender age of 12. Devotion to Saint Foy is widespread not only in the Rouergue province, but in Brittany, Auvergne, Rousillon, Limousin, Normandy, and even in England, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy.

The present basilica of Conques was built in the Eleventh century. It is in the purest Roman-Auvergnat style and is greatly admired by artists and connoisseurs. In the Middle Ages the pilgrimages to the shrine of Saint Foy came from every country in Europe, while the monastery of Conques, occupied by the Cistercians, became an important religious and intellectual center. Many of the most famous "Chansons de Geste" started from this monastery, where the scholarly monks collaborated in their making.

Endowed by Charlemagne and by Louis the Debonair, the church and monastery acquired priceless treasures which have, it seems miraculously, been preserved up to our own times. The shrine and statue of Saint Foy were exhibited at the Paris Exposition in 1900.

The story of the recovery of the treasure, which was hidden during the Wars of Religion and during the French Revolution is interesting. The tradition of the treasure had been preserved, but there was no clue as to its location. Cardinal Bourret, who occupied the See of Rodez from 1871 to 1896, and who had a very great devotion to Saint Foy, cried out, one day, when a large pilgrimage was visiting the shrine: "Saint Foy, show us your treasures."

Shortly afterward, in 1875, while some workmen were clearing the pillars of the choir, they discovered a wooden chest containing a second chest of leather, studded with silver nails and richly enameled plates.

The Bishop of Rodez, whose prayers were thus answered, hastened to the spot, and an Episcopal Commission made a minute inventory of the chest which had been hidden for so many centuries.

After being sent to Paris for restoration, the shrine and statue of Saint Foy, a marvel of richness of massive gold and precious stones, was exhibited in the Cathedral of Rodez. The discovery of the treasure brought back to Conques something of its ancient glory.

### Community Parochial School Is Projected For South Lorain, O.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).  
Cleveland, Nov. 6.—A community parochial school for Catholic children of South Lorain, Ohio, parishes, has been suggested as a solution of a problem there, by the Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, bishop of the diocese.

At the dedication of a new church here a week ago Bishop Schrembs suggested that the erection of a central building sufficiently large to accommodate children of school age from a number of parishes would be a long step forward in providing religious education facilities to Catholic children now deprived of that right because of inability of individual parishes to erect and maintain a separate school.

A building to cost approximately \$300,000 was proposed by the Bishop. Cost of construction and of maintenance would be borne pro rata by the parishes, according to the number of children attending.

The idea involves the construction of a building as nearly as possible in the center of the territory involved.

Lorain is a city of approximately 50,000 half of the population being Catholic.

### Canadian Visiting Mother In England Killed In Accident

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).  
London, Nov. 3.—Henry Dutton Wright, who came here from Vancouver, B. C. to visit his aged mother who is ill, met a tragic death here. The automobile in which he was riding with his nephew skidded over 100 feet on an oily road and overturned, so badly injuring Mr. Wright that he died within a few minutes after being extricated.

Mr. Wright was a brother of Father John H. Wright, S. J., rector of St. Ignatius Church, Stamford Hill, London, who said Requiem before the burial at Godalming, where his mother lives.

### Place Civic Duties Above Luxury, Plea To Catholic Women

York, Pa., Nov. 6.—America must take care lest the modern rush of life and love of luxuries in the land prevent it from attending to its civic duties, the Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, declared in an address here Wednesday night before 200 women attending the semi-annual conference of the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Father Burke took as his subject "The Challenge of Our Citizenship," and pointing to the fact that in the last Presidential election only 50 per cent of the voters cast their ballot, declared:

"There are now great measures before the state bodies that affect our homes, our incomes and other personal things, yet there is only a small number of persons who even know what these measures are."

In America, with representative government, the majority rules, said Father Burke. But the minority nevertheless has rights which are not to be sacrificed. These he described as "the human rights, inalienable rights that never will be taken away from Americans by law."

The Rt. Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, Bishop of Harrisburg, also spoke at the evening session, although his address was curtailed by the fact that he was suffering with a cold. He stressed the importance of the civic duties with which Father Burke dealt.

A High Mass opened the conference, after which Mayor Hugentugler welcomed the delegates. Miss Anna Dill Gamble presided. Miss Margaret Lynch, assistant executive secretary of the National Council, championed rural life as the natural habitat of the family, in an address discussing the recent rural life conference in St. Paul. Miss Linna E. Brestite of the Department of Social Action of the N. C. W. C. made a plea for an adequate salary for working girls, and Miss Sara E. Laughlin, of the Bureau of Girls' Welfare of the International Federation of the Catholic Alumnae, spoke of welfare work among girls.

