

Bishop of Samoa In San Francisco

San Francisco, April 12.—Rt. Rev. Joseph Darnand, S. M., Bishop of Samoa, where he has served for 22 years, arrived here yesterday on his way to Rome, where he will be received by the Holy Father. This is his second visit to San Francisco in seven years.

Bishop Darnand's diocese now embraces a population of 50,000 of which 9,400 are Catholics with a steady increase of converts. The 14 stations with resident priests, and cathedral and the seat of his bishopric are at Apta. In the diocese are 70 houses, under the supervision of lay brothers, for catechists. Seventeen missionaries, four of whom are native priests, conduct missions throughout the islands. The schools, conducted by the Marist Brothers and Sisters of the Third Order of Mary enroll 1,450 pupils. Of these the Sisters have ten schools with an attendance of 825 and the Brothers three, two in American Samoa and one in Western Samoa.

As an evidence of the growth of the Faith in his diocese, the bishop gives the following figures: Converts during the year, 147; baptisms, adults 93, children, 559; Easter Communions, 4,459; Communions for a year, 99,952; Catholic marriages in a year 84; mixed marriages 4.

The Bishop says the people, mostly employed in agriculture, are a stalwart, thrifty race, raise large families, birth control and divorce being unknown.

In addition to the school system, there is a seminary for native priests, 12, which at present there are twelve students.

Bishop Darnand will be the guest of the Marist Fathers of the Notre Dame des Victoires rectory here until after Easter, when he will resume his journey to Europe. He will return to Samoa in the fall.

N. Y. Public Library Requests N. C. C. M. Bulletins For File

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

Washington, April 14.—The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations, has established copies of Information Bulletins published by the National Council of Catholic Men in its files and is preparing to make all future issues available to its patrons, according to word received here. Bulletin One to Five, already installed, deal with the Mexican situation. A bulletin has just been issued dealing with sterilization and birth control measures, discussed in the Ohio Legislature.

E. H. Anderson, director of the library, writing to Charles F. Dolle, executive secretary of the Council here, says:

"This Library, as you undoubtedly know, is the center of research and study in this section of the United States, and in order that we may satisfy the demands of the great number of readers who use our collections, it is necessary that we have here works relating to all subjects of interest. As the publications mentioned would undoubtedly be of much service to the public, I trust you may be able to grant our request."

Msgr. Jos. McNamee, Of Brooklyn, Dies

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

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 16.—Funeral services for the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph McNamee, a vicar-general of the Diocese of Brooklyn and pastor of St. Teresa's church, who died Holy Thursday afternoon, will be held Tuesday morning from St. Teresa's. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn, will be celebrant of the Solemn Requiem Mass and the Rev. William McNamee of Chicago, a cousin of the Monsignor, will be an assisting priest.

Monsignor McNamee, who was 82 years old, was born in County Longford, Ireland, and was ordained in Dublin by Bishop Whalen of Rombay, after his studies at Mount Melery's and All Hallows. He at once volunteered for the American missions and the late Bishop Loughlin adopted him for the Brooklyn diocese and appointed him assistant pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy. He was selected in 1874 to establish the new parish of St. Teresa's.

'Boyology' Course In Lancaster, Pa.

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

Lancaster, Pa., April 15.—Lancaster has just completed the most successful Knights of Columbus Boyology Course, for the size of the city, that has been conducted in the East. More than five hundred representative citizens of Lancaster County attended including ministers of all faiths, important city and county officials, the outstanding leaders in the civic organizations, service clubs, schools and boy work agencies.

One hundred thirteen of the leading citizens earned Boyology diplomas by attending seven or more of the ten sessions. The course was held under the auspices of Lancaster County, Knights of Columbus in their own city home.

Japanese Envoy's Son and Professor Become Catholics

Tokyo, April 2.—The son of the Japanese Ambassador to England, a professor and several students are among the recent converts brought to the Church by the teaching apostolate of the Brothers of Mary in Japan, some of whom are Americans.

John Paul Matsui, son of Baron Matsui, is the young nobleman received into the Church. It is noteworthy that his godfather at his baptism was the noted Japanese convert Admiral Yamamoto, who was baptized in 1893. Young Matsui was a student at the Brother's Morning Star school in Tokyo. At about the same time three other students, Francis Kitutani, Thomas Sakara and Stephen Takasaki, were baptized at the school. The family of Takasaki are all pagans.

At the Star of the Sea school in Naxasaki, a Japanese professor, Mr. Nibel, and two pupils, Xavier Kusui, and Joseph Mutotani, recently were baptized. At the Bright Star School in Osaka two students, Francis Xavier Yasuoka and Joseph Nisaka, were baptized. The latter died five days afterward.

The Society of Mary has 59 native members in Japan and 49 foreign missionaries. Of the latter, nine are Americans, including two priests and seven Brothers.

Catholics Promote Physical Education

Paris, April 11.—At a meeting of the Council of the International Union of Catholic Works of Physical Education in Paris during the last few days, Belgium, France, Holland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia were represented.

The Union acceded to the request for affiliation made by the German Federation of Gymnasts, the headquarters of which is at Dusseldorf. It was decided that an international competition of Catholic gymnasts should take place at Prague in 1929 and another in Belgium in 1930.

Beginning this year, the foreign federations will participate in the French national meet in Rouen on July 23 and 24 and in the German national meet on July 5 at Cologne.

New Convent Group To Cost \$1,000,000

Brooklyn, April 14.—The Sisters of St. Joseph will expend nearly \$1,000,000 on a building program which will add two structures, a chapel and a convent, to their group of school buildings at Brentwood, L. I.

