

Catholics of France Mark Achievements In Numerous Fields

Paris, Dec. 12.—At the recent general assembly of the Advisory Board of Bishops of the Catholic Institute of Paris, Msgr. Baudrillart, the rector of the Institute, called attention to the marked achievements of Catholics in intellectual fields during the last few years, and drew a vivid contrast between the situation of the Institute today and the difficulties it encountered during its early years.

"Fifty years ago, when the Institute was founded under Msgr. d'Hulst," he said, "in general offensive was in progress against the Catholic Church, Christianity, and all revealed religion; a complete irreconcilability had been proclaimed between science and faith; there was an almost irresistible trend toward unbelief among the youth of the country."

"And now the prediction of the great prelate is being realized. What do we see about us? Many ruins. It is true, but how much reconstruction as well! The members of religious congregations have in great part been enabled to continue their good work; the fortune of the Church, indispensable if Catholic action is to be carried on, has little by little been restored to it by legal methods; ecclesiastical vocations, almost unknown in certain regions twenty years ago, are beginning again in every section, every educational institution is invaded by Christian writers and students; the number of Catholic books increased every year."

Communism Possible Only In World Free Of Sin, Priest Says

London, Dec. 17.—That Communism could be realized only in a world free from sin and that it was an ideal that ended with Eden were points made by Father Bede Jarrett, in a New-Dominican Provincial, in a New-Castle lecture on "Communism in the Middle Ages."

Communism is not a modern novelty, he said, in the Middle Ages there were periods of discontent; when all sorts of remedies were suggested for the betterment of the lot of the poor. Communism was advocated by unbelievers like the Albigensians who, holding all matter to be evil, repudiated all property.

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"Communism is possible, for the religious orders aim at achieving it; but possible only when it is voluntary, lived by men disciplined under vowed obedience and sustained by the fullness of sacramental and monastic life."

St. Genevieve's Statue to Guard Bridge in Paris

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, Dec. 20.—By a recent order of the Paris municipal government, a statue of Saint Genevieve, the patroness of Paris, will guard the newest bridge across the Seine to the island of the Cite, where now stands the Cathedral of Notre Dame, just as the Saint herself is said to have guarded the same island from the Huns in the year 451, when it held only the tiny ancient settlement of Lutetia.

The new bridge, opened a few days ago by Minister Tardieu, is a beautiful structure of reinforced concrete, built to replace the old stone one whose arches were too narrow for the crowded river traffic. The new statue, which is to be fifteen feet in height, has been ordered from Landowski, the sculptor whose majestic statue of Christ is to dominate the Bay of Rio de Janeiro. It is reported that according to his model, the figure of the Saint will stand erect on a high stone pedestal, with a continuation of one of the piers of the bridge, holding before her the figure of a little girl, both their faces being turned toward the island. In her arms she holds a cross to hold a model of the small primitive bridge under full sail, which is the symbol of the city of Paris, as it was once the city of Lutetia, the "cradle of France."

THE GRAYMOOR SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY.

The Graymoor Shrine of St. Anthony Perpetual Novena to the Wonder Worker of Padua

"The sea obeys and fetters break, And lifeless limbs thou dost restore, Whilst treasures lost are found again When young or old thine aid implore."

These words composed by St. Bonaventure, a contemporary of St. Anthony of Padua, have been echoed by millions of Catholics during the past seven hundred years out of conviction confirmed by their own experience that the Wonder Working power of St. Anthony has lost none of his power during the lapse of centuries.

It would be difficult to find a Catholic Church in the United States that does not contain a statue of St. Anthony. But the best known shrine of the Saint in America is undoubtedly that of the Graymoor Priests on the Mount of the Atonement.

By participating in the Perpetual Novena to St. Anthony conducted by the Graymoor Fathers (a new Novena begins every Tuesday) thousands upon thousands of clients of the Wonder Worker of Padua have obtained their petitions.

The readers of the Catholic Journal are invited to follow their example and test for themselves the efficacy of St. Anthony's Graymoor Novena.

LATEST TESTIMONIALS

A. A. Sandwich, Ont.: "I have to thank dear St. Anthony for the granting of three favors received through his intercession; namely, financial aid, success in a business undertaking, and the finding of a position." H. B. M. Natch, Mass.: "This may be of interest to you. A few months ago, I happened to pick up a paper published in the Middle West which spoke of the wonderful favors granted through the Novenas made to St. Anthony, provided that the client would do his or her part. So, I made up my mind to try it. I sent in a three-fold petition, enclosing an offering at the same time, and have this result to write. The very hardest of the three petitions was granted within a month, and from the present outlook, I feel confident that the remaining two will also be granted. Perhaps, if this idea of an anticipatory offering was more generally known to people, they might make use of it too."