### Poland Sends Pillar For National Shrine Of Blessed Mother

Washington, Nov. 6.—There arrived this week at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here another of the marble pillars, now almost 60 in number, which are to adorn the interior of the Crypt, each in memory of some famous shrine of devotion to the Blessed Mother. The present pillar was quarried in Poland, and is an exceptionally fine specimen of richly mottled Polish marble. It will be placed in that part of the Crypt now building which is to be known as the House of Nazareth, and will commemorate the Polish shrine of Our Lady of Chestahovia.

Work is at present being pushed on the laying of the floor of the Crypt, which is of marble mosaic, interspersed with cottage marble. The delegates to the national convention of the National Council of Catholic Women will have an opportunity to see the first unit of construction, the western apse of the Crypt, completed, when they are present for the solemn Pontifical Mass which will be celebrated there November 15. Competent critics declare that the Crypt will take rank as one of the most beautiful modern buildings in the world.

### Unmarried Clergy Urged At Congress Of Anglo-Catholics

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 6.—The Church today has a mission in recreating an age of faith through the medium of an order of celibate preachers, Prof. Chauncey S. Tinker of Yale declared at the sessions here this week of the Anglo-Catholic Congress. Professor Tinker spoke in the absence of Mayor Raymond of Newark. In view of the married clergy of the Anglo-Catholics, his statement was received with deep interest.

Other speakers at the congress saw signs of impending disorganization in both religious and secular institutions in the United States and declared the decline of old-fashioned home life. Col. Anthony Dyer of Providence eulogized the mass as the central act of a Christian life.

Striking services of a highly ritualistic character opened the days' programs, including the celebration and the Anglo-Catholic mass and processions colorful with many-hued robes, censers and cross-bearers.

### Alexandria's Oldest Catholic Dies At 102

Alexandria, Va., Nov. 7.—Mrs. Sarah Hughes, who was born in Ireland and was Alexandria's oldest resident, died Thursday at her home here at the age of 102. She was a devout Catholic.

Born in 1823, Mrs. Hughes came to the United States as a young woman. Her husband conducted one of the famous old taverns in Alexandria. She retained her vigor of mind until the last.

### Stop Banat Religious Procession Because Of Lanterns' Color

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).  
Vienna, Nov. 2.—How the use of lanterns in a religious procession may constitute high treason in the eyes of petty local officials was strikingly illustrated recently in the town of Oresova on the Danube—one of the villages of the Banat which was "redeemed" by Roumanians after the war. The story is another chapter in the long tale of religious and racial persecution visited upon the Banat the endeavors of the Roumanian Government to nationalize this area.

Monsignor August Facha, Administrator of the diocese, visited Oresova recently to dedicate a new Catholic club house. The Catholics of the city, wishing to honor him, arranged for an elaborate reception. Part of the reception consisted of a torch light procession of the various Catholic associations. Several thousand persons marched in this procession, many of them carrying multi-colored paper lanterns.

In the midst of the festivities M. Putorescu, the local chief of police, appeared suddenly and ordered the procession to disperse. He then arrested the two leaders of the celebration, Joseph Azal and Johann Rus. The cause of all this commotion was that some one had discovered that some of the paper lanterns were red, white and green—the colors of Hungary, of which the Banat once formed a part. In the eyes of the local officials the color of these lanterns was high treason and they acted promptly to save the Roumanian Government.

It is not alone the Catholics of Roumania who are subjected to such annoyances. The Jews have also had their troubles. During the celebration of a Jewish holiday recently the Roumanian Commissioner General of Education Peanqui entered the Synagogue of Oravita Mare and there noticed an inscription in Hungarian on one of the shelves in the temple. The Commissioner called upon Chief Rabbi Fuchs to account for this alleged outrage. The Chief Rabbi was dismissed under charges and ordered to justify himself before the proper authorities. Orders were issued at once for the removal of the inscription. A verbatim translation of the offending text reads:

"Presented by cabinet maker Wilhelm Grunbaum."

Epidemics such as the foregoing would be humorous if they were not so frequent. The fact is that since the Banat was transferred to Roumanians without its consent and against its will by the post-war treaties, the history of the land has been a long series of persecutions at the hands of the Roumanians. Catholic schools have been closed, episcopal sees robbed of their property, priests who attempted to defend the rights of the Church have been severely punished, Catholic charitable institutions have been broken up, and whenever any opportunity presented itself Catholics have been driven in to the Orthodox Church. All such proceedings have been carried on with absolute disregard for the treaties which recognized the rights of religious and national minorities.

