

Catholic Bureaus Of Statistics Are Urged In Holland

By Giving Information On Faithful Who Move From City To City Would Forestall Loss Of Faith—Mixed Marriage Evil Shown By Figures Already Gathered.

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

Louvain, May 24.—In some Holland cities there exist Catholic statistical bureaus registering births, marriages, deaths, removals, arrivals, etc. The statistics gathered by these bureaus are proving to be so valuable and educative that there is a movement on foot to extend the practice over the whole country and to centralize all the facts and data collected by the local offices at a General Roman Catholic Propaganda Bureau. A commission appointed by the executive committee of the Roman Catholic Constitutional Party is studying the feasibility of establishing such a bureau.

The registrar's bureau at work in the city of Harlem has just published some of its statistics for the year 1925. They are commented upon by the Catholic press with anxious concern.

Mixed Marriage Evil Shown

During the year 1925, there were for the whole city 111 mixed marriages to 181 marriages of which both contracting parties were Catholic. In 48 instances of mixed unions, the bridegroom was Catholic and in 63 the bride was Catholic. The percentage of Catholic unions in 1924 having been 65 to 35 mixed, as against 62 to 38 for 1925, the retrogression of 3 per cent prompted the Nieuwe Haarlemsche Courant to write:

"We keep on losing ground. It might be worse, of course, and it is worse in the larger cities of The Hague, Rotterdam and Amsterdam, with percentages, respectively, of 40, 30 and 60 mixed marriages. We can never, therefore, point with too much insistence to this cancer of the sections of our land with a mixed population. Every regressive step means a new incalculable loss for Catholicism, a loss of Roman Catholic souls for generations to come. The additional figures of our registrar's office tell this with painful certainty. And what is true of Harlem is true also and even to a greater extent, elsewhere, as the evil of mixed marriages exists in the same or in greater proportions."

Advantages Of Bureau

Some of the "additional figures" alluded to are the 1925 Harlem bureau's records of 699 births from Catholic and from mixed marriages. Of the 497 births from Catholic parents on both sides, all but eleven children were baptized in the Church, while of the 202 births from mixed marriages, only sixty-one children received Catholic baptism, which means a loss of 70 per cent to the Church.

The movers for a Catholic registrar's office in every city and village point out among the advantages that would accrue from it, the opportunity to give information of every removal to the pastor of the new location, the secretary of the social organization to which the mover belongs, and the secretary of the local Catholic organization. They add weight to their contention by the enumeration of some of the benefits already obtained through the few existing registrar's offices.

Tertiaries Planning Big Mass Meeting During Convention

New York, June 4.—A great public mass meeting will be one of the events of the second national convention of the Third Order of St. Francis here October 3-5. It has been announced following a special meeting of the general committee at which plans for the convention were made.

The mass meeting will take place Sunday, Oct. 3, in the 71st Regiment armory, one of New York's largest auditoriums. Many high dignitaries of both the Church and the State will attend. Alfred J. Talley, former Judge of the Court of Appeals, will be chairman, and among those invited to speak are Oliver Boyie of Milwaukee and Joseph Scott of Los Angeles.

Five sectional meetings will be held for Directors, Tertiary Priests and Major Seminarians, Brother Tertiaries, Sister Tertiaries, and Minor Seminarians and Youth. There also will be services for the various foreign-language groups who will attend, Italian, German, Polish and Lithuanian groups already have been arranged. Churches selected for Masses are St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. John's, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Agnes' and St. Clare's. Among the preachers will be the Most Rev. Anselm Kennealy, O. M. Cap., Archbishop of Simla, India.

Italian tertiaries have started a movement to erect a statue of St. Francis as a memorial of the convention. It was announced that the last general meeting of the committee for the summer will be held the last day in June. All tertiaries were urged to attend the Eucharistic Congress at Chicago "if possible," as a special preparation for the convention.

Prague Catholics Celebrate Feast Of Nation's Saint

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

Prague, May 31.—The feast day of the national patron saint St. John Nepomuk, hero of the confessional, attracted a great number of pilgrims from all parts of the Republic to the sepulchre of the saint in Prague Cathedral.

St. John was put to death by King Vaclav IV in 1393 when he refused to betray the sins confessed to him by the Queen. On Jan. 27th, 1725, over 300 years after his death, his sepulchre was inspected by a select committee of the country's most prominent physicians and scientists and the tongue of the saint found among the decayed limbs, grew scarlet and alive. The fact was duly attested and made public as an occurrence due to no known natural force and ascribed by the faithful to the saint's heroic perseverance in defying to betray the secrets of the confessional.

