

Education Ministry Of North Ireland Excludes Catholics

Dublin, April 25.—It is ascertained that there are only three Catholics employed in the Ministry of Education of Northern Ireland, two of them as junior inspectors of schools. The total number of officials employed by the Ministry is about one hundred. This is declared to be worse than the state of affairs in the Irish Ministry of Agriculture. Out of 109 officials in that Ministry there are only four Catholics.

The clerical managers of schools who have refused to hand over their positions to what are known as "regional committees" are suffering many snubs at the hands of the Orange or anti-Catholic Ministry. One of the methods of making the clerical managers uncomfortable is to send not to the manager of a school, but to the teachers, outlines of programs and applications for information.

Under the old British regime which treated religious and secular schools equally, a Government department of education communicated its policy to school managers, who, in turn directed the school. The attitude of the Northern Ministry of Education amounts to encouraging the teachers to be independent or at least independent in their attitudes towards their employers.

The religious tone of the Northern Ireland Department of Education is shown by the fact that the school attendance officers for Down County, who are appointed by the Ministry, consist of nine Protestants and one Catholic.

The gravity of the educational position in Northern Ireland is regarded as very great from a religious point of view. The Catholic managers of schools point out that the schools under the Ministry are purely secular, and of the type strongly condemned by Pius IX. There is a feeling among many of the managers that active management of schools should be handed over to the younger priests only, and that the present managers should help by their advice alone. This move is suggested in order that the maximum amount of Catholic energy can be devoted to secure equal rights for religious schools, while the older managers will be able to assist the younger ones who take their places by their experience and advice.

Freemasonry Makes Gains In Irish Free State, Priest Says

Dublin, April 23.—There is more need today for Catholic organizations of laymen in Ireland than ever before, the Very Rev. Patrick McCafferty, declared in an address to the Donegal County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians a few days ago. Father McCafferty, who is chancellor of the Diocese of Raphoe, declared such organizations are needed, not to attack any body of citizens, but merely for the protection of Catholics and of all those who are sincerely devoted to the service of their country.

"Those responsible for the statement that Ireland needs no Catholic Association of Laymen", Father McCafferty says, "are those who find nothing to condemn in Orangism and Freemasonry."

Father McCafferty made references to the former influence of Freemasonry in Italy, where only an infinitesimal proportion of the population are non-Catholics, and where, nevertheless, he said, there were continual public attacks on the Papacy, until the repression of Freemasonry.

Father McCafferty referred to the present position of Freemasonry in Ireland as follows:

"In Ireland, Freemasonry has made rapid strides since the establishment of the Free State Government. There are 179 Freemason Lodges in the Irish Free State. These lodges are controlled by men prominent in the public life of Ireland, both North and South."

Washington School Grants Scholarship For Russian Girls

New York, April 27.—St. Cecilia's Academy, Washington, D. C., will provide two scholarships in that institution for Russian young women coming to this country under the plan formulated by the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Announcement of the granting of these scholarships is made by the Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, president of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Not only will St. Cecilia's join in the student exchange plan in behalf of Russian youth but the school will also participate in the membership enrollment to be made during the week of May 1 by the Catholic Near East Welfare Association among the students of colleges and other educational institutions under Catholic direction. The membership appeal will be extended to the schools so that the students there will be doing their share in the student exchange plan by helping to defray the expenses of the Russian visitors while they are studying in these American Catholic colleges and schools which have provided scholarships. So far more than thirty scholarships have been made available.

Fr. Joseph C. Sasia, Jesuit, Celebrates Two Anniversaries

San Francisco, April 27.—Two anniversaries in the life of the venerable Father Joseph C. Sasia, S. J., are being observed by him, his confreres in the Society of Jesus and many hundreds of his former pupils this week. The golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood was commemorated last Sunday by a Solemn High Mass at St. Clare's Church in Santa Clara and by special festivities. His eighty-fourth birthday was celebrated today.

On both these anniversaries Father Sasia received messages of greeting and congratulation from Rome and many other parts of Europe and from hundreds of friends in the United States and Canada. He is personally known to many eminent ecclesiastics in Rome and to members of his order throughout the world.

Father Sasia has long been recognized as one of the most noted theologians in the Society of Jesus, and his scholarship in other directions is almost equally honored.

Father Sasia was born in Venasio, Northern Italy, on April 27, 1843. For three years he studied literature in the University of Turin, where he had as a professor the celebrated Latinist, Thomas Vallauri. Having selected an ecclesiastical career as his vocation in life, he entered the archiepiscopal seminary of Turin, which he spent four years in the study of philosophy and theology. On August 14, 1866, he entered the Novitiate at Monaco, where on August 15, 1868, he pronounced his first simple vows as a member of the Society of Jesus.