### Very Rev. E. R. Dyer, Head Of Sulpicians In This Country, Dead

Baltimore, Nov. 5.—The Very Rev. E. R. Dyer, S. S., Provincial of the Sulpicians in the United States and Superior of St. Mary's Seminary here for the past twenty-three years, died at the Box Barbara Hospital Tuesday night after a prolonged illness. He was seventy-one years old. During the past summer he had received treatment at a health resort near Clermont, France, and returned at the opening of the school year, apparently much improved. His health failed rapidly, however, and he was admitted to the hospital September 23.

Father Dyer was a native of Washington, the son of a physician there. When the future Provincial was still a young boy his family moved to Piscataway, Maryland. He entered St. Charles' College, then located at Ellicott City and later studied at St. Mary's Seminary and at the Seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris. He was ordained in the French Capital by Archbishop Richard in 1888, and then went to Rome for post-graduate studies.

Returning to the United States he became Superior of the Department of Philosophy and Professor of Philosophy at St. Mary's. In 1898 he was appointed the first president of St. Joseph's Seminary, New York and remained there until he was chosen as Superior of St. Mary's. For twenty-six years he was Vicar-General and principal representative in America of the Superior General of the Sulpicians. Three years ago he became Provincial.

More than a thousand priests have been trained at St. Mary's under the direction of Father Dyer. He was a close friend of the late Cardinal Gibbons and of Archbishop Curley.

"Dr. Dyer was one of the best known priests and one of the leading figures in the Catholic Church of America," the Archbishop declared. "Humble, devoted to the sublime work of training young aspirants to the priesthood, he left behind him an indelible impression of priestliness in the minds of thousands of the Catholic clergy of this country. His death is an enormous loss to the Church in America and particularly to the Archdiocese of Baltimore."

The Very Rev. Michael F. Dinneen, S. S., Vice-President of St. Mary's Seminary, is in charge of that institution pending the appointment of a permanent successor to Father Dyer.

### Archbishop Byrne Stirs Dublin On Housing Conditions

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).  
Dublin, Nov. 2.—Archbishop Byrne's strong lead on the housing question is now being actively followed by the Protestant Church ecclesiastics in Dublin. The Protestant Archbishop, Dr. Gregg, has made an impressive appeal to his flock to help in doing something for "the 26,000 families in Dublin city who are in need of houses." A Protestant rector, the Rev. D. H. Hall, has taken up the subject with the most practical enthusiasm. He is actually building, and he says he will not rest content till houses for the overcrowded tenement dwellers are provided at the rate of 1,000 homes a year.

The Rev. Dennis Osborne, on behalf of the Presbyterians, declares that one room is a mockery of a home. "The death rate among the children is terrible. Think of it! For every babe carried to the grave from our own comfortable dwellings five little bodies are borne from the tenements to the cemetery. It is pitiful to witness the preventable massacre of the innocents."

Everything indicates that the words spoken so pointedly by the Archbishop of Dublin at a function in the College of the Holy Ghost Fathers at Blackrock, Dublin, have awakened the social conscience.

### Glasgow Archbishop Handed Gift Of \$12,500

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).  
London, Nov. 2.—A jubilee gift of \$12,500 was handed this week to the Archbishop of Glasgow, the Most Rev. Donald Mackintosh, on behalf of the clergy and laity of his diocese. He was ordained in Rome on Nov. 1, 1900, and was afterwards successively vice-rector and rector of the Scots College there.

### Priest, Held Prisoners In China, Escape

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).  
Dublin, Nov. 3.—After having been held captive by Chinese bandits on the island of San-Chan for several days, the Rev. Otto A. Rauschenback and the Rev. Thomas O'Melia, two members of the American Foreign Missionary Society, escaped to Hongkong, according to a cablegram received here by the Very Rev. James A. Walsh, Superior of Maryknoll. Prior to their escape an American destroyer and a Chinese warship had been ordered to go to their rescue. They were picked up by the American gunboat "Sacramento" and taken to Peking and later to Hongkong. Details of the escape were not contained in the brief cable message.

Father Walsh said the missionaries, who are assigned to San-Chan Island, had gone to Hongkong for their yearly retreat. On their return to San-Chan they found their church pillaged and the bandits living in the quarters formerly occupied by the priests. The bandits seized the missionaries and threatened their lives. It is believed the bandits planned to hold the priests for ransom but their plan was frustrated when the latter, disregarding the threats of violence, took their first opportunity and escaped. The missionaries will remain in Hongkong. Father Walsh said, until conditions on the island become normal.

