

New York Jesuit Writers Change Their Residence

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New York, April 26.—"Moving Day"—that is May 1 or thereabouts—is one of New York's social institutions. It brings about numerous changes of location for families and business concerns and consequent domestic turmoil and tribulation. One of the current year's incidents in this direction is the transfer of Campion House, the residence of the Jesuit Fathers who assist the Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, editor-in-chief, in the publication of "America," the Catholic Review of the week and the "Catholic Mind," its semi-monthly ally, from 329 West Eighty-sixth street to 329 West One hundred eighth street.

The Eighty-sixth street house, has fallen before an incursion of sky-scraping vandals now devastating that once very attractive thoroughfare. Campion House enjoys the distinction of being as yet the only Jesuit "House of Writers" in the United States. Chicago hopes to have one also in the near future. These "Houses of Writers" for centuries have been an important part of the general program of the Jesuit Order. It is simply what we now call "publicity propaganda," and another example of the fact that a great deal of what we pride ourselves as being "modern" and "progressive" is very old and the invention of the so-called obscurantists of the unenlightened past. In these residences Fathers of the Society of Jesus who have special talent as writers, live and devote their time to the production of such books, pamphlets, periodicals, and newspapers as the exigencies of the times seem to demand.

The oldest of these "Houses of Writers" is that of the Bollandist Press, at the College of St. Michel, Brussels, which dates from 1603, when Father Herbert Roseweyde suggested the foundation, developed a few years later by Father John van Bolland, whose name has since been used in its designation. There are "Houses of Writers" now in England, France, Germany, Italy, and Spain. Campion House, New York, dates from April, 1909, when Father John J. Wynne, S. J., began the publication of "America." Its forerunner was the American "Messenger of the Sacred Heart," started in 1866 by the famous Italian Jesuit scientist, Father Benedict Scattini, and a development of this "Messenger" was the inception by Father Wynne of the "Catholic Encyclopedia," the most ambitious and successful accomplishment in the field of American Catholic literature.

The first residence of the editors of "America" was the Altop mansion on Washington Square, one of New York's old-time famous social centers. Thence, after two years, there was a brief stay, during the editorship of the late Father T. J. Campbell, S. J., with the foundation of St. Ignatius' Church, Park Avenue and Eighty-fourth street, followed by the permanent location for the past ten years, under Father R. H. Tierney, S. J., in West Eighty-sixth street. Now led by Father Wilfred Parsons, the "good and faithful servants" go up higher, hereafter to continue their work, overlooking the lordly Hudson at 329 West One hundred eighth street.

Mexico Bishops Issue Pastoral On Persecution

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Mexico City, April 21.—The Pastoral Letter of the Bishops and Bishops of Mexico, issued today, is the first joint pronouncement of the Mexican Hierarchy on the subject of religious persecution. The Letter calls for the amendment of those clauses of the Constitution which restrict religious freedom and urges the Catholics to organize for the defense of their rights.

Declaring that "the recent religious events, known to all, have deeply afflicted our soul and the souls of all Mexican Catholics, awakening in all a just anxiety and apprehension," the Bishops affirm that it is their duty, as the pastors called by the Holy Spirit to govern the Church of God, to issue to their flocks "words of instruction, encouragement and concord."

Thirty-Six Entries For National High School Relay Run

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Milwaukee, April 21.—Thirty-six schools have now entered teams in the fourth annual Marquette National High School Relay Carnival which is to be held in the university's stadium on May 8. Among the most recent entries are the teams of Algoma High School, Algoma, Wis.; Racine High School, Racine, Wis.; St. Ignace High School, Chicago, Ill.; Milwaukee Country Day and Milwaukee Vocational School, of this city.

It is predicted that this year's carnival will bring to this city the greatest gathering of high school track stars it has ever seen and elaborate preparations are being made for the entertainment of the visiting teams.

Six Dominican Nuns Injured When Auto Is Forced Over Bank

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

New York, April 19.—Six Sisters of the Order of St. Dominic were injured at Huntington, L. I., Saturday when the motor station wagon in which they were riding was forced off the road and over a six-foot embankment by another machine. The nuns were returning from Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Huntington to their retreat on Rosemary Farm in West Neck avenue.

