

English Catholic Candidates Do Well In City Elections

London, Nov. 16.—Catholics did very well wherever they stood for election in the municipal contests which have just taken place all over the country.

In Sheffield this apathy was particularly noticeable. Of the 63 members of the city council not one is a Catholic, and the only Catholic who was a candidate was defeated.

In no case did a candidate run on a "Catholic" ticket, except in Liverpool where Catholic interests are at stake.

The situation in Liverpool caused considerable comment in advance of the election the local papers announced the formation of a "Catholic party".

"Since the disappearance of the Nationalist organization, there is not even any machinery for consolidating the Catholic vote in Liverpool. But in the six wards that constitute the Scotland road area a 'Catholic Representation Association' has been formed."

The Archbishop denies that the movement is "sectarian" or "promoting" or "aggressive", epithets which have been used in criticism of it.

Catholic action at Wimbledon (London) is held to be responsible for the defeat of candidates who favored birth-control. A Catholic emergency committee put to all candidates the following question: "If elected will you oppose any attempt to countenance artificial birth-control?"

Mr. Sakayala, the communist member of parliament, was at the bottom of the poll in St. Pancras (London) when he tried to get a seat on the borough council.

London Catholics Are Reassured By School Board Head

London, Nov. 16.—The president of the Board of Education, Lord Sainsbury, has made a reassuring statement declaring that his department has no intention of holding a pistol at the heads of Catholics in the matter of the blacklisted schools.

His remarks came as a reply to Archbishop Mostyn, of Cardiff, who a few days ago declared that Catholics were not going to build the "parallel" schools which he said were demanded by the board.

Lord Sainsbury, speaking at Haverfordwest, said neither Mr. Mostyn nor anyone else need fear that he was going to impose any palatial standard. They had to be practical, he said, and had to concentrate upon what was necessary for health and efficient instruction, which included conditions under which a teacher could be reasonably expected to put forth his best in the way of teaching.

With regard to the "black list," they were not putting a pistol at the heads of the local authorities or of the voluntary bodies. All they said to them was that in drawing up their lists whether they could save money in the case of council schools by some reorganization and grouping of schools, if possible, and see in other cases where they did not think a school was bad that it ought to be replaced, whether for the sake of economy they had better get ahead with the necessary repairs now.

Archbishop's Gift To Gibbons Institute

Washington, Nov. 11.—Archbishop Curran of Baltimore has given an additional \$2,500 to the Cardinal Gibbons Institute for the education of colored youth at Ridge, Md. It was announced here this week by A. C. Mansfield, executive secretary of the institute.

Polish Prelate Extends Thanks To The President

Archbishop Cieplak, Who Escaped Soviet's Sentence to Death, Expresses Gratitude For U. S. Intervention—Is Appointed Head Of Vilna Diocese

Washington, Nov. 20.—Archbishop Cieplak, former head of the Catholic Church in Russia, came to Washington during the past week to thank President Coolidge for the sympathy manifested by America toward the Catholics of Russia—manifestations which were instrumental in saving the life of the Archbishop after a Bolshevik tribunal had condemned him to death following a farcical trial in 1923.

Made Archbishop of Vilna Since his arrival in America last week Archbishop Cieplak has received notification of his appointment to the Archiepiscopal See of Vilna, Poland, which appointment, he said, will preclude an attempt on his part to return to Russia.

In Washington, besides being received at the White House, the Archbishop called upon the Apostolic Delegate and was the guest of honor at a luncheon at the Polish Legation.

The Archbishop visited Georgetown University where, through an interpreter, he made a brief address to the student body in which he expressed his gratitude to Father Walsh for the latter's efforts to aid the Archbishop while he was confined in the old Butyrki prison in Moscow.

Honored by Apostolic Delegate A dinner in honor of the distinguished visitor was given at the Apostolic Legation here Thursday night at which the following were present: The Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States; the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University of America; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward A. Pace, director of Studies at the Catholic University; the Very Rev. Filippo Bernardini, Professor at the Catholic University; the Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; the Rev. Stanislaus J. Cieplak's traveling companion; the Very Rev. Msgr. Paul Marcella, Auditor of the Apostolic Delegation; and the Rev. Dr. George L. Leech, Secretary of the Delegation.

Saint's Chasuble Worn at Canisius Anniversary Mass

Cologne, Nov. 16.—A Mass in which the celebrant wore a saint's chasuble, the gift of a duke, and offered up the sacrifice in the favorite place of prayer of the saint, before the crucifix which once stood on his table, has just been said here.

Kimberley's Bishop Son of An American Civil War Officer

Dublin, Nov. 16.—Son of an officer of the U. S. Army, the Most Rev. David O'Leary has the distinction of being the first South African by birth to be raised to the Episcopacy. He has been made Bishop of Kimberley. The prelate belongs to an old County Cork family and has many relatives in the own of Fermoy, where some of his own early years were passed.

Catholic Union Movement Wins Aid Of Capuchins

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Rome, Nov. 16.—The support which the great Religious Orders of the Church are giving to the Catholic Union, the international organization which, with the blessing and approval of the Holy Father, is working for the reunion of the schismatics of Russia and the Near East with the Holy See, is increasing rapidly.