A great display of fireworks was arranged by the Catholic societies on the eve of the Saint's day and a solemn procession on the following day wound its way through the streets of the capital. The precious relics were carried in the middle of the procession in a gold receptacle by the priests of the Metropolitan Church.

Representatives of many Catholic societies, Catholic gymnasts in uniform, a band consisting of Catholic Slovaks in native rural costumes, also many deputies, senators and members of the Town Council of Prague followed. The aged Archbishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Francis Kordac walked in front of the relics accompanied by the bishops and canons. The total attendance was over 10,000 persons.

Laymen's Retreats At Kansas Colleges

St. Mary's Kans., June 1.—The dates on which the laymen's retreats will be held this summer at St. Mary's College, here and St. Benedict's College, Atchison, have just been announced. The announcement discloses the inauguration of a new retreat, one for women, at St. Mary of the Plains Academy, Dodge City, and the transfer of retreat days from Saturday, Sunday and Monday to Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

In accordance with a custom of 13 years standing the first retreat at St. Mary's will be reserved for the Knights of Columbus. This retreat will be held July 10, 11 and 12 and will be given by the Rev. B. J. Rodnan, S. J. The remainder of the summer retreats, which St. Mary's College has been holding for 18 years, are to be on the following dates and given by the Rev. Adolph J. Kuhlman, S. J.: July 23, 24, and 25; August 6, 7 and 8, and August 27, 28 and 29.

The retreats at St. Benedict will be given by the Rev. Lambert Buron, O. S. B., on the following dates: June 19, 20 and 21, for men; August 1, 2 and 3, for boys, and August 21, 22 and 23 for men. Father Kuhlman gave the retreat for women at St. Mary of the Plains on May 29, 30 and 31.

French Workingmen Arrange To Observe Christian Labor Day

Paris, May 29.—The Catholic Working Men's Syndicates of France have decided to celebrate a Christian Labor Day every year from now on. This feast was celebrated this year for the first time on Ascension Day, when the delegates of the syndicates assembled at Montmartre to attend Mass, celebrated in the presence of Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris. The sermon treated of the religious value of labor which, joyfully performed, is a form of prayer.

In the afternoon, close to eight thousand persons packed the auditorium of the Trocadero where a meeting was held for which Cardinal Dubois acted as Chairman. After the execution of a brilliant artistic program, two addresses were delivered by the President General of the Working Men's Syndicates and by the President of the Catholic Confederation of Employers. The latter declared that Christian employers should not treat working men as slaves, merchandise or children, but that they should recognize their independence, respect their dignity, study their interests and, in short, treat them as fellow-workers.

Marquette Seniors Present Insurance Policy To The Dean

Milwaukee, June 1.—Seniors of the Marquette University College of Journalism, in cooperation with alumni, have presented to the Rev. John Danily, S. J., dean of the college, 20 year endowment insurance totaling \$10,000 to be used as an endowment fund for the school. The presentation took place at a recent meeting of the Marquette Press Club. Students of Journalism at the university, here, expect to make the endowment presentation to the university an annual affair.

St. Renilda Work In Holland Makes Converts Of Many

Members Of Institute Wear Ordinary Lay Costume But Are To All Intents And Purposes Religious By Rev. J. Van der Heyden, (Louvain Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service).

Louvain, May 24.—At the last mission exhibition held in Holland, numerous visitors who came to admire displays of the activities of Dutch missionaries in Africa, America, Asia and Australia were rather startled at the sight of a stand exhibiting the work of missionaries to the pagans of their own land. It was the stand of the Saint Renilda Institute.

Missionaries to the pagans at home do not find quite as extensive a field to cultivate as do the propagators of the Faith in foreign pagan lands. In the large cities of Holland, as in other countries, paganism is rampant and ever increasing numbers are born and bred in an altogether pagan atmosphere. The priests no longer suffice to the task; they have their hands full in trying to keep the sheep of the fold within and would, moreover, not be tolerated in some quarters.

To bring the Gospel of Truth to the slums and its blighted denizens lay apostles are needed. The members of St. Renilda Institute are such, at least exteriorly. They have been organized but six years and already they conduct centers in the three chief cities of Holland—Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague. When out at work "in the valley," the women who belong to the active branch of the Institute dress to suit their taste, after the fashion of the day, as far as compatible with modesty. Exteriorly they have nothing religious to distinguish them from other women and have themselves called "Mevrouwen" rather than "Sisters." Sister savors of Catholicism and anything Catholic is a bugbear for the pagan Dutch inheritors of old Calvinistic bigotry. Their work consists in rousing up the little heathens of the slums, in gathering them in the evenings in the Renilda House and entertaining them with music, songs, and stories, in raising their thoughts to God, in winning their hearts and getting their parents interested by offering to teach the children sewing, ironing, housekeeping, etc. They thereby improve the chances of the girls and are able to persuade them to follow a graduated course of Christian doctrine, which leads to baptism, to Holy Communion, to devoted church membership.