The driver of the station wagon was uninjured and with passing motorists removed the Sisters to Huntington Hospital. All were suffering from cuts, bruises and shock. Peter J. Hooney, an employee of the Marshall Field estate, was driver of the other vehicle. The hub cap of his machine caught under the front hub cap of the station wagon and threw it out of the driver's control.

Cardinal O'Connell Sells N. Y. Theater For Boston Charities

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, April 20.—Catholic charities of Boston are richer by a sum estimated in excess of \$1,500,000 as the result of the sale here Saturday by Cardinal O'Connell of Boston of the Fifth Avenue Theater at Broadway and Twenty-eighth street. The property was part of a residuary estate left by A. Paul Keith, the vaudeville manager, to Cardinal O'Connell with directions that the funds be used for charity in memory of his mother, Mrs. Mary Katherine Keith.

F. F. Proctor, owner of the Proctor chain of vaudeville and motion picture houses, purchased the property through one of his theater corporations. He already held a five year lease on the property and will continue his present policy of vaudeville and motion pictures in its use. The International Amusement and Realty Corporation, a holding company for Cardinal O'Connell, effected the sale. His Eminence was represented by H. G. Cunningham of Boston.

Attorney-General Of Mexico Orders Bishop Prosecuted

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Mexico City, April 20.—Instructions to prosecute Bishop Jose de Jesus Manriquez Zarate of Huejutla have promptly followed the issuance by the bishop of his pastoral letter admonishing Catholics to persevere in the practice of their religion and open new schools, denying an offense on the part of the Mexican clergy and declaring that he is ready to suffer martyrdom if necessary for the cause of Christ and His Church.

Attorney General Ortega has instructed the district attorney of the Third district court in Mexico City to prosecute Bishop Manriquez because of the pastoral letter, and to seek severe punishment if he is found guilty. He declares that the bishop's language is a violation of the laws of Mexico and that the letter is an attempt to incite the people to disorder and disobedience of the law. He adds that it slanders high government officials.

Meantime, the bishop of the State of Morelia has ordered churches closed, following the order to enforce the law limiting the number of Catholic priests. At the same time he has appealed to the Government for the repeal of the regulation, asserting it leaves the Church with too few priests to conduct the regular services.

Sister Of Charity Dies After Serving Seventy-One Years

(N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, April 17.—Sister Mary Nicholas, who died recently at the Convent of Holy Cross in her 89th year, had completed 71 years of religious life. She was the oldest member of her community at the time of her death.

Sister Mary Nicholas was baptized Catherine Quinn. She was born in Ireland on December 8, 1837. Her family, which was large, came to this country and established its home at Silver Lake, Pa. Two sons and four daughters of this family took up the religious life.

The Rev. Walter F. Gilmore of Holy Cross Church sang Sister Nicholas' requiem Mass. Interment was made in Calvary. Sister Nicholas was the last of those Sisters of Charity who lived in the old Motherhouse in Central Park.

New York Catholic Club Makes Protest Against Mexico's Acts

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

New York, April 17.—Protesting against religious persecution in Mexico, the Catholic Club of the City of New York, in resolutions adopted at its last regular meeting, calls upon President Coolidge to make known to the Government of Mexico "the indignation which its action has aroused amongst religious-minded people irrespective of creed, and that the present conduct of the Government of Mexico is inconsistent with the continuance of friendly relations between this Government and the Government of Mexico."

The club, which was addressed by former Judge Alfred J. Talley and former Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, both of whom recently appeared before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, called attention in its resolution to the fact that religious persecution in Mexico is directed against other creeds as well as the Catholic and says:

"The said acts on the part of the President and the existing Government of Mexico are fortified in the minds of the Mexico people by reason of the fact that the present Calles Government is recognized as a friendly power by the Government of the United States."

The resolution continues to say that "such acts are contrary to the rights of humanity and the rules which should govern the conduct of civilized nations," and that "the present constitution of itself, if carried out, shows that the Government of Mexico is unfitted under such constitution and the present government to be counted among the family of nations."

The club asserts that in calling upon President Coolidge to take action it was acting as American citizens and asks that the Chief Executive should inform Mexico directly or through the State Department.

