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C. U. Irish History Section Now Best In United States

Washington, Feb. 10.—The Irish history section of the Catholic University of America library, probably the best such section in any library of this country, has just been enriched by 20 rare volumes of Irish history, the gift of the Rt. Rev. Arthur T. Connolly of Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Monsignor Connolly, it was announced at the time of this latest donation, had already given some 30,000 volumes to the University library. Nearly 4,000 of these deal with Irish history, and help to swell this section to a total of 10,000 volumes.

Among the latest volumes given by Monsignor Connolly are: "The Chronicles of Ireland—A quarto series of three end of the sixteenth century histories of Ireland, by the poet Edmund Spenser, the martyr Edmund Campion, and Meredith Hamner. This is a very rare work and was the occasion of Keating's famous history of Ireland, the first popular manual of Irish history, and yet a model of the best modern Irish.

Statutes of Ireland.—The oldest Anglo-Irish Code, printed in English, black letter at Dublin early in the seventeenth century, and covering Anglo-Irish legislation of 400 years.

Hibernica or Some Ancient Pieces Relating to Ireland.—This includes Maurice Regan's extremely rare contemporary narrative of Strongbow's conquest of Ireland—written originally in Irish, and translated into Old French, and later into English.

The Annals of David Rothe, Bishop of Ossory.—An outstanding chronicle of Irish martyrdom by the heroic seventeenth century Bishop of Ossory.

The Description of Ireland in 1598, edited by the learned Jesuit Edmund Hogan, and illustrating abundantly the condition of many native Irish Catholic families at the end of Elizabeth's reign.

Several Special Cases on Laws Against the Further Growth of Popery in Ireland, published in Dublin in 1775, and exhibiting the cruelties of Irish court procedure in the application of the penal laws against Catholic heirs.

A Discovery of the True Causes Why Ireland Was Never Entirely Subdued Nor Brought Under Obedience to the Crown of England, etc., the famous work of Sir John Davies, published in London in 1612.

An Historical Apology for the Irish Catholics, written by William Parnell, Esquire, grandfather of the patriot Parnell. This remarkable work was published in Dublin, second edition, 1807.

Dean Molynaux's The Case of Ireland's Being Bound by Acts of Parliament in England Stated, published in Dublin in 1698. The copy given to the Catholic University library belonged to the brother of the famous Irish Protestant dean who was the first of his people to strike a blow for the independence of Ireland.

Among the other valuable volumes are the famous Historical Letter of Francis Plowden, in reply to the five Letters of Columbanus, by the Irish antiquarian Charles O'Connor (Dublin, 1812); John O'Donovan's Grammar of the Irish Language (Dublin, 1845); and Richard Madden's Irish Periodical Literature (Dublin, 1867).

The Arthur T. Connolly library is one of the most active book collections at the Catholic University of America, and is the workshop of the large historical seminar of the Rev. Dr. Peter Gully. Already 30 volumes of American history, ecclesiastical and civil, averaging 200 pages each, have issued from it, and are to be found in the library of every American university.

Woman Who Promised To Promote Trade By Prayer Convicted

Paris, Feb. 16.—The court of Lorient condemned to one year imprisonment a woman named Mathilde Garde, who had deceived several merchants by promising to promote their business by special prayers that she undertook to recite for them in return for a contribution. The court judged it a case of swindling, the exploitation of credulity. The court of Saint-Nazaire had already condemned the same woman for the same offense.

"La Croix," in commenting on this case, adds: "It is probable that the victims of the woman do not frequent the churches. It is possible that they may be anticlerical. Every withdrawal from religion marks a consequent for asperity."

Report Project For Mexico Peace Is Not Confirmed

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Mexico City, Feb. 9.—A report has been given publicity here that an arrangement has been made whereby, with the agreement of the Mexican Government, an American priest would come to Mexico to confer with the Government concerning a possible solution of the religious controversy here. The Rev. Dr. John J. Burke, General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, is mentioned as the American priest.

According to this report, Dwight Morrow, American Ambassador to Mexico, has lent his good offices in the furthering of such an arrangement. Mr. Morrow, it is added, while he cannot of course act in such a matter in his official capacity, is willing to give any aid he can looking toward the amicable settlement of Mexico's religious difficulties.

Mr. Morrow himself could not be reached by correspondents here who sought to question him.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Rev. Dr. John J. Burke, General Secretary of the N. C. W. C., asked today concerning the Mexico City report that he might go to Mexico in an endeavor to further a settlement of the religious controversy there, replied that he was not going to Mexico.

Path of Virtue In Stone In New Church

Pittsburgh, Feb. 10.—The Path of Virtue chiseled in alabaster blocks and set in a floor of variegated marble, will be a striking feature of the new Sacred Heart Church which is being erected here.

Believed to be absolutely unique, the "Path of Virtue" will stretch down the middle aisle of the new edifice from the vestibule to the altar rail, reminding all who enter of the necessity of practicing the virtues symbolized by the stones. Sixty-two gray blocks are to be used in the construction of this walk. Each of these will be carved delicately and accurately with a symbol of some virtue, and set at staggered intervals in the variegated flagstones of the aisle.

