Catholic University At Peking Is Given Nation's Recognition

Peking, Dec. 15.—The Catholic University of Peking has received official recognition from the Ministry of Education. This fact is of unusual interest to Americans, because of the special distinction it confers on an American foundation. It is the first time in the history of China that any Catholic institution of higher learning has receved recognition from the government.

The Catholic University of Peking was founded March 20, 1925, by the Rt. Rev. Aurelius Stehle, O. S. B., of St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa., who purchased the palace of Prince Tsai Tao, an uncle of the deposed Chinese Emperor, one of the most beautiful sites of the city of Peking. serving admirably for school purposes. For the last two years the MacManus Preparatory School has been in successful operation. Mr. Theodore MasManus, a Commander of the Knights of St. Gregory, President of the nationally known MasManus Corporation of Detroit, has endowed this school.

University courses proper opened September 26, with an enrollment of 150 students selected from 300 applicants. On this day His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate to China, Most Rev. Celso Costantini, and His Excellency the Chinese Minister of Education, Mr. Liu Cheh, were present in the Univeresity Chapel and delivered addresses.

The Ministerial Mandate recognizing the institution is highly commendatory, and reads in part, as follows:

"On two occasions We commissioned Inspectors to examine this institution, and in the reports which they have returned. We note the following observations:

"'The institution is financially sound, its buildings numerous and capacious, its discipline excellent.

"'This Institution was founded and is supported by American Catholics for the twofold purpose of introducing the most modern developments of Western science and of preserving and vitalizing the traditional culture of China.

"'The important administrative and magisterial functions are entrusted to persons of our own nationality, who enjoy the full cooperation of the foreign staff.'

"This is in conformity with the regulations of this Ministry. Hence We accede to their petition and grant them Registration."

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Noted Men Address Belgian University, Students' Meeting

Louvain, Belgium, Dec. 24.—The Catholic University students of Belgium, meeting at Louvain for their fourth national congress, devoted their deliberations to the "Catholic University Student's Responsibility." Msgr. P. Ladeuze, Rector Magnificus of the Louvain University, opened the congress in the restored Hall of Promotions of the monumental fourteenth century structure sacked during the World War.

"The Holy Father does not tire speaking of the duty of Catholic action," said the Rector. "What is to be your share in that action? First of all to apply yourselves to your studies; for your profession is study. That profession is often profaned, for when all the hours of a year are summed up, not more than four months are really devoted to study. Yet a student's responsibilities are great. The sense of those responsibilities ought to give to the life of study an attraction that it does not possess of itself.

"Remember that one single hour of study may have its repercussion throughout a whole life. To insure fecundity for your studies a very severe rule of life and set laws of conduct must be perseveringly adhered to. To become somebody you must take a good start and stick to it through thick and thin. Those who do, shall not see their novitiate of live turned into an insufficient preparation."

Following this first meeting, Msgr. Ladeuze, accompanied by numerous professors and by the young congressists, visited an art exhibition made up of drawings, etchings paintings and castings by students. The two hundred exhibits constituted quite a gallery exemplifying the love and taste for art still alive in the little land that gave the world such immortals as the Breughels, Van Dykes, Metsyses and that wonderful genius, P. P. Rubens.

At other sessions of the convention reports were read and discussed—on the responsibilities of writers, of lawyers, of engineers, of physicians. At the Solemn High Mass celebrated upon the last day and graced by the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio Msgr. Micara, the congressists heard a sermon on the students' responsibility towards the Church.

The Congress ended with a session of which the speakers were no longer the students but their elders and their mentors.

They heard successively the Spiritual Director of the powerful Association of the Belgian Catholic Youth, Msgr. Picard, who developed the idea that Catholics were too much like other men: they ought to be better; the Abbe Greneau, professor at the University of Freiburg and Secretary General of "Pax Romana", who discoursed on the share the Catholic intellectual youth should contribute, to secure true world peace, a peace founded upon the teachings of Christ; and the Apostolic Nuncio, who congratulated the students for having sensed their responsibilities, and exhorted them to make ready for the fulfilment of all the duties of their future career.