A. P. M., Montreal, Que.: "Would you please publish in your Lamp magazine my sincerest gratitude to St. Anthony for the recent granting of a temporal favor. This favor seemed almost an impossibility when the Dominican Provincial, in a New-Castle lecture on 'Communism in the Middle Ages,' said: 'Communism is not a modern novelty, he said, in the Middle Ages there were periods of discontent; when all sorts of remedies were suggested for the betterment of the lot of the poor. Communism was advocated by unbelievers like the Albigensians who, holding all matter to be evil, repudiated all property. The Church,' said Father Bede Jarrett, 'denied that Communism was the way of Christ or the way of nature.' 'To the medieval Catholic Communism was an ideal realizable only in a world free from sin—an ideal that ended in Eden. So that between it and us stands an angel with a flaming sword.' 'Communism is possible, for the religious orders aim at achieving it; but possible only when it is voluntary, lived by men disciplined under vowed obedience and sustained by the fullness of sacramental and monastic life.'"

Mrs. M. K. Seattle, Wash.: "I had been trying, and without success, to find suitable employment, so, as usual, sought the help of St. Anthony in one of your Novenas. I found a fine position the very first day of the Novena. Many thanks to the Saint and to you for your prayers."

Prayer Manual containing directions for making the Novena sent upon request. A Short Life of St. Anthony 25c. Address your petitions to St. Anthony's Graymoor Shrine, Drawer 5, Peekskill, N. Y.

Carmelite Church, Dublin, Observes 100th Anniversary

Dublin, Dec. 10.—Elaborate ceremonies marked the celebration last week of the centenary of the foundation of the Carmelite church in Whitefriar Street, Dublin. The present church of the Carmelites there was solemnly consecrated by the Most Reverend Dr. Murray, then Archbishop of Dublin, one hundred years ago. The church was built upon the site of the original Carmelite foundation in Dublin, which dated from 1278, and which was confiscated by King Henry VIII in 1539. Since this church was built, it has housed a famous statue of the Blessed Virgin and Child, carved in Irish oak. This statue was originally placed in the Abbey of St. Mary, Dublin, in the reign of Henry VII. On the confiscation of this abbey by the members of the "reformed religion," the statue was seized and an attempt was made to burn it. The fire did little damage save to the back of the statue, which was then hollowed out and used as a trough for feeding animals. Father J. Spratt, the founder of the Carmelite Church in 1827, discovered the statue, rescued it, and set it up in the present Carmelite church, where it remains to this day.

Benedictine Killed In Motor Accident

Clyde, Mo., Dec. 17.—The Rev. Lucas Eitlin, O. S. B., chaplain at the Motherhouse of the Benedictine Convent of the Perpetual Adoration, here, was killed almost instantly yesterday afternoon when the motor car of Joseph Ennis, with whom the priest was riding, struck another automobile as it entered the highway from a side road.

The accident took place about five miles south of Stansberry, Ennis, a Washburn railroad employe, was uninjured.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Knights in All Sections Spread Xmas. Cheer

Knights of Columbus made Christmas Day, 1927, a day of happiness for many thousands who might otherwise have found it just one more day of care. Wherever Councils of the Order are located, special measures were taken to see that something of the joyful spirit of the season might be brought to the homes of the poor. Food, clothing, fuel, toys, entertainment—all these were provided. Many are rightfully disgusted at the widespread commercialization of this great religious festival. But a child, poor or orphaned, or both, doesn't know anything about that. All he knows when Christmas brings him none of the little things that delight all children, is that Christmas has passed him by and that, passing, has left a hurt greater than any we can know or feel. Someone, of course was missed. Many will find the days after Christmas as drab as the days before. There is not space here to list or describe in detail the activities of the hundreds of Councils that engaged in this special Christmas work. But the many thousands of Knights who left their own firesides on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to bring cheer to homes and orphanages and hospitals, can feel that they have done a truly knightly work.