The chapel, seating 800 students, will dominate the surrounding country. It will be 100 feet from the grade to the tip of the seven-foot cross at the peak of its red tile roof. The convent, a four-story structure, will have, in addition to sleeping rooms, offices, coat rooms, parlors and recreation rooms.

Protestants, Jews And Catholics Join In Good Will Move

New York, April 15.—The creation of a permanent commission of Catholics, Protestants and Jews which seeks to promote a better understanding and to shape the public mind toward just treatment of all groups, has been announced by the American Hebrew, an organ which for some time has stood for amity among people of different faiths.

The members of the commission are the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, Martin Conboy, Judge Victor J. Dowling, the Rev. Francis P. Duffy, Dr. W. H. Faunce, Judge Irving Lehman, former Ambassador Henry Morgenthau, Dean Roscoe Pound of Harvard Law School, and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

A large part of the commission's work will consist in opinion making, while it will also combat propaganda tending to cause strife between races and creeds, such as that recently aimed against the Knights of Columbus and the Jews. The oppression of minorities by foreign governments, as in the case of the Jews in Roumania, will be acted upon too. The commission will avoid political entanglements and will have no officers nor any regular program of action. It will meet when there arises need to redress a wrong.

French Farmers Aid Seminaries By Gifts

Paris, April 11.—At the general annual assembly of the Catholic Union of Agricultural France attended by 1500 delegates, some interesting information was brought out concerning the aid given by Christian farmers to the work of the seminaries.

The organization for "aid in kind" is especially well developed in the diocese of Versailles, where last year, in spite of a very bad harvest, the farmers gave to the diocesan seminaries nearly 40,000 kilos of food stuffs. In addition there were gifts from grocers, pharmacists and manufacturers.

Similar works flourish in the dioceses of Beauvais, Meaux, Soissons, Rouen, Chartres, Reims. In the diocese of Rouen, the Grain Foundation, only a few months old, has already collected 50,000 kilos of grain which will serve not only to feed the seminarians, but also for the preparation of the hosts.

YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH A series of articles by Mary E. Spencer (N. C. W. C. Bureau of Education)

Vitamins Must Enter Every Dietary.

Harold's mother came to school one day last week to discuss some problems with the nutrition teacher. Harold is now in the special nutrition class at St. Mary's, having been found to be in a very poor physical condition, constantly fatigued, with little energy and not up to normal height. To all appearances his growth has been stunted. Why Harold should be in such poor physical condition has been a mystery to his mother who is most anxious to cooperate with the school in finding the solution.

The family doctor could find no ailment or apparent physical defect. In the nutrition class the child's history had been recorded and a thorough physical and mental examination given. None of these shed much light on the case. At this point his mother was sent for. His food habits were discussed. Harold ate well and often—sometimes too often for the success of the meal which followed. What did he eat? Mostly bread, jam, cake, pastry, meat soups, desserts, coffee or tea and occasionally a little cereal. But he ate so much more than sister Helen who was younger, but who had long ago outstripped her brother in both height and weight, that his case seemed most unusual.

An inquiry as to whether Harold drank milk brought forth the usual rejoinder that Harold just couldn't. He had a positive dislike for milk and as his digestion wasn't very good, Mother couldn't risk upsetting the child by forcing the use of milk upon him. Fruit was not generally included in the family diet but, while vegetables were, Harold frankly disliked them. Occasionally, after much coaxing and teasing, he would taste just a little "to please father" or to get some special privilege which was held out as a tempting reward. But frequently the effort required to obtain this result was too great a strain and it was abandoned.

Food Source Of Energy. Is it any wonder, then, that Harold was below par and ambitionless, that he fared poorly in school work and showed no inclination to play? Food is the source of energy for work as well as play, but it is not a question of just feeding a child a certain amount of food, to use his own expression, may be "filled" yet his body can be actually starved for the want of necessary materials to building it and make it function properly. After Harold's daily food intake was charted, according to the information supplied by his mother, the experienced nutrition worker could tell at a glance that Harold's condition was due to a lack of some essential foods—milk, fresh fruits and vegetables, the so-called "protective foods", which must find a place in the diets of all young and old, who would be normal in health.

Plot For Catholic Dead Of U. S. Forces

Cincinnati, April 11.—A plot of ground in St. Joseph's Cemetery sufficiently large for 500 graves for the burial of Catholic soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses who served the United States in the World War and at other times will be dedicated June 5. The program will include a solemn field Mass and an address by the national chaplain of the American Legion, the Rev. J. N. Wolfe, of Philadelphia. National Commander Howard Savage, Chicago, has also promised to attend.

The Rev. William P. O'Connor, former national chaplain of the American Legion, will celebrate the Mass. The choir of St. Vincent de Paul's church will sing. The plot was purchased by the County Commissioners at a cost of \$12,000.

Former Notre Dame Student Wins Prize For Writing Play

Notre Dame, Ind., April 15.—Word has been received here that Harry A. McGuire, University of Notre Dame '25, has been awarded third prize in the national playwriting contest conducted by the Petite Theatre Vieux du Carre of New Orleans. Mr. McGuire's play was entitled "When the Ship Goes Down."

This is the third prize Mr. McGuire has won in national contests within the last year. He is now teaching English at Yale University and taking the Baker post-graduate course in playwriting. He was prominent in the playwriting field at Notre Dame.

Japanese Convert's Story Meets Favor

Tokyo, April 2.—The keen interest of Japanese intellectuals in religious questions has recently been manifested by the reception accorded the book of Mr. Tanaka, a noted Japanese convert to Catholicism. Mr. Tanaka is professor of law at the Imperial University of Tokyo. His book is a profession of faith, the story of his conversion. It was out of stock two weeks after it was placed on the market.

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