Apostolic Delegate To France Blesses New Printing Press

Paris, Dec. 26.—As a public expression of the favor with which he regards the Catholic press, the Apostolic Nuncio, Msgr. Maglione, in the presence of a number of foreign journalists assembled in Paris for the recent organization of the International Bureau of Catholic Journalists, officially blessed a powerful new piece of machinery just installed by the "Bonne Presse", an important French Catholic publishing house here.

The great new press is 39 feet long and 14½ feet high, and is equipped to print simultaneously in black and four colors, being able to produce, with one process, a pamphlet of 256 pages. After having blessed it with the ritual for the benediction of all machines, and sprinkled holy water upon it, the Nuncio set the monster machine in motion by pressing an electric button, and a few minutes later he was presented by the manager of the publishing house with one of the pamphlets just printed.

The first pamphlet produced on the new press is entitled the Almanac of a Pilgrim, and it is estimated that the rolls of the paper used for it would, unrolled, have more than equalled the distance traversed by Colonel Lindbergh on his historic flight from New York to Paris.

Pope Blesses Irish Women's Sodality

Dublin, Dec. 26.—His Holiness has bestowed his Apostolic Benediction on the members of the Ladies' Sodality of the Sacred Heart attached to the Church of Saint Andrew, here. The benediction is bestowed in commemoration of the golden jubilee of the foundation of the sodality.

With his benediction, His Holiness sent an autographed photograph of himself, which was exhibited in Saint Andrew's during the Jubilee ceremonies. The Right Rev. Monsignor Dunne, V. G., Donnybrook, Dublin, who is Dean of the Metropolitan Chapter and a Domestic Prelate to His Holiness, presided at the celebrations.

Chaplain of London Prisons is Honored In Death By Many

London, Dec. 24. Three Bishops and more than 100 priests took part in a remarkable tribute of affection at the funeral this week of Canon Thomas Carey, one of London's best-known and best-loved parish priests. Among distinguished laity present at the Requiem Mass at the Pro-Cathedral, Kensington, was the Right Hon. James McNeill, who was later in the same day appointed Governor-General of the Irish Free State. He was formerly High Commissioner.

Canon Carey had several claims to distinction. He was a noted prison chaplain, and probably attended more executions than any other priest in this country; he was a pioneer of large-scale newspaper advertising in the collection of church funds; he was a linguist of considerable achievement, an ardent amateur astronomer, a lifelong student, and a priest whose every minute was occupied by his vocation.

The late Canon was the eldest of an Irish family of ten, of whom three sons became priests and three daughters nuns. Born in County Limerick, he was edeucated in Ireland and Paris. At the Institute Catholique he was a first-prize man throughout his course.

To the general public he was best known as a prison chaplain. For twenty years he had the unique distinction of being chaplain to three prisons. He ministered to many noted criminals. Dr. Crippen, an Englishman, who was arrested about 17 years ago as he landed in Canada after murdering his wife—the first wireless arrest in the annals of crime—was reconciled to the Church by Canon Carey. Sir Roger Casement who was executed for treason during the world war, was received into the Church by him. It is said that his record for conversions was unequalled in England. Hundreds of non-Catholics were instructed and received by this model parish prieest.

Gen. E. J. O'Connor, Southern Veteran, Dies At Age of 81

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 28.—Confederate veterans are mourning the recent death here of General E. J. O'Connor, Major-General of the Eastern Brigade, Georgia U. C. V., whom the local press at the time of his death described as perhaps the most beloved man in the city and section.

General O'Connor was born in Ireland 81 years ago and came to Augusta with his parents when quite young. At the age of 16 he joined Cobb's Legion, fighting with the Confederate forces in Virginia, where he was wounded. He came out of the war with the rank of captain. He was awarded service crosses in the Civil, the Spanish-American and the World War, in the last of which he served as a K. of C. secretary.