At first the notion of religious walking about the streets in fashionable secular dress—for to all intents and purposes the members of the St. Renilda Institute are Religious—seemed preposterous and little in keeping with religious dignity. But people have already grown into the idea; and it is no longer a novelty, not in Holland at least.

St. Ignatius provoked astonishment and protests when he left out of the Rule of his Order the obligation of the recitation of the office in common; and St. Francis de Sales, when he sent the first Sisters out of their cloisters to work in the world. The Church, adapting its discipline with ease to times and circumstances, finds no fault with the method to spread the Gospel adopted by the Renilda Institute.

Georgetown Honors Late Chief Justice "Greatest Alumnus"

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

Washington, June 3.—The memory of Edward Douglass White, for 27 years associate and chief justice of the United States Supreme Court, was honored at formal exercises at the Georgetown University School of Law, here, last night, when an oil painting of "Georgetown's Greatest Alumnus" was presented to the school by the Class of 1926.

Among those who attended the exercises were Associate Justice Willis Van Lenteren and Associate Justice James C. McReynolds of the Supreme Court, who served on that body with Chief Justice White, and Associate Justice Pierce Butler. A number of the District of Columbia Bar also attended.

The Rev. Charles W. Lyons, S. J., President of Georgetown University, described Chief Justice White as the school's greatest alumnus and George E. Hamilton, dean of the law school, declared that the institution had a proper reason to be proud of its alumnus because of his honorable record of "reverence for the law and its right administration." Martin F. O'Donoghue, a senior, was spokesman for the class in presentation of the portrait. It will be hung with the portraits of other members of the Supreme Court who have taught at Georgetown. Chief Justice White was of the class of 1865.

Eleventh Century Bishop's Body Found In Lincoln Cathedral

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

London, May 31.—The remains of Bishop Remigius, a Norman prelate who helped William the Conqueror to invade England, and later founded Lincoln Cathedral, have been discovered in his reputed tomb in the Cathedral.

Documentary evidence pointing to the authenticity of the tomb is supported by the fact that the coffin found is only 51 inches long, 16 inches wide and 11 inches deep. Bishop Remigius was noted for his small stature and unprepossessing appearance.

William of Malmesbury, the chronicler, wrote of him: "Nature seemed to have formed him to show that the noblest spirit might dwell in the most wretched body."

The tomb was opened, during renovations to the canopy over it, to clear up the doubts concerning the actual whereabouts of the Bishop's remains. A leaden coffin was found. The lid was lifted and inside was seen a skeleton. The upper part was fairly perfect, but the bones were in disorder.

A small chalice, very much encrusted, was found by the head, together with a wooden pastoral staff, which rested beside the body. There were no traces of vestments.

Nothing was removed from the coffin, and after the inspection the tomb was sealed up again. A small fragment of glazed pottery lying on the lid of the coffin was retained for preservation in the Cathedral library.

Bishop Remigius died in 1092, a few days before the day appointed for the consecration of the cathedral, which he built.

"Catholic Review's" Manager Chosen Head Of Baltimore Ad. Club

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

Baltimore, June 4.—E. Lester Muller, Business Manager of the Baltimore Catholic Review, has been nominated, without opposition, for the presidency of the Advertising Club of Baltimore. This is perhaps the first time an official of a Catholic newspaper has been selected to head one of the big clubs affiliated with the Advertising Clubs of the World.

As president-elect of the Baltimore Club, Mr. Muller will attend the International convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, which will be held in Philadelphia June 20 to 25. Baltimore will send a large delegation to the convention. Mayor Jackson will accompany the party.

Mr. Muller will be inaugurated on July 7.

Richard S. Stapleton, foreign advertising manager of the Baltimore Sun, was nominated for the vice-presidency, without opposition and Norman M. Parrott was unanimously nominated to succeed himself as secretary-treasurer.

French Novelist, Who Wrote of Canada, Dies At Age Of 40

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

Paris, May 29.—The French writer Louis Frederic Rouquette has just passed away as the result of a surgical operation. He was barely forty years of age. Before his death he received the Sacraments of the Church.