San-Chan Island, where the missionaries were held captive, is the place where the great Apostle of the Indies, St. Francis Xavier, died.

### Ulster Will Support "Specials" But Not Widows And Orphans

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).  
Dublin, Nov. 3.—Joseph Devlin, former member of the Irish Parliamentary Party and now a Nationalist Member of the Belfast Parliament, protested vehemently before the assembly regarding the pittance amount which it was providing for widows and orphans. The maximum sum for the whole area of North-East Ireland was \$725,000. Criticism was rendered especially appropriate by the poverty and unemployment now rapidly extending throughout the countries governed by the Belfast Legislature.

The Minister responsible for the proposal admitted the inadequacy of the provision, and stated that it was impossible to do better in the present condition of the Government's finances. Mr. Devlin pointed out, however, that \$1,500,000 was being spent on a partisan police force that was a menace to a large part of the population. He was proceeding to compare this figure with the amount proposed for the widows and orphans when the Speaker interposed to disallow "arguments based on certain analogies."

The Minister reiterated his admission that the Government was in financial water and added: "We could make savings in the direction of the police if we thought it right. But we don't, because we believe our first duty as a Government is to make ourselves absolutely sure that the territory over which we are guardians is perfectly free from attack."

This statement is taken as implying that the Special Constabulary which is so intimidatory to the Catholic citizens will be maintained regardless of cost till the boundary question is finally put to rest.

### Chor-Bishop Yazbek, Prelate Of Syrians, Is Claimed By Death

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).  
Boston, Nov. 5.—Funeral services were held here Saturday for the Rev. Joseph Yazbek, Chor-Bishop of the missions of the Arabic-speaking people of the United States, who died suddenly in Boston the Wednesday before. Bishop Yazbek had come to this city to arrange the affairs of a cousin who had died. He apparently was in good health, but was stricken with apoplexy.

Bishop Yazbek was born in Mt. Lebanon, Syria, and made a partial study at Beyruth. He then came to America, where he was ordained by Archbishop Corrigan in New York. He labored for many years among the Syrian people in scattered all over the United States, going from city to city. He had been pastor of St. Maron's church here in addition to his other duties for 4 years.

### Fr. Joseph A. Hickey Elected Augustinian Assistant General

Chicago, Nov. 6.—The Rev. Joseph A. Hickey, O. S. A., has been elected Assistant General of the Augustinian Order with jurisdiction in English-speaking countries, according to word received here.

Father Hickey is a native of Chicago. In his new office he will have charge of the Augustinian establishments in England, Ireland, Australia, Cuba and the United States. He succeeded the Most Rev. Charles M. Deane, O. S. A. It is understood he will make his headquarters in Rome during the six-year term of his office.

### Minnesota University Students Campaign For Catholic Causes

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).  
St. Paul, Nov. 3.—Plans for the establishment of a Catholic center at the University of Minnesota have been approved by Archbishop Deane and a campaign to raise money for the construction of the building is now under way. It is proposed to erect a building with a chapel, enough to accommodate 150 students, and also containing a library, dining and study rooms, and an assembly hall.

The Rev. M. J. Carey, C.M., Chaplain of the Catholic students at the University, is directing the campaign on behalf of the proposed center. He has addressed a letter to all priests in Minnesota pointing out that there are about 600 Catholic students in the State University and that the resources of the parish in which the University is located are inadequate to care for the spiritual needs of the students. The Minnesota Catholic Association, an organization formed several years ago, owns a lot which it purchased as a site for a religious center but it has never been able to raise money enough to proceed with the building program.

### Protestant Bodies In Ireland Showing Loss Of Membership

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).  
Dublin, Nov. 1.—With the exception of the Methodist body, all the Protestant churches in Ireland are showing a grave shrinkage in the number of their adherents. The Anglican is particularly so, especially in the southern area. The Presbyterians have increased, although they remain the smallest of the Protestant churches in the country.

The Presbyterian ranks widely distributed numerical strength in the country to an extent that is causing the Anglican Church, which is the largest Protestant body in the country, to be seriously alarmed.

### Priest's Labor In Reported

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).  
St. Paul, Nov. 3.—The labor of the Rev. J. J. Hickey, S. S., Provincial of the Sulpicians in the United States, is reported to have been particularly fruitful in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

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