Mother Lathrop To Receive Medal From Rotary Club

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, April 24.—Mother Mary Alphonsa Lathrop, Superior of the motherhouse and novitate of the Sisters of St. Dominic, Congregation of St. Rose of Lima, here, and daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne, the novelist, has received a gold medal from the Rotary Club for service to humanity.

Mother Lathrop's work for the alleviation of the suffering of destitute cancer victims won her the award. She has devoted herself to this apostolate for many years, being the founder and director of St. Rose's Free Cancer Hospital in New York, which also has a country house in Westchester county. With the local title "Servants of Relief for Incurable Cancer," her community works only in New York and has 27 Sisters, 3 novices and 2 postulants.

Mother Lathrop, who was Rose Hawthorne, was born in Massachusetts in 1831 and thus is now 75 years old. She was married in 1871 to George Parsons Lathrop, a Unitarian, and both became Catholics in 1891.

"St. Bernard History", Presented At London Theater, Wins Praise

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, April 18.—Because the Lord Chamberlain will not permit stage representations of "Our Lord, Our Lady" was portrayed instead in the "Balcony of Heaven" scenes of "The Marvellous History of St. Bernard," produced this week at the Kingsway Theater.

The play has received good press notices. It had a great reception on the first night. The production, by the Birmingham Repertory company, is of St. Barry Jackson's translation of M. Gheon's play.

Mr. Gheon's attention was called to the change necessitated by the Lord Chamberlain's restriction and he expressed his approval of the manner in which it had been carried out.

N. C. W. C. Department Sponsors Conference On World Relations

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, April 23.—The Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, is calling a conference on international relations to be held in Cleveland on June 27. It has been announced here. The conference will follow immediately the meeting of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems and will have afternoon and evening sessions.

Among those who will address the conference will be American students of international problems and some foreign speakers who will have come to this country for the Eucharistic Congress.

Dutch Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims Announce Itinerary

(By Rev. J. Van der Heyden, Louvain Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Louvain, April 7.—The Dutch Propaganda Committee for the 28th Eucharistic Congress to be held in Chicago, June 20 to 24, has just made public the itinerary which the pilgrimage is promoting will follow en route to and from the meeting.

The party will sail from Rotterdam on June 9 aboard the "Nieuw Amsterdam" of the Holland-Amerika Line. It will arrive in New York on June 19 and leave the same morning over the New York Central railroad by special train for Chicago. The pilgrimage will arrive in Chicago June 20, the opening day of the Congress.

The party will leave June 25 and will make an excursion to several eastern cities before sailing from New York for home on July 3.

Pittsburgh To See "Dreamer Awakes" For Mission Crusade

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Pittsburgh, April 20.—More than 20,000 residents of this city will take part in the gigantic mission rally to be held here April 29 and 30 when 1,500 Catholic students of Western Pennsylvania will present the religious pageant "The Dreamer Awakes" at the Syria Mosque, under the auspices of the Pittsburgh Conference of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade. The Rt. Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh, will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral on April 30 as a part of the rally.

The purpose of the medieval pageant which will be presented on two stages, is to show the people of Pittsburgh how little interest they take in missions, and to exhort them, by dramatic portrayals and instrumental music, to rally to the side of Christ, in His search for souls.

On one of the two stages will be depicted scenes from the mission fields of Africa and Asia as well as missionary spots yet to be covered in this country. On the other will be shown young men and women of America, engrossed in sports and social activities, oblivious to the necessity of missionary endeavor. The story develops the thought of "Rebellion" and the "Crusader" putting "Indifference" and his aides to flight and bringing to the young men and women of this country the true meaning of Christ upon the Cross.

Folk dances of old Europe will be introduced with Oriental and modern creations to form a background for the production. Each dance will represent one or more historical periods and the students in the cast will wear the costumes of 26 different nations. The Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., author of the pageant has transcribed music from the Buddhist ritual to accompany the Chinese, Japanese and Indian dances in the production.

Monsignor Groski and the Rev. L. A. Quinn will be deacons of honor at the Pontifical Mass Bishop Boyle will celebrate. The Very Rev. M. A. Hehr, C. S. Sp., will be assistant priest and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Stadelman and the Rev. William Burke will be deacons of the Mass. Five thousand students will march to the Cathedral for the religious exercises.