As there is a meaning, a purpose and direction behind everything entering into the new edifice, the virtues to be symbolized by the 62 stones had to be selected with great care. The Summa Theologica of St. Thomas Aquinas was resorted to in the compilation of these virtues, and later the plans and the virtues and their order were sent to some of the most noted theologians in this country and abroad, that they might pass judgment and make suggestions. A still further problem was the selection of the proper symbol for each virtue.

As a result of this research and consultation and study, lasting over more than four years, the architect and clergy of the new church feel that they have settled upon a symbolic scheme that will stand the test of criticism for it is nothing other than the "Clarissimus Ordo" of St. Thomas in stone. The sculptor has been advised to start to work at once on the preparation of the blocks for the 136-foot center aisle.

Nicaraguans Honor Apostolic Delegate

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 6.—A ceremony recently took place in the Cathedral of Managua, in honor of the arrival of the Apostolic Delegate to Nicaragua, Mgr. Fietta. Mgr. Lezcano gave an eloquent address, welcoming the representative of the head of the Universal Church. After the Te Deum, Mgr. Fietta, who is a profound thinker and forceful speaker, delivered an address, in which he expressed his desire to see a union of all the Nicaraguans.

Alleged Poor Box Pilferer Arrested

Buffalo, Feb. 9.—With the arrest Saturday of Henry Smith who was apprehended in the main aisle of St. Joseph's cathedral, Buffalo police believe they have found the man responsible for a number of thefts in the churches of this city of late.

When captured, Smith, according to the police, carried a flashlight and a hammer and was walking toward a poor box near one of the doors. Twice before the box had been emptied and \$200 stolen. A policeman was in the cathedral when Smith entered.

Irish Interested In Intellectual Side Of Religion

Dublin, Feb. 6.—The visit of Mr. Hilaire Belloc to Dublin recently provided proof, if it were needed, of the interest of Dubliners in what might be called the intellectual side of Catholicism. While the churches, are crowded at most of their Masses and ceremonies, there are practically no public controversies as to any aspect of the Catholic Church, and little, if any, public discussion of Church matters by laymen. Mr. Belloc's visit has demonstrated clearly that there is the strongest demand in Ireland for up-to-date and well-founded information given from the Catholic point of view, on all such cultural matters as are nowadays occupying the thinkers of the world. These problems are little touched on in Ireland, save by imported publications, which, though sometimes of the highest literary and scientific merit, look only from non-Catholic viewpoints.

Lectures in Dublin by Mr. G. K. Chesterton, Father Ronald Knox, O. S. B., by Mr. Belloc, delivered in the largest Dublin theaters, all the theaters, and leave hundreds unable to obtain admission. These lectures are regarded by the Catholic population as social events of the highest importance, apart altogether from their religious value. Unfortunately, it is only three or four times a year that they can be arranged.

On his visit this month, Mr. Belloc spoke in the Gaiety Theater, Dublin, on Anti-Catholic History. He pointed out that history has been taught throughout Europe since the Reformation, in an anti-Catholic manner.

His text-books," said Mr. Belloc, "are based upon, and in fact delivered in, a spirit of antagonism to the Catholic Church. This is true, not only of such text-books, lectures and general academic literature as will be discovered in definitely anti-Catholic countries, such as England and Prussia, but also in other countries. It will be found in Paris, as well as in Berlin, in Rome as well as in Leipzig, in the Hague and Utrecht, as well as in Oxford and Cambridge."

Mr. Belloc gave a summary of the methods adopted to give an anti-Catholic value to history, without actually having recourse to invention.

"First," he said, "there is wrong emphasis, the putting forward of things which are objectively true, as though they were essential. Second, the lack of proportion, which is closely allied to the first, and which results in wholesale distortion. Third, the suppression of things which would give some conception of what the Catholic position is. Next, the use of names in a wrong way; for instance, historians speak of England breaking away from Rome under Henry VIII, whereas in reality it was the English Government which broke with the Roman Curia. We are told the English Reformation began at the beginning of the sixteenth century, when in reality it was the beginning of the seventeenth."

Under the fifth head, Mr. Belloc placed what he called a "universal disease, namely the substitution of hypothesis for fact."

"We see," continued Mr. Belloc, "particularly examples where the Catholic Church is denied or ignored, but especially in the history of institutions, and in the judgment of popular motives at particular times, put forward through the mere impressions of one or two dialecticians."

Attorney General Rules Bible Out Of Mich. Schools

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 9.—By a decision rendered today by Attorney General W. W. Potter, the use of the Bible in public schools of this State is prohibited, and as a consequence, religious courses in the various normal schools and at the Michigan State college will be discontinued.

Mr. Potter explained that the State Constitution clearly prevents the use of any religious textbooks. Although the State College and the normals are not public schools under the law, authorities explained the constitutional provision affecting the lower institutions would have like effect upon them.

The University of Michigan is not concerned with the ruling, it is pointed out. Religious training there is conducted in a separate building not maintained by the State.