For many years General O'Connor was a member of the Richmond County Board of Education. He was a founder and member of the state finance committee of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia and, until a few weeks before his death, active in his parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Surviving Gen. O'Connor are two daughters and fourteen grandchildren, one of them a Sister of St. Joseph. A nephew and namesake is a Jesuit Father in the province of New Orleans.

French Abbe Ousted From Home, People Resist Authorities

Paris, Dec. 26.—The recent forcible expulsion of the Abbe Serre, pastor of the town of Lalevade, from his presbytery there has caused so much unfavorable comment in that region, that important French newspapers have drawn attention to the fact that although the expulsion was carried out by the civil authorities, only the local administrative policy, and no question of national policy was involved.

The case of the Abbe Serre, who regarded the increase of his rental for the presbytery as extortionate and refused to pay it, was legally tried and decided against him by local judicial authorities. Local public opinion, however, was so much aroused in favor of the priest, that the town government found it impossible to enforce the decision without recourse to additions to the gendarmerie from neighboring townships, with the help of which the presbytery was surrounded at night, when the priest's lay friends were absent.

The Abbe Serre submitted to the forcible occupation of the premises, and celebrated Mass in the village Church for the last time on the following Sunday. Since then, the town has been under an interdict imposed by episcopal ordinance.

Oldest Irish Bishop Keeps 91st Birthday

Dublin, Dec. 26.—The Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, Bishop of Ossory, has just celebrated the forty-third anniversary of his consecration as Bishop, and the ninety-first anniversary of his birth. He has received the official congratulations of the municipal corporation of Kilkenny, in which city the cathedral of the Diocese of Ossory is situated.

His Lordship is eighteen days junior to Cardinal Vanutelli, who is the oldest prelate in the world.

Heroism and Charity Of Chinese Catholics In War Zone Related

Peking, Dec. 18.—The Christian charity and heroism of the Chinese Catholics in the Vicariate Apostolic of Swan Hwa Fu, a section of Chili Province entrusted to the Chinese Catholic clergy, stand out in strong relief against the stupid brutality of civil warfare. Accounts of their heroic conduct in the fighting there in October have come to hand.

The soldiers of Chang Tso Lin, who had been stationed in Swan Hwa Fu, withdrew before the oncoming troops of Yen Hsi Shan, the "model governor" of Shansi province fighting between the two armies took place at a short distance from the city. Owing to the scarcity of stretcher bearers, many of the wounded lay for days on the battlefield with no one to care for them.

Bishop Philip Chao, of holy memory, called for volunteer stretcher bearers among the Catholics. The Christians asked whether death under such circumstances would be meritorious. Bishop Chao replied that such a death would be that of a martyr of charity. Fortified with this assurance, the volunteers went to the battlefield and rescued the wounded under fire.

There is no hospital at Swan Hwa Fu and the wounded were crowded together in makeshift quarters at the station. The poor creatures were in great want and suffering. The Catholic children of the city went from door to door, begging money for the soldiers. Then they bought food and cigarettes. Accompanied by a Chinese priest, they went to the station and distributed these dainties among the wounded. Officers and soldiers alike were deeply touched by the charity of these children.

Catholic young men and women of the city acted as volunteer nurses. All these labors were not without fruit. Three dying soldiers were instructed and baptized. A Catholic soldier was able to receive the Sacraments. A number of pagan soldiers and several officers declared their intention of studying the Faith.

In a few days, the Shansi troops withdrew and the soldiers of Chang Tso Lin re-entered the city. These troops are thieving and brutal. Bishop Chao had transformed his residence and the cathedral into places of refuge. They were soon filled to overflowing. The Chinese prelate watched over the refugees with anxious care. On one occasion, he took the cloak from his own shoulders to give it to a destitute man.

On the last evening of his life, Bishop Chao went through the courts of the residence to make sure that all was well with the refugees. He withdrew to his room about midnight. He was dead at one o'clock.

The cathedral was occupied by about a thousand women and children, many of them pagans. But it was not possible to put them out, and so all these refugees were present at the Requiem mass of the apostolic Chinese bishop.