Salesians' English Provincial Dies On Visit To Congo

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, April 17.—The Provincial of the English Salesians, Father Francis Scaloni, died last week in the Congo, according to a cable received at the Salesian School, Batterssea. He received the habit from the hands of the Venerable Don Bosco, founder of the Congregation, Father Scaloni left London a few weeks ago to visit, at the request of the Belgian government, the technical schools conducted by the Salesians in the Congo.

He knew the Congo, having spent some years there, and it is now recalled that in a farewell conversation with a Catholic newspaperman, he spoke sadly of his projected journey. "The climate is terrible for the white man and I didn't like it at all," he said.

Father Scaloni will be buried in the Congo. Requiem Masses are being celebrated at the Salesian churches here.

Father Scaloni was sent to Belgium in 1891 to found the Belgian Province of the Salesians and he opened the first house at Liege. He gained fame in Belgium as a preacher and philosophical writer.

When the English and Belgian provinces were united in 1909 he took over their government and held the position until the provinces were again separated after the world war. He was in Belgium during the whole of the hostilities and afterwards came back to England as Superior of the English province.

New Provincial For Hungarian Sisters Of America

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, April 26.—The Daughters of Divine Charity, a community of Hungarian Sisters with Motherhouse at Arrochar Park, Staten Island, N. Y., have received official communication from Vienna, Austria, that Sister M. Blanda Dominovich has been appointed Provincial over the Convents in America. Mother Blanda, formerly Superior of St. Mary's Home for Working Girls at New York, 229 E. 72nd St., is on her way from England where she was visiting the Convent at Shafton. She is credited with having opened a much needed shelter for working girls of Hungarian descent over 10 years ago in New York, which she has succeeded in enlarging to such an extent that its present capacity is 200 girls.

The Community of Daughters of Divine Charity, organized by Francis Lechner in 1868 in Vienna, has convents in England, Hungary, Poland, United States, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Italy and Yugo-Slavia, with 14 provinces, and over 2000 members. Their first American House was opened in 1913 in New York, with 3 Sisters, headed by Mother Kostka M. Bauer, who was recently elected Mother Provincial with headquarters at Vienna. Today they have 11 convents with parochial schools and 120 Sisters amongst whom about two-thirds are American-born girls of Hungarian parentage.

Prague Losing Two Catholic Churches

(By V. Myslivec, Jr., Prague Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Prague, April 12.—Prague is losing two of its Catholic churches and a third is in danger, as a result of the municipality's plans for reconstruction of the city.

St. Joseph's and Queen of Angels churches, both served by Capuchin Fathers, are the two which must go. Each has a monastery attached. St. Joseph's will be replaced by a great building, probably a theater, and Queen of Angels church and monastery will give way to a new street. Representatives of the Capuchin Provincial have protested, but have been informed that plans for the reconstruction of the square where St. Joseph's stands were made public a year ago and that the right to reclaim it expired six months ago.

Another St. Joseph's Church, in another part of the city, also is likely to go as a result of the reconstruction plan. Besides, five churches have been closed voluntarily, some of them being adapted for secular purposes already. Seven, and possibly eight, churches closed—means serious shortage of places of worship in the city.

Father Pesch, Noted German Theologian And Sociologist, Dead

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

Cologne, April 17.—The Rev. Heinrich Pesch, S. J., one of Germany's most noted theologians and political, social and economic writers, died recently at Valkenburg, Holland.

Father Pesch, who was a brother of the Rev. Tillmann Pesch, the editor, was born at Cologne-Mulheim in 1853. He entered the Jesuit order with his brother after graduating from high school and soon was a leader in the Catholic social movement. What Bishop Emmanuel von Ketteler of Mainz initiated and Professor Hiltze fostered, Father Pesch carried on, giving German culture and civilization special characteristics and throwing new light on many social problems.

Canada's Catholic Chief Justice Pays Visit To St. John

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

St. John, N. B., April 20.—Chief Justice Francis A. Anglin of the Supreme Court of Canada visited this, his native city last week as guest of honor and principal speaker at the luncheon of the St. John Law Society.