The Investigation

The senate investigation of the famous Hearst Mexican documents got under way December 15. Mr. Hearst, first to be questioned, stated that he did not believe Senators Borah, LaFollette, Norris and Heflin ever received the money ordered paid to them in the Mexican Government orders published in his newspapers. He stated that the documents had been published to bring about a Senate investigation of the whole matter of Mexican activity hostile to the United States. The four Senators mentioned in the Hearst documents, Heflin promised to have a good deal to say on the Senate floor. The investigating committee smiled, the spectators laughed. Heflin testified that the only money he received was that earned on his lecture tour last year. This amounted to \$100 or \$150 per lecture, he said, and it came from Protestant preachers and various Protestant societies.

Following Hearst's testimony that he believed absolutely in the innocence of the Senators mentioned in the documents, he was thoroughly plastered with editorial hot shot. In the general shouting, little attention was given the testimony of Arturo M. Elias, Mexican Consul General and financial agent in New York. He denied that he ever received any funds for Calles' propaganda in the United States under persistent questioning. Elias admitted that he has paid, and is now paying, one Jose Kelly \$600 a month for lecturing in the United States in defense of Calles' labor home in 1914, and has gone to considerable expense to equip it with every modern convenience. Visiting Knights are cordially invited by Grand Knight Dean to make the home theirs. It is located in the center of Shenandoah.

Noted Charleston Knight Dies

Members of P. N. Lynch Council No. 704, Charleston, South Carolina, mourn the death of Doctor Charles P. Almar, a charter member of the Council, a leader in his profession, a tireless worker for the advancement of Columbianism. Doctor Almar was a native of Charleston and was educated in the schools and colleges of South Carolina. He did much for the betterment of public health and for the general welfare of the community and was loved by all those with whom he came in contact. He was a member of the faculty of the South Carolina Medical College.

Corrigan Council Warmly Praised

Corrigan Council No. 705, New York City, recently celebrated its Silver Jubilee with a dinner and reception at the Hotel Astor. Unique evidence of the fine reputation the Council has earned and the spirit of good will it has created in its community is contained in a letter from Milo Hudson Gates, Episcopal clergyman, addressed to the officers and members of the Council on the occasion of its Jubilee.

"It is always a pleasure," the clergyman wrote, "to live in a place where one has good neighbors. We have been neighbors and, as I believe, very warm friends for several years. I am going to be selfish enough now to wish that this relationship may long continue and, in addition I am going to wish for you and to offer my prayers that prosperity and success may ever attend you, that all the brave Saints may ever watch over you and that God in His Infinite Wisdom may guide and bless you and reward with all success every work you undertake in His Holy Name for the benefit of mankind."

First Council Observes Founding of Order

A banquet commemorating the 46th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus will be held Monday, February 6, under the sponsorship of San Salvador Council No. 1, New Haven, Connecticut. Two of the original incorporators of the Order are still living, and will be guests of honor at the banquet. These are Cornelius T. Driscoll and William M. Geary. State officers and delegations from other Councils in the State and city will be present. Brother Simon F. Meskill is chairman of the committee arranging the banquet.

Another Heflin Joke

We haven't had a good Heflin story for a long time. The present offering was excavated by John C. O'Connell, writing in the Commonwealth. Believe it or not, this paragraph appeared in the Opelika Daily News, published in Tom's own Alabama: "Miss Helen Collins, member of the school faculty, who visited Europe the past summer, made a most interesting talk on parts of her travels. She described the visit she and a party of her fellow tourists made to the Vatican in Rome, Italy, and the reception of the party by the Pope. Quite a bit of fun was had when Miss Collins said a letter from Senator Heflin, curiously enough, rained them admission."

Initiate 40 in New Council

State Deputy C. A. Beeby, assisted by District Deputy James H. Nash of Wichita, recently conferred the three degrees upon a class of forty candidates of the newly formed Council at Willowdale, Kansas. The Council starts out with a membership of approximately seventy and the prospects for another class within the next sixty days are very bright. State Deputy Beeby was the principal speaker of the evening. He spoke on the "Spirit of Co-operation," while District Deputy James H. Nash spoke on the "Accomplishments of the Knights of Columbus." Reverend George Sittenauer, Pastor of St. Peter's Church, spoke on "Advantages of Knighthood" and welcomed the newly formed Council to Willowdale enthusiastically. Mr. Paul Hock, of Spivey, is the Grand Knight.

Shenandoah Council Opens New Home

Shenandoah, Conn., recently opened its newly remodelled Council home with a house warming and smoker. At the same time, the District Deputy Calles' Reading presided at the installation of officers. He was assisted by Past State Deputy John B. McDonough. The Council, which was instituted in 1901, purchased its present home in 1914, and has gone to considerable expense to equip it with every modern convenience. Visiting Knights are cordially invited by Grand Knight Dean to make the home theirs. It is located in the center of Shenandoah.