Catholic Press' Importance Stressed

London, Dec. 26.—If St. Paul were alive today every town and hamlet would be emblazoned with posters announcing editorials by Paul of Tarsus, declared Canon Hannon, addressing the South Wales conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Cardiff, and stressing the importance of spreading the Catholic press.

"St. Paul would have an office in Fleet Street, and every nook and cranny in this land would be filled with the effusions of his pen," said the Canon.

He suggested that the society might enroll an auxiliary corps of young people and delegate to them the work of spreading Catholic papers, by door-to-door canvassing. If Catholics would read their Catholic papers there would not be so much indifference to and leakage from the Church.

Spanish Bishop Asks Rich To Aid Workers

Madrid, Dec. 26.—Because of the unemployment which has brought so much distress to the laborers of the Asturias, and which is regarded as the cause of recent communistic demonstrations there, Msgr. Perez, Bishop of Orviedo, who last year organized a very successful Social Week in his diocese, has just issued a pastoral letter addressed to the richer among his parishioners and appealing to them to relieve the misery of the unemployed.

"Woe to us," he wrote, "if the chain of Christian charity is broken, and if the supplicating hand of the laborer without work does not find the fraternal help of the rich. It is not the Bishop who knocks with the poor at the door of the rich, but Christ himself. If the present disturbances are only temporary, we may feel confident that our organized society will be victorious over them—but they may be symptoms of a more profound disturbance, that can be cured only by the greatest social justice, and by the application of Christian equity. Communism has been authoritatively defined as the enemy of mankind, but we may not, nevertheless, meet it with impunity if our only weapon is egotism, protected by force."

Deaths.

Schoephel — Charles Schoephel aged 76 years, died on Friday, Dec. 30, 1927. The funeral took place on Monday morning, Jan. 2, 1928, at 9 o'clock from St. Joseph's church.

Donovan—Catherine Donovan, of Buffalo, N. Y., sister of John D. Donovan of Rochester. Funeral services Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from the home of her sister, No. 465 Eighth St., Niagara Falls, N. Y., and later from St. Mary's Church, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Haschmann—Mrs. Mary Haschmann died on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1928. Funeral services on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Michael's Church.

Meinwieser—Henry Walter Meinwieser, aged 23 years, died Tuesday Jan. 3, 1928, at Cleveland, O. The funeral will be held from the home of his sister, Mrs. James M. Weigand of 168 Goodwill St., on Saturday at 8:30 a. m. and at 9 a. m. from the Sacred Heart church, this city.

Catholic Education In Ireland Subject Of Sharp Criticism

Dublin, Dec. 26.—The Rev. Michael Quinlan, S. J. rector of the principal Jesuit day school in Ireland, Belvedere College, is of opinion that the new Secondary School Programs, issued by the Department of Education, specializes too much in mathematics. Msgr. McCaffrey, president of Maynooth College, has within the last ten days, publicly expressed the same opinion. The Very Rev. Dr. Taylor, O. C. C., president of Terenure College, appears to share the same opinion, though he has not expressed it directly.

Dr. Taylor declares that the study of modern languages in Irish secondary schools seems to be "a dead-letter", while a seventeen-year old student of Greek, is expected to know not only the standard forms of the languages, but also the various dialects in which the poems of Homer are written. Dr. Taylor considers this to be too great a concentration on the classics, which, when coupled with the present extensive courses in mathematics, leaves the student no time or energy for modern or even medieval literature.

The main objection which these three prominent directors of education advance against the present secondary programs, is that little or no time is left, in the words of Dr. Taylor, "to train the pupils in a certain self-respect and self-control, and to train them to be gentlemen of independent thought." Msgr. McCaffrey has added to this opinion of Dr. Taylor's, by saying that under the new programs "Catholic education is weak."

Woes Of Christmas Day For Mexicans Related By Bishop

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 30.—Calling attention to the sad Christmas faced by Catholics below the Rio Grande River, and to the heroic deaths of scores upon scores of priests and men and women there, the Rt. Rev. Christopher E. Byrne, Bishop of Galveston, in his Christmas sermon in the Cathedral here, urged prayers for the return of freedom to Mexico.