The Chief Justice, who is a brother of Margaret Anglin, the famous actress, is the son of Hon. Timothy Warren Anglin, founder and first editor of "The Freeman", the predecessor of "The New Freeman", the official Catholic weekly of this city.

Two More Chicago Churches Dedicated

Chicago, April 25.—Two magnificent new churches in the Archdiocese of Chicago were dedicated today with impressive ceremonies—St. James, at Highwood, a northern suburb, and San Callisto in the Italian district of the West Side. Cardinal Mundelein officiated at the former and Bishop Hoban at the latter. In both cases there were parades of Catholic societies preceding the ceremonies.

Chemical Essay Prize Is Won By Catholic Students

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, April 26.—Miss Demetro Chaconas, who will be graduated in June from Holy Trinity High School, has been awarded the first prize in the District for her essay, "The Relation of Chemistry to the Development of the Coal Industry in the United States."

The prize, which is \$20.00 in gold, will be presented to Miss Chaconas at the closing exercises which will be held early in June in the auditorium of Holy Trinity High School.

The contest was held under the auspices of the American Chemical Society and the funds for the prizes were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Garvan of New York.

Sir James Craig's Denial Of Unfairness Is Promptly Refuted

(By Joseph J. Mooney, Dublin Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Dublin, April 19.—Sir James Craig's denial of discrimination against Catholics in Northern Ireland has led Mr. M'Alvey of Belfast, a member of the Borough Council and Vice-Chairman of the Belfast Water Board, to make an interesting disclosure concerning the "absolute equality" with which Catholics are employed in the offices and works of the board.

There has been in the board, it was pointed out, an invariable custom for the vice-chairman to succeed the chairman when the latter's term expired. This apparently applies only in the case of non-Catholic vice-chairmen, it was said, as Mr. M'Alvey was just passed over in such a circumstance. The only excuse given him was that as he is also a member of the Belfast Borough Council he probably could not give sufficient time to both positions and had better remain as vice-chairman. Mr. Condon, who became chairman, is also chairman of the Boyne Water Board.

Sir James defened conditions in Northern Ireland at a meeting of the County Down Unionist Association, when he took Mr. Devlin, Nationalist Member of Parliament for Belfast, to task, accusing him of saying Catholics were discriminated against, which he said was an entirely unfounded charge. Mr. Condon hastened to the defense of conditions saying that there were "no politics at the Board." He neglected to observe, however, that the charge was not of "playing politics" but of discrimination against a religious body. Belfast's population is 27 per cent Catholic. Catholics total only three per cent of the board's employees.

New \$1,000,000 Seminary To Be Built In St. Louis

(N. C. W. C. News Service)

St. Louis, Mo., April 22.—One of the features of the celebration of the consecration of the new Cathedral of St. Louis and of the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of this diocese, which are to be held on June 29 and 30, will be the presentation to Archbishop Glennon of a pledged fund of \$1,000,000 for the erection of a new preparatory diocesan seminary. Of this sum, \$65,000 was personally pledged at a meeting held at the Cathedral School Hall by 70 of the 125 priests present.

The preparatory seminary, now located at 4244 Washington Boulevard, owing to the increased number of students, has become inadequate, having been purchased over twenty years ago and remodeled. Like the Kenrick seminary it is in charge of the Vincentian Fathers.

English Franciscan Tertiaries' Congress

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, April 16.—Franciscan Tertiaries here have planned a Congress at Manchester to mark the seventh centenary of the death of St. Francis. Four Bishops, three Franciscan Provincials and numerous clergy will attend, and thousands of Tertiaries will travel from all over England. The Bishop of Salford, Msgr. Henshaw, will be president of the Congress, which will be held on May 8, 9 and 10.

Fourteen Chaplains In Free State Army

Dublin, April 20.—The approaching introduction of the budget is heralded by the publication of the numbers and cost of the Free State army. The army comprises 1,000 commissioned officers, 12,500 lower ranks. For that number of privates the proportion of officers in the English army would be 700.

There are 14 army chaplains of whom only one is non-Catholic. The average salary of a chaplain is \$1,500 while \$35,000 is allotted annually to the expenses of the religious services for the whole army including maintenance of barrack chapels, as well as to certain board and lodging allowances received by the priests in addition to their salaries.