Boy Work Notes

Council No. 509, East Liverpool, Ohio, has been granted a charter by the Supreme Council to organize a Circle of Columbian Squires. Already a group of boys of Columbian Squire age has been meeting as a club under the supervision of Reverend Father Smith, Brothers Coleman and Holp. These boys have been carefully selected and should form the nucleus of a very fine Circle of Squires. The date of institution of the Circle has not been set yet, but the time will not be long before the Squires of East Liverpool will be heard from.

Holy Father Cables Appreciation

Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody has received from Cardinal Gasparri the following cable: "Holy Father deeply appreciative of messages of sympathy from Knights of Columbus on death of Cardinal Bonzano."

BULL FIGHTING AND PRIZE FIGHTING CONDEMNED BY CARDINAL MERRY DEL VAL

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, December.—Cardinal Merry del Val, who comes of one of the most distinguished noble families of Spain, denounces bull-fighting, his country's national sport, as "detestable," "abominable" and a thing which "ought to be abolished," in a letter which he has written to Thomas Ewing Moore, author of the new volume "In the Heart of Spain," just issued here by The Universal Knowledge Foundation.

His Eminence then turns to condemn just as severely the practice of prize-fighting. He commends Mr. Moore for his criticism of bull-fighting in Spain, as contained in his book, then adds: "The only remark to be made, perhaps, though it is not an excuse and much less a justification, is that there are some so-called sports elsewhere almost as objectionable, such, for instance, as prize-fighting, with all its detestable excesses and speculation and brutality."

Cardinal Merry del Val writes to tell Mr. Moore the pleasure he has found in the new book, and of its reception when he presented a copy of it to Pope Pius XI. His Holiness, he says, "expressed real pleasure and showed a lively interest" in the volume, and bade His Eminence to so assure the author and to send him his blessing. The Cardinal himself calls the book "delightful" and adds:

"I like it very much indeed. It is, to my mind, quite one of the best, and so entirely free from all the prejudices, the errors and even the lies to be found in many books on Spain."

Mr. Moore's book is in 400 pages, with 53 illustrations, and is the first of a series of Studies of the Nations being issued by The Universal Knowledge Foundation, which is compiling the encyclopedia Universal Knowledge and in general working to produce an "English Catholic literature." The editors of the Foundation are the same who compiled the Catholic Encyclopedia, with several notable added collaborators.

Portrait of Pius XI By Japanese Artist In 'Mandara' Style

Tokyo, Dec. 20.—Luke Hasegawa, the young Catholic Japanese who recently painted a portrait of Pius XI subsequently presented to His Holiness by the Catholics of Japan as a token of gratitude for the honors shown the first Japanese prelate, Bishop Januarius Haysaka, was a pupil at the Brothers of Mary Middle School here. While at that school he visited the Trappist Monastery in Hokkaido and became deeply impressed with the Christian ideal. He was baptized a Catholic and for some time even thought of becoming a Trappist himself.

About three years after his conversion to the Catholic Faith, he succeeded in having one of his paintings shown at the annual Fine Arts Exhibition in Ueno Park, Tokyo. The subject of this painting was taken from the days of early Christianity in Japan.

Shortly after this, Mr. Hasegawa spent seven years in Europe, mostly in France. He also traveled in Italy, Spain and Germany. Towards the close of this stay in Europe, the Japanese Government granted him an allowance of over ten thousand yen, in order that he might be able to copy some of the most famous European frescoes.

Mr. Hasegawa completed the painting for the Holy Father within a fortnight's time, working well over ten hours each day. The result was pleasing not only to the Japanese Christians, but also to the pagans, who thought the picture should be exhibited at Ueno Park. More than three hundred figures appear on the canvas: each with a different gesture and expression. This is a technical feat, considering the brief period in which the work was done.

Mr. Hasegawa has noted that each of the Western countries has represented Christ, the Blessed Mother, and the Saints according to its own national conception. He claims the same right for Japanese art. The canvas presented to the Holy Father is drawn and painted in the early Japanese style known as "Mandara," such as may be seen in the Buddhist temples.

Catholic Mentioned For Paris Post

London, Dec. 17.—The name of Sir William Tyrrell is being mentioned here as that of likely successor to Lord Crewe as the British Ambassador in Paris next year. Sir William who is a Catholic, is now Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office.

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