In 1869 he came to California, arriving in San Francisco on September 9. For some time thereafter he employed himself in mastering English and was later engaged as a professor in the University of Santa Clara and St. Ignace College until 1875. Then he went to Woodstock, Md., to complete his theological course and receive Holy Orders. Upon his return in 1878 he was appointed professor of chemistry, in which he had specialized and which he taught for three years in San Francisco and Santa Clara.

On July 31, 1893, Father Sasia was called to Italy by the Very Rev. Ludovico Martin, then General of the Society of Jesus, and was made Provincial of the Province of Turin, of which California the Rocky Mountains and Alaska were dependencies. In July, 1899, he came back to California and took up his residence in St. Joseph's, San Jose. Here he devoted himself to parochial work during this period much of his time was employed in writings of a controversial nature and especially in the compilation of his "Christian Apologetics" which he published in two volumes.

In 1905 his field of labor was San Francisco where upon the retirement of Rev. John P. Frieden, S. J., Father Sasia became Rector. For the next four years it was under his supervision that the erection of the magnificent St. Ignace Church in San Francisco was begun. In 1911 he was again at St. Joseph's, San Jose. For four years he gave himself undividedly to the sacred ministry and writing. In 1916 he completed his great work on "Future Life", besides giving a number of missions and retreats in various parts of California. He returned to the University of Santa Clara in 1917 as librarian and is still "carrying on."

Catholic Building Projects Reported

Washington, April 29.—Two Catholic building projects were reported from as many dioceses last week. The cost of one was \$1,000,000, while the cost of the other was not given.

The reports, according to dioceses, were as follows: Chicago, New Building of Holy Family High School, Chicago. To be dedicated May 1, 1927. Cost \$1,000,000. Indianapolis, New group of buildings for St. Vincent's school for orphans, near Vincennes, Ind., dedicated April 27, 1927. Cost not given.

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Milk Needed by Young and Old.

The other day I saw something which surprised me very much. We were lunching at a nearby hotel when my companion called my attention to the fact that at least three-fourths of the diners were men—this by the way of renewing an old argument that men know good food and where to get it. I glanced about to verify her observation and noted, incidentally, with much more interest, that all but one of the men within my field of vision were drinking milk—notwithstanding the fact that in the table d'hôte luncheon they might have chosen tea, coffee or milk. With the same glance I discovered that the majority of the women were drinking their beverage from a cup so I was free to conclude that it must be either tea or coffee, probably the latter. It was with much trepidation that I remarked on this surprising state of affairs, because I knew it would only add fire to my friend's views on what she calls man's instinct to choose his food wisely and well. The discovery made during this luncheon aroused my curiosity. I decided to look into the matter further. More observations were made with the same result, namely, that men drink milk at luncheon more than any other beverage.

We formerly believed that milk was a good food for babies only, but even items in the daily press confirm the fact that milk is fast becoming a favorable food for grown-ups. Recently one of these accounts related how downtown business houses in Boston established the midseason milk drinking habit for their employees, because they found that it built up stamina and reduced the time lost through sickness. The effect of this innovation has been felt by the Boston restaurants which are said to dispense more milk during the noon hour than the restaurants of any other city of comparative size. In Huntington, Indiana, with a population of 15,000, over 45,000 pints of milk and milk chocolate are sold each week. Over 5,000 bottles are consumed in five factories, the directors of which feel that the efficiency of the men is increased by the use of milk, especially at mid-morning. So much for the adult.

Milk Necessary For Children

If milk is essential in the diet of the full grown man or woman, and nutrition experts tell us that every adult needs at least a pint of milk daily, it should be the very foundation stone of the child's diet, since it is his best source of building material and other elements so necessary for normal growth. But how many school children drink milk? A healthy worker, who decided that the best way to find out was to ask the children themselves, questioned 7,738 American children, representing seven states, and found that only 2,356—about 30 per cent—answered "Yes". Even more startling was her finding that 75 per cent of the total number reported that they liked milk—which means that 50 per cent had a chance to drink milk and drank it; while 25 per cent reported liking it but never having a chance to drink it. This is food for thought for fond parents. Of the large group examined 37 1/2 per cent drank coffee

regularly, while 34 per cent of the number found in the first grade were habitual coffee drinkers. What a sorry condition of affairs in supposedly intelligent families.