The work of establishing a branch of the Catholic Union in Rome itself has been undertaken, at the request of Rev. Father Count Galen, its president, by two well known figures of the Eternal City. Dom Placide de Meester, the famous Belgian Benedictine, consultant of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church (which is lending active support to the Catholic Union) one of the Church's greatest experts on the affairs of the dissident East, especially in liturgical matters, and who recently addressed the great reunion conferences at Laibach and at Brussels, and Very Rev. Father de Fenne, one of the Procurator Generals of the Franciscan Order, will have charge of the work of the Roman branch of the Catholic Union.

Two Bishops Will Be Consecrated At Same Ceremony Philadelphia, Nov. 19. With most imposing ceremony, unique in this historic see of the United States, two Philadelphia priests will be enrolled among the successors of the Apostles when in the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, on the feast of St. Andrew, Monday, November 30, at 10 a. m., the Right Rev. Edmond J. Fitzmaurice, D.D., will be consecrated as fourth Bishop of Wilmington, Delaware, and the Right Rev. Edwin V. Byrne, D.D., as first Bishop of Ponce, Porto Rico.

His Eminence, the Cardinal, will officiate as consecrator at the dual ceremony. The assistant consecrators will be the Right Rev. John J. Swint, D.D., Bishop of Wheeling, West Virginia, and the Right Rev. Andrew J. Brennan, D.D., V.G., Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton, Pa.

The Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., D.D., Archbishop of Cincinnati, will preach the sermon.

The assistant priest will be the Right Rev. Monsignor Joseph A. Whitaker, S.T.L., chancellor. The deacons of honor will be the Right Rev. Monsignors Michael C. Donovan, P. R., and Fenton J. Fitzpatrick, P. R. The deacon of the Mass will be the Rev. Charles B. McGinley, and the sub-deacon will be the Rev. Philip E. Donahue. The masters of ceremonies will be the Right Rev. Monsignor Thomas F. McNally and the Revs. William J. Laloui, P. R., and William P. McNally, S.T.L., Ph. D. The address of the clergy will be made by the Very Rev. Joseph M. Corrigan, D.D. The notaries will be the Right Rev. Monsignor James A. Mullin and the Rev. John F. O'Neill, S.T.L. Chaplains will be as follows: To Bishop-elect Fitzmaurice, the Revs. William J. Garrigan, D.D., and Elmer M. Stapleton; to Bishop-elect Byrne, the Revs. Thomas A. McNally, and Aloysius J. Willinger, C.S.S.R.; to Bishop Swint, the Very Rev. Edward Mickle, V. G., and the Rev. John J. Dougherty; to Bishop Brennan, the Revs. Eugene McGuinness and Joseph A. Dougherty.

The music of the Mass will be rendered by the priests' choir and the students' choir of St. Charles' Seminary, Overbrook.

Lourdes Ceremonies Reproduced Exactly In English Church

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, Nov. 16.—"A Day at Lourdes" was reproduced this week for the congregation of the Church of Holy Rood, Watford. All the features of the daily program at the famous Pyrenean shrine were duplicated during an impressive service.

After the recital of a public act of contribution and the singing of hymns, the whole congregation went in procession to a little grotto erected in the church, and there drank water brought from the French shrine.

Meanwhile, the Lourdes invocations were uttered exactly as they are at Lourdes. After an address by Father Arthur there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Lourdes hymn, "Ave, Ave, Ave Maria" was sung and the Credo recited.

At the end all the church lights were extinguished, except the candles before the grotto, and the lights on the great crucifix, thus reproducing the night scene at Lourdes.

Free Dispensary Treats 7,999 In Year

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 21.—Marquette University's free medical dispensary, conducted in connection with the university hospital and medical school, treated a total of 7,999 patients during the last fiscal year, it has been announced here. There were 19,914 visits registered.

Belgians To Build Votive Basilica To Sacred Heart

Campaign Begin Conducted Under Leadership Of Cardinal Mercier And His Five Suffragan Bishops

Louvain, Nov. 16.—Under the leadership of Cardinal Mercier and his five suffragan Bishops a campaign is being carried on to complete the great votive Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the heights of Koekelberg by 1930—the centenary of Belgium's independence. Erection of such a Basilica overlooking Brussels was pledged during the war by the Belgian Hierarchy, the project to be undertaken as soon as the country was liberated from the Germans.

The time has come to redeem our pledge. We pledged the Sacred Heart of Jesus to erect a Basilica that would commemorate in the eyes of the universe the preservation of our national independence and symbolize the believers' loving devotion to the Divine Redeemer of mankind. . . . A promise is a debt. All Belgians with a heart for the autonomy of their country and for the respect of the pledged word will contribute a stone to the national temple of which Leopold II was the first to conceive the idea.

The glorious undertaking is to cost millions; it were difficult to submit exact figures. That problem, however, should not be one to worry us. The amount necessary for the erection of a memorial worthy of the King of Love whom we want greatly to honor, worthy of independent Belgium, which desires to render Him the homage of its national gratitude and of its religious devotion, shall be found. For the centenary of our national autonomy in 1930 we ought to have at least six or seven million francs. The Committee of the Basilica will have them. It has two millions on hand, the other millions shall be forthcoming.

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