

Literary Awards Foundation Plan Formed by C.P.A.

President Simon Baldus Makes Announcement of Important Proposal to Be Submitted to the Savannah Convention

Chicago, May 2.—Simon Baldus, president of the Catholic Press Association, announced today that at the seventeenth annual convention of the Association, which will be held at Savannah, Ga., May 19, 20, and 21, he will present a concrete plan for the creation of a Catholic Literary Awards Foundation.

Mr. Baldus has arranged a tentative schedule showing how the annual awards will be made by the Foundation. "A Catholic Literary Awards Foundation," said Mr. Baldus, "means a permanent fund of fifty thousand dollars derived from life membership fees, invested in interest or dividend-bearing securities which will place from \$2,500 to \$3,000 a year at our disposal to distribute as awards among Catholic writers and literary and journalistic workers generally.

List of Proposed Awards. "An idea as to how these awards will be made can be obtained from the following tentative schedule:

- \$25 for the best poem.
\$75 for the best essay or article.
\$100 for the best short story.
\$10 for the best book of poems.
\$150 for the best juvenile story (book).

- \$250 for the best novel.
\$250 for the best literary work (book).
\$250 for the best religious work (book).

- \$250 for the best book of a general character, historical, biographical, etc.

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St. Edward's Groups All Work of School Into Four Divisions

Austin, Texas, May.—As part of the program enlarging the scope of St. Edward's University, the scholastic work has been grouped into four divisions, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Burke, C.S.C., president of the University, announces. The divisions are the college of arts and sciences, the school of business administration, the school of engineering, and the graduate school.

President Burke will himself serve as dean of the college of arts and sciences. The dean of the graduate school is the Rev. Dr. Paul J. Folk, C.S.C., librarian of the university; dean of the school of engineering, Dr. J. J. Quinn, dean of the school of business administration, the Rev. James J. Quinn, C.S.C., M.A.

Up to the present the College of Arts and Sciences has included all the work of the university, and only arts degrees have been conferred thus far. Beginning next year, however, Dr. Burke said, other degrees will be granted. The announcement of a full course in engineering was made only recently. Although St. Edward's university has had only two commencements, it has already found necessary to provide for the specialized degrees in addition to the arts degree.

The graduate school now has five students, some of whom are expected to complete the work required for the degree of doctor of philosophy.

Irish Priest Helps Surviving Members Of Starving Family

Dublin, May 2. The Very Rev. Father Godley of Ardriole, Cork County, has collected more than \$1,000 for the relief of the survivors of a family named O'Sullivan, three of whose members have died of starvation in a desolate district near Bantry, in the mountains of West Cork.

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YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

A series of articles by Mary E. Spencer (N. C. W. C. Bureau of Education)

Requiring the Eating of Proper Food would have Johnny or Mary like spinach, include it in their diet from their earliest years. Baby specialists advocate its introduction in minute quantities in the form of puree at the age of six months. A taste cultivated in this manner from babyhood becomes practically hereditary. And guard against the cultivation of dislikes. These are largely a matter of imitation. Father refuses to drink milk. He insists on coffee at meals and says so openly. Why shouldn't Tommy copy the action of father, whom he admires so much?? And apropos of coffee—one physician tells us that he is assured that this beverage is coveted by children only because they are convinced that it is a luxury reserved for grown-ups. If father and mother took their morning coffee with a grimace, it would not prove so tempting to the child. But we can utilize this suggestion by applying it to foods for which we wish our children to cultivate a liking.

Making Food Fashionable. Recently a child who formerly refused to eat carrots at the school lunch was found to include them in her selection. On being questioned she said, "Oh, Father and Mother beg them to eat it because it is good for them. You try to bribe them to eat it. You insist on their eating it. You are almost worn out then for their steps to the rescue. He will not allow any of this foolishness and make like he takes a masterful hand in the situation. Ere long, however, he finds he has met his Waterloo. The flag of truce is hoisted. The victory has been won by the children. The vegetables are omitted. The children get their dessert and perhaps a second portion. "Well they must eat something."

Require Food Be Eaten. The fault here is that common to too many parents. There has been too much talking and not enough action. They lack perseverance. I don't eat it, like it or not. Did you ever der such circumstances without the covered dish, which is probably the dessert, until the substantial have been eaten or provide a plain milk custard or fruit dessert which will not be so distracting. If the solid food is not eaten, let the child go without the meal. The dainties can be substituted for the substantial. He'll be firm. It may seem heartless, but refuse the children all other milk food at meal time until they take the food you have prepared for them. Let me assure you they will not die of starvation. Skipping a meal will not have a harmful effect and it will be productive of results. In only the most extreme cases will a second meal be skipped. Mother must not be softened. The child will take the measure of your perseverance and be guided thereby. If you would have peace at meal time ever after, be firm at the start. I know it will work. Try it.

Such drastic measures are not always necessary. More often the child has cultivated wrong food habits unconsciously and is in need of re-education. This is not so difficult if you take into consideration the psychology of childhood. To begin with, children and grown-ups for that matter, like foods to which they have been accustomed. Witness the Chinese and their rice, the Italians and their macaroni, the South Americans with their hot breads, their fried chicken and candied sweet potatoes, the New Englanders with their baked beans and brown bread. Then if you have studied us

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Faithful Forbidden To Be At Meetings Of Action Francaise

Paris, May 2.—The Archbishop of Paris, and the bishops of Perigueux, Auxerre and Orlans have forbidden Catholics to participate in the meetings of the League of the Action Francaise held in their cities.

In the course of the last week, the Action Francaise announced twelve meetings in Paris, thirty-five in the suburbs, and thirty in the department. A circular to one of its adherents asks its adherents to furnish the addresses of persons who do not consent to receive the censored journal, but could be reached by the League.

On several occasions chapters of the Action Francaise, in different towns have asked priests to celebrate religious services for members of the League who have died during the year, or for members who died in the war. Such reunions were the occasion of bringing together in the churches the faithful partisans of the League of M. Maurras. Several priests, realizing this, have refused to celebrate the services requested.

The Bishop of Perigueux has enjoined that his clergy refuse services solicited "in the name of a group in revolt against the Vicar of Jesus Christ."

"It goes without saying," he adds, "that the souls of the dead in communion with the church are in no way to be deprived of her assistance. Moreover this prohibition does not exclude from our temples the faithful who may come to pray."

Church Sells 3,400 Pamphlets In Week

London, May 2.—More than 3,400 Catholic Truth Society pamphlets were sold in one week at Westminster Cathedral in April.

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