Milk belongs in the child's diet for many reasons. It furnishes the body with material for growth and development; it is an excellent source of lime, so necessary for strong bones and teeth; it contains sugar and fat which supply us with fuel, or energy and heat; it is a rich source of the vitamin "Fat Soluble A", which is a stimulator of growth; it contains B and C also, in worthwhile amounts; and it supplies us with phosphates. We use milk chiefly for its building material and its vitamins, but its fuel value is worthy of mention. An ordinary glass of milk is equal to any of the following: Two large eggs, two moderate sized potatoes, one large serving of lean meat; five tablespoonful of cooked cereal, three tablespoonful of boiled rice or two slices of bread. A quart of milk gives as much energy as four-fifths of a pound of chicken, eight eggs, three-quarters of a pound of beefsteak, four and one-half pounds of lobster or nine and one-half oranges.

Called Economical Food

Adults fare well on a pint of milk a day, but every child should have a quart daily as the optimum amount. It is our most economical single food, even when prices are high, because we receive more food value for money paid than in the case of any other staple of the diet. It has been well said that it is the first food a family should buy and the last they should dispense with. Dr. Graham Lusk writes, "No family of five should buy meat until they have bought three quarts of milk."

Fortunately, especially for those who have an aversion for milk, it is not necessary to drink the required amount as a beverage. It may be taken with cereals, desserts, in cream soup and in disguised form in various other creamed dishes. With children, however, much that passes as an inability to use milk in the diet is nothing more than an acquired distaste for it. Experience in the nutrition classes of the country, as well as in schools where children purchase milk for their mid-morning lunch, gainsays the belief that many children cannot drink milk. Perhaps there is something in the fact that milk drinking is becoming more fashionable amongst school children, with the result that the child who would not use it at home, despite parental urging, begins to buy it at school. Group opinion counts for much, even with children. The child should be provided with milk at home and he should be led to understand that it is the natural and expected thing to take as his daily beverage. If he is a healthy child, he may get along with a pint daily, although a quart is far better. And if he is not up to par in any way, it may be well to follow the advice given in the following verse by a fourth grade pupil in a Philadelphia school:

"Put him on the scales to see
If he's as healthy as he should be.
If he's not what he should weigh,
Give him a quart of milk each day."

Archbishop Praises Gibbons Institute, School For Colored

Washington, April 29.—The Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, has heartily endorsed the work and expansion of the Cardinal Gibbons Institute, a school for colored youths, at Ridge, Md., in a letter to A. C. Monahan, secretary of the institution. His Grace's letter follows:

"The Cardinal Gibbons Institute is now an established fact having been taken out of the category of mere possibilities during the past three years. It is rendering a splendid service to our colored people, and if only we can interest both races in its welfare, there can be no doubt about its soon becoming a great force for national good.

"My interest in the work is known to you and I have endeavored to show it during the past few years in as practical a way as possible. I have urged and now further urge the priests and the people of the archdiocese to take an interest in the school, and to show their interest by helping us not only to keep it open, but also to widen the scope of its influence. This they can do by making liberal donations toward the work.

"We have given and are giving generously toward the work of Foreign Missions. In doing so we are doing well. But it might be well to remember that we have China and Japan, or if we prefer to say it, Africa at our door. Well organized charity is said to begin at home.

"I recommend therefore the Cardinal Gibbons Institute to the best thought and generosity of our people. In your work of the Institute, you can make whatever use you wish of this letter. I shall be grateful indeed to all those who come to our assistance in the work we are trying to do for the colored youth of the Nation. Every good wish."

U. S. Ambassador's Niece Given Pope's Blessing At Wedding

Rome, April 28.—His Holiness Pope Pius XI today personally blessed and presented a gold rosary as a wedding gift to Mariette Lello Pellicciari Quarantotti di Cascellone, formerly Miss Anna Howard Townsend, niece of United States Ambassador Fletcher—after the religious ceremony, which was performed in the chapel of the apartments of the Papal Noble Guard, in which the groom is a major.

Bride and groom were received in the Pope's private library, together with Ambassador and Mrs. Fletcher. Monsignor Caccia-Dominioni, head chamberlain blessed the couple and made a short speech. Witnesses for the bridegroom were Prince Alodbrandini, General of the Noble Guard, and the Marquis of Casellone, and for the bride Count Muccloli, a Knight of Malta, and the bridegroom's father.

A light wedding breakfast was served in the Vatican apartments. The bride and bridegroom left for a honeymoon in north Italy, after which they will visit America.

Heed No Questioning Of Catholics, Says Cardinal O'Connell

Boston, April 28.—In an address before the New England Alumni of Holy Cross College here last night, His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell, dean of the American Hierarchy, criticized Charles C. Marshall's open letter to Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York.

"Let us pay no more attention to such innuendoes," said the Cardinal. "For we refuse to be questioned for being Catholics. I think now that every man, Catholic and Protestant alike, considers the matter settled forever. It should have no further consideration from any man, and I hope that such an answer never will be called for again."

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