Louis Frederic Rouquette had just completed a work entitled "L'Epopée Blanche" in which he described the heroic labor in northern Canada of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. With Madame Rouquette, the author had spent some time in the Canadian north after a varied and a strenuous existence in Europe during the course of which he had worked as a day laborer. He also had some newspaper experience in America. His various works: "La Croisière Blanche" and "Le Grand Silence Blanc" were written after the manner of Jack London, whose fervent disciple he was, and were all inspired by his memories of the extreme northern part of the American continent.

Open Air Religious Meetings Are Held By Canada Catholics

Brandon, Manitoba, June 1.—An open air campaign for the dissemination of Catholic principles was inaugurated here Sunday night. Addresses were made by the Rev. Thomas B. Grace, representing Archbishop Slnnot, the Rev. Hugh Conolly and the Rev. John Handy Paulist Fathers, and G. K. Chadwick, venerable lay convert, who came from Saskatchewan expressly for the meeting.

There was a large congregation seated under trees on the corner next to the court house here, and hundreds were standing when the services opened. These numbers were added to as the services of other churches were completed. The pleas for a better understanding of Catholic ideals were received with the utmost reverence and good will. Solemn benediction in the open air was most impressive. The service will be repeated daily throughout the summer in Manitoba.

Ulster's Parliament Again Shows Bigotry In School Estimates

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

Dublin, May 31.—When the Education Vote was taken recently in the Parliament of Northern Ireland, Mr. Robb, Parliamentary Secretary of the Minister of Education, refused to make any change in the grants for school buildings. Under the present system Catholic schools receive no grant towards buildings, while the Committees of secular schools receive a grant of two-thirds of the cost of theirs. The Nationalist Members of Parliament protested against the treatment of Catholics in the matter.

Mr. P. O'Neill, Nationalist Member of Parliament, said that the present Education Act in Ulster was so unsatisfactory that the Catholic Nationalist schools which he represented, would continue under their present management rather than comply with the conditions necessary to receive the building grant. Mr. Joseph Devlin, Catholic Member for Belfast, said that the Northern Parliament was founded by an Act of the Imperial Parliament which declared, "that no religious denomination would suffer any disability. Nevertheless, while that Act remains in force, the Catholics of the North of Ireland are victimized by the Education Act, and are now in a worse position than they were under the Imperial Parliament."

Under the new Estimates Irish will not be taught in the State schools of Northern Ireland until the pupils are in their fifth year in the higher elementary school. They were formerly taught Irish from the third year. Mr. Robb said that this change was made on the principle that the foreign languages were not taught in the schools till children were in the N. J.; the Rev. Edmund Rocks, O. P., in St. Anthony's Church, Providence, R. I.; the Rev. Henry Bathelmy, O. P., in St. Patrick's Church, Minden, Minn.; and the Rev. Sebastian Gillespie, O. P., in Holy Rosary Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

The two young Paulist priests were to say their first solemn Masses as follows: the Rev. Albert A. Murray, C. S. P., in the Cathedral, Baltimore, and the Rev. John A. Linehan, C. S. P., in St. Mary's Church, Rutherford, N. J.

Mr. P. O'Neill pointed out that \$150,000 a year was paid to the Queen University of Belfast, and that the University, out of that sum, found itself unable to pay more than \$1,000 a year to Catholic professors and employees.

Last week Sir James Craig invited Mr. Devlin to call his attention to any disability from which Catholics suffered in Northern Ireland, or to any want of fairness in the attitude of the Government to them. Mr. Devlin and his colleagues pointed out a disability yesterday, but Sir James Craig forgot his promise that he would remove it.

Lourdes Grotto Group Unveiled Near Cleveland

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

Cleveland, June 3.—A grotto modeled after that at Lourdes, was dedicated here Sunday by Bishop Joseph Schrembs. The grotto is on the grounds of Providence Heights the suburban home of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

Several thousand witnessed the ceremonies which were followed by a procession through the grounds. Providence Heights, located about ten miles from downtown, is a fifty acre site and eventually may become the center of all the work of this community who have been engaged in welfare work in Cleveland for 60 years.

Marble statues of the Blessed Virgin and of Bernadette, similar to those at Lourdes are in place in front of the stone work of the Shrine and these were unveiled during the ceremony. In an address Bishop Schrembs expressed the hope that the shrine would become the scene of many religious gatherings and that it would afford relatively as much spiritual consolation in this vicinity as does its more famous model, Lourdes in France.

The interior of the grotto is fitted with an altar and Mass will be celebrated there frequently.