To this land of teror, he said, we have seen "good will delegations" go to shake the tyrant's bloody hand; thither went our national leader to bring a smile to the grim lips of a modern Herod. And, he said, when our gallant eagle flew down, holy voices here pleaded with him not attend the bullfight. Innocent bull blood may not flow for fun; but human blood may be shed without a single protest from here, and all to secure a tyrant in his office, and to establish a constitution that is a mockery of free government.

"'Silent Night!'", Bishop Byrne continued, "Oh how those words of the Christmas hymn tell the story of poor Mexico. 'Silent Night', how well too, they describe our dumbness and indifference to the situation there. No room for Him in the inns of Bethlehem, but who knew Him there in His unborn seclusion? No room for Him in the churches and cathedrals built for Him in Mexico by His own children through their sacrifices and toil. *****

"But there are 'rebels' who suffer in Mexico. Aye 'rebels' they are; and in the same spirit and the same sense St. Peter and St. Paul were 'rebels' and died for it; and St. John the Evangelist was a 'rebel' and died in exile. Rebels were Washington and Jefferson and Adams and Charles Carroll of Carrollton. The world's heroes were all 'rebels' to a 'horde of petty tyrants'. For every rebel actuated by personal ambition there are 10 rebels striving to overthrow injustice, and to establish liberty.

"Oh, in this night when you welcome the Infant Saviour as the Redeemer, pray for the freedom, the of your neighbor nation, bound by an odious constitution they never adopted, and affrighted by a tyrant's civil freedom, the religious freedom guns."

DEATHS OF THE WEEK

Funeral services were held from the respective churches on dates given. All burials made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery unless otherwise mentioned. May their souls rest in peace.

Coleman—Catherine Coleman died Saturday, Dec. 31, 1927, aged 82 years. Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning, Jan. 3rd, 1928, at 9 o'clock at St. Francis Xavier church.

Frederick—Mrs. Alma Klem Frederick, wife of Herman J. Frederick, died Sunday morning, Jan. 1, 1928, aged 32 years. Funeral services took place Wednesday morning at 8:30 at the home, 735 Harvard St., and at 9 o'clock from the Blessed Sacrament church.

Friedman—Joseph Friedman died Saturday, Dec. 31, 1927, aged 78 years. Funeral took place Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. from Holy Family church.

Giorgioni — Vincenzo Giorgioni died December 31, 1927. Funeral from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, January 3, 1928.

Sauer—Louise Sauer died Friday Dec. 30, 1927. Funeral services were held Monday morning at 10:30 from St. Boniface church.

Utz—Mrs. Harriet Utz died Saturday, Dec. 31, 1927. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock from St. Boniface church.

Wirth—Mrs. Margaret Wirth died Saturday, Dec. 31, 1927. Funeral services were held at St. Ann's Home, Lake Avenue boulevard, Wednesday morning, Jan. 4, 1928, at 9 o'clock.

Ennis—Frederick J. Ennis died at Fairville, N. Y., Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1928. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's church, Holley, at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Kane—John J. Kane died Monday Jan. 2, 1928. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at the Sacred Heart church.

Sloan—Charles Sloan died Monday Jan. 2, 1928. Funeral Thursday at 9 A. M. from Immaculate Conception church.

Berry—Catherine Ann Berry died Monday, Jan. 2, 1928. She was the infant daughter of John W. and Nora Ford Berry.

Bubel—William F. Bubel died Sunday, Jan. 1, 1928, aged 42 years. Funeral services took place Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Monica's church.

Roach—George Roach, aged 29 years, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 1928. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning at 9:30 at Holy Family church.

Ammering — Clarence Frederick Ammering died Sunday, Jan. 1, 1928. Funeral services were held on Thursday morning at 9:30 from Holy Family church.

Czapla—Catherine Czapla died on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1928. Funeral will take place on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Stanislaus Church.

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