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New York, May 31.—The Universal Knowledge Foundation has just handed over to the printer the copy for the first volume of the new general reference work, "Universal Knowledge".

Those preparing the work are the editors of "The Catholic Encyclopedia", and they propose now to present a general encyclopedia which will, "while giving correct information on every subject of human interest, impress on all the reasonableness and need of religion and its dominant influence on human life."

With the announcement that the copy for the first volume is ready, the Foundation gives some statistics on the magnitude of the work. The first volume will have a list of titles of articles exceeding 4,000, and the number of writers occupied in writing these articles is 183.

University Is International. The Catholic University of Fribourg is a state university under the direction of the Catholic Swiss Canton of Fribourg. It was founded in 1889 to supply a demand that arose shortly after the Protestant Reformation when all the existing universities in the present territory of Switzerland went over to either Calvin or Zwingli.

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Jesuits In Germany Plans New Seminary

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine, (Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service.) Cologne, May 17.—The central seminary of the Jesuits at Falkenberg in Holland is to be abandoned June 1 and a new school opened on a recently purchased estate, that of von Grunelius, the banker, at Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

It is the intention of the Bishop of Limburg, as well as the Jesuits, to give the new seminary the character of that at Innsbruck in the Tyrol and to affiliate it with the University of Frankfurt.

The Jesuits, who were expelled from Germany at the time of the Kulturkampf, are admitted now without any restrictions and are working to extend their establishments. They lead in literary work, publish papers and periodicals, have unions and congregations and are entrusted with conduct of high school students' organizations.

Some time after Limburg was established as a diocese, the Hessian-Nassau Government decreed that the priests of that area should be educated at the University of Gießen, acknowledged as the Hessian-Nassau state university.

It has always been the desire of the Diocese of Limburg to have its own seminary. Through the agreement with the General of the Jesuit Order this has now been made possible.

S. Sp. S. Sisters Observe Silver Jubilee In U. S.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Techy, Ill., May 28.—The Missionary Sisters, S. Sp. S., of Techy have just completed a three days' program on the silver jubilee of their province in the United States.

Saturday was devoted to the Thirteen Hour Adoration, the S. V. D. Fathers of St. Mary's Missionhouse here officiating at the Solemn High Mass and Benediction. Pentecost Sunday and Monday, many friends of the community and of the mission cause assisted at the Solemn Pontifical High Masses were sung by the Rt. Rev. Edward F. Hoban, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, and the Rt. Rev. Francis A. Rempé, V. G. The jubilee celebrations found an appropriate closing with the departure celebration for a contingent of Sisters who will leave soon for New Guinea, their future field of labor.

The S. Sp. S. Sisters, after coming to this country in 1901, established themselves at Techy where at present their provincial motherhouse, novitiate and house of studies are situated. They are represented in the dioceses of Chicago, Milwaukee, Dubuque, St. Louis, Natchez, Little Rock, Erie, Boston and Baltimore. Several contingents of Sisters have gone from Techy during the last decade to the distant fields of Africa, China, and New Guinea.

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The party numbered about 120. In the course of the pilgrimage a deputation of 14 priests and 20 laymen was received by the Locum Tenens, Msgr. Theophanes, Archbishop of Tripoli, at the Orthodox Greek Church in Alexandria. There Bishop Masterman read an address in which he declared that the pilgrimage considered it a most agreeable duty to visit the Orthodox patriarchate and offer to the Church of Alexandria the veneration and love which Anglicans, wherever they are, feel toward the Orthodox churches.

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Rumors Of Prussian Concordat Bring On Protestant Attack

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine, (Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service.) Cologne, May 10.—The visit of Msgr. Pacelli, Papal Nuncio to Berlin, to Rome has caused a recurrence of the Protestant storms which last fall greeted rumors of a concordat between the Holy See and Prussia.

Protestant leaders and radicals sought to destroy the concordat that was effected between the Holy See and Bavaria some time ago. It was in these troublous times that the Center deputy and former Minister, Dr. Bell, proved that the concordat conforms to conscience and the Constitution. The Bavarian concordat was adopted and is now in force.

When the Prussian concordat was talked of, the Protestant denominations attacked it. At the head of the movement was the former royal court chaplain, Dr. Doehring, who at the Brandenburg provincial synod and afterward in sermons, speeches and papers indulged in such invectives that not only Catholics but Protestants of the better sentiments were shocked.

Catholics refuted these statements and took steps to offset the influence of Dr. Doehring's behavior and the resolutions adopted by the Brandenburg provincial synod. Eventually the storm subsided and things were quiet until Msgr. Pacelli went to Rome.

Diocesan N. C. C. W. Branch Formed At Richmond Meeting

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Richmond, May 25.—The Richmond Diocesan Council of Catholic Women was organized here Wednesday under the direction of Dr. Anne Very Rev. Felix F. Kaup, Administrator of the Richmond Diocese, which opened the meeting.

Enthusiasm marked the gathering, which was attended by about 50 women from Richmond, Charlottesville, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Fredericksburg. Father Kaup spoke, declaring that Our Lady of Goodchusetts Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., must have sponsored the gathering, there was so much interest, unity of purpose and harmony.

Mrs. Frank Nott of Richmond is diocesan representative of the Council, having been appointed by Bishop O'Connell six years ago. In such capacity she will serve as ex-officio head of the temporary governing body which has been set up pending the diocesan convention to be held when the arguments pro and con named temporary secretary, and several committee chairmen were selected.

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Cardinal O'Connell Receives 2 Notable Jubilee Decorations

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Boston, May 28.—Two distinctive decorations have just been conferred upon Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, on the occasion of the celebration of his silver jubilee as a Catholic bishop.

The King of Italy has bestowed upon His Eminence the Order of the Grand Cross of the Crown of Italy. Marquis Ferrante, Italian consul at Boston, brought the notification, telling the cardinal that the honor was conferred because of his love for Italy, his solicitude for the Italians under his charge and his work for humanity.

In addition, announcement has just been made of the conferring upon His Eminence of the Ball Grand Cross of Honor and Devotion by the Hague-Holland Association of the Sovereign Sacred Order of St. John of Jerusalem (Order of the Knights of Malta). This rare decoration was conferred by the Order "as a mark of their deep appreciation for his wise and timely utterances on world-wide matters and as an act of devotion on the occasion of His Eminence's silver jubilee from the most exclusive order in the Catholic Church."

Msgr. Woznecki Invested At 81. Detroit, May 26.—The Rt. Rev. Stephen S. Woznecki, secretary to Bishop Gallagher of Detroit since 1919, on Thursday was formally invested with the rank of Domestic Prelate. He is only 31 and is one of the youngest priests ever to receive this honor. He was born in 1894 at Miners Mills, Pa., and was ordained in 1917. Pope Pius elevated him to the rank of Domestic Prelate in February.

Curtis-Reed Bill Editorial Comment In Pamphlet Form

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Washington, D. C., May 23.—A pamphlet made up of excerpts from the Curtis-Reed Bill, which proposed to establish a Department of Education with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet, has been compiled by the Rev. Dr. James H. Ryan, Executive Secretary of the N. C. W. C. Department of Education. The Department of Education, the pamphlet, and it is distributing the pamphlet, and it is available by writing to 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

The comments, the pamphlet's production sets forth, were elicited by the hearings held by the joint sub-committee on Education of the Senate and the House of Representatives, February 24-26, and "therefore represents the reaction of American newspapers to the creation of a body which has been set up pending the diocesan convention to be held when the arguments pro and con named temporary secretary, and several committee chairmen were selected.

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