Cincinnati Parish Gives \$35,241 To Fund For Seminary

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

Cincinnati, June 3.—St. Raphael's church, at Springfield, Ohio, has established a record for generosity in response to the appeal of Archbishop John T. McNicholas to the parishes for contributions for the building of the New St. Gregory's Seminary, St. Raphael's gave \$35,241. The Rev. Daniel A. Buckley is pastor of St. Raphael's.

In response to the suggestion that confirmation classes contribute to the fund several groups of boys and girls in parishes throughout the city and in other cities of the archdiocese have contributed \$100 each to the fund.

The plan will be continued generally throughout the archdiocese.

Sixteen Dominican Scholastics, Two Paulists Ordained

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

Washington, June 4.—Sixteen members of the Dominican Order and two Paulists were raised to the priesthood by Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, in St. Dominic's Church here today. Assisting Archbishop Curley at the ordination were professors from the Dominican House of Studies at the Catholic University of America. The Rev. J. W. Owens, O. P., S. T. L., was archpriest; the Rev. E. C. Daly, O. P., S. T. L., notary; and the Rev. J. S. Conside, O. P., S. T. L., master of ceremonies.

Sunday, June 6, the young Dominican priests were to celebrate their first solemn Masses in their home churches, as follows: The Rev. John McGovern, O. P., in St. Thomas Aquinas' Church, Zanesville, Ohio; the Rev. Charles Gainer, O. P., in St. Lawrence's Church, Muncie, Ind.; the Rev. Richard King, O. P., in St. Paul's Church, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. Albert Drexelius, O. P., in St. Margaret's Church, Buffalo, N. Y.; the Rev. Anthony Foley, O. P., and the Rev. George Kinsella, O. P., in St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn.; the Rev. Basil Sheehan, O. P., and the Rev. Andrew Nowlen, O. P., in St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York City; the Rev. Gerald Corbett, O. P., in St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, Ohio; the Rev. Martin Shea, O. P., in St. Peter's Church, Memphis, Tenn.; the Rev. William Roach, O. P., in the Church of the Presentation, North Fond du Lac, Wis.; the Rev. Christopher Perrotta, O. P., in St. Catherine's Church, New York City; the Rev. Philip Archdeacon, O. P., in St. Antoninus' Church, Newark, N. J.; the Rev. Edmund Rocks, O. P., in St. Anthony's Church, Providence, R. I.; the Rev. Henry Bathelmy, O. P., in St. Patrick's Church, Minden, Minn.; and the Rev. Sebastian Gillespie, O. P., in Holy Rosary Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Annual Anthology Of Catholic Poems Will Be Published

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

Arlington, Cal., June 1.—An anthology of Catholic magazine poetry, to be published annually in book form, is an course of preparation by the Rev. D. P. McAstocker, S. J., pastor of the Catholic church here, in collaboration with E. H. Pfeiffer. Each year the best 100 poems are to be printed in full, with biographical data concerning the authors appended. There also will be a list of authors, titles and magazines covering all poems published in the year, lists of articles on poetry and of new volumes of verse, and a rating of magazines according to the percentage of distinctive poems published. It is hoped thus to provide a stimulus to Catholic poets and to critics and essayists.

Benedictine Bulletin Devoted To Missions

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

Paris, May 28.—The Belgian Benedictines of the Abbey of Saint-Andre, near Bruges, have begun publication of an interesting bulletin devoted to missionary questions. A large amount of space is devoted to the missions in the Congo, but other countries are described also. The first numbers have contained articles on the pan-Negro movement, the Protestant Council of China, the "unconvertibles," etc.

This bulletin is a new indication of the interest aroused in the missionary movement in all circles and in all countries.

In France this interest has been revealed by the foundation of the Society of the "Friends of Missions," the head of which is M. Georges Leygues, Minister of Marine.

The international organ of this society is the "Revue des Missions" which numbers among its contributors men of such diverse types as M. Jules Cambon, General Secretary of the Conference of Ambassadors, M. Leon Berard, former Minister of Public Instruction, Msgr Baudrillart, Rector of the Catholic Institute, and M. Georges Goyau, of the French Academy.

Cornelius Gallagher Is Made Papal Knight

New York, June 3.—The order of Knight of St. Gregory has been conferred upon Cornelius Gallagher, 32 years old, former vice president and general manager of the National Conduit and Cable Company. It was announced today, Cardinal Hayes presented the decoration to Mr. Gallagher at the archiepiscopal residence, in the name of Pope Pius XI.

Mr. Gallagher was born in Ireland and came to this country with his parents when an infant. He retired from active business in 1916. He has been active in Catholic circles and is a member of the Catholic Club, and many other Catholic organizations.