The fact that Bible study is optional does not evade the provisions of the constitution, which holds that sectarian textbooks may not be used in public schools, Potter ruled.

Methodists Attack, Baptist Clergyman Lauds Gov. Smith

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 9.—A resolution opposing the nomination of Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York for the presidency was adopted at the closing session of the annual convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South here today.

The brief resolution said: "Resolved: That it is the sense of this association that the nomination of Al Smith would be unfortunate and in our opinion would not entail the support of the educational leaders of the South."

The resolution was adopted by a five vote vote, and it was announced that two dissenting votes had been heard.

Dr. C. A. Rush, of Andalusia, Ala., conference education secretary for that State, said: "We must make it clear that we are opposing Smith because he is a wet and not because he is a Catholic," but Dr. E. M. Glenn of Cherokee, Ala., was not of the same opinion. He declared, "I think it's time that some one should cry the cry of 'Down with Romanism and Rebellions!'"

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Speaking at a meeting of the recently formed Smith Democratic Club of the District of Columbia here last night, the Rev. J. C. Pullman, a Baptist minister of Boonsville, N. C., lauded those Protestants who oppose the nomination of Gov. Alfred E. Smith for the Presidency because of his religious affiliations, declaring them to be "bigots, pure and simple."

"I have been a strong supporter of Gov. Smith for the last five years," said Dr. Pullman. "If he is elected, nothing but gold will desert him."

Card. Rouleau Gives \$20,000 Purse For Catholic Hospital

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Quebec, Feb. 10.—A purse of gold containing \$20,000 was presented to His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Rouleau, recently appointed Cardinal-Archbishop of Quebec, by the Catholic clergy of the archdiocese on his return here from New York where he landed last week, following his visit to the Holy Father and a three-months stay in Europe.

Graciously thanking the donors for their munificent gift, His Eminence immediately announced that he would donate the amount to the new St. Sacrament Hospital.

To Be First Native Priest of Oceania

Paris, Feb. 8.—A young student of Papeete has recently entered the Seminary of Madagascar, to take up the study of theology. He will be the first native priest of Oceania. He was preceded in the religious career by a compatriot, who died in 1925 after having completed three years in the Seminary of Freiburg.

An Irish Priest Condemns Jazz

Dublin, Feb. 6.—The latest and verve comment on the introduction of jazz in the place of Irish dances, was made by Father O'Flynn of University College, Cork. Speaking at Thurles on the subject of Irish music, Father O'Flynn declared that nothing could surpass the beauty of traditional Irish melody.

"We must," he said, "revive culture among our people, or modern crazes will degrade them. Jazzing is the dance of the naked savages from the shores of Africa."

Father O'Flynn appealed to the young men and women of the country to discontinue the evil spirit of jazz music and dancing in their midst, and to support instead the native dances and native music.

Flag Of Spain Gift Of Woman To Pope

Porto Rico, Feb. 6.—As a result of steps taken by the Central Committee of the Catholic Action of Women, and with the sanction of Princess Isabel, representing the King, a Spanish flag is to be presented to the Pope by the flags of many other nations. Bishop Haces, on his recent visit to Rome, noticed that Spain was not represented among the flags from all over the world which decorate the hall of the Vatican.

The flag will be taken to Zaragoza to let it touch the Sacred Pillar and to the tomb of the Innumerable Martyrs, and then will be presented to the Holy Father as a symbol of the lasting allegiance of Spain to the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth.

Dramatic Meeting In Santa Susanna Church In Rome

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Rome, Feb. 8.—A strange and dramatic meeting took place recently at the Church of Santa Susanna, the church for Americans and other English-speaking Catholics here, which is in charge of the Paulist Fathers. It brought together unexpectedly and for the first time a priest and a man who, though in another apartment, once aided in the saving of the priest's life from the anti-religious leaders of Soviet Russia on an historic occasion.

A lecture had been arranged by the Auxiliary Association of the Church of Santa Susanna, a lay group. Dwight Brannan of New York, president of the American Patriotic Society of the United States, who was speaking in Rome, was to be the lecturer. He had offered to lend something of his efforts in behalf of the Catholic clergy who were condemned to death by the Soviet Government in 1924.

Father Thomas Lecky O'Sullivan, C. S. P., the pastor, introduced the speaker when the famous American, O'Sullivan, his vice general, and other speakers were seated in the lecture room. O'Sullivan, who had been all the students, would speak at the program, and O'Sullivan, who had been all the students, would speak at the program, and O'Sullivan, who had been all the students, would speak at the program.

It will be remembered that following the veritable flood of previous years, the Soviet authorities executed one of the priests and eventually the other 23 free.

When Mr. Brannan had collected his account of this dramatic incident which rounded the world a few years ago, to his astonishment a priest came forward and greeted him as one of those who had saved his life. He was Father Francis Rutkowski, one of the 23 who were condemned to death two years of Soviet imprisonment. He was in Rome as secretary of Cardinal Hoad, the new Primate of Poland.

After expressing his thanks to Mr. Brannan for his service to him five years ago, Father Rutkowski gave the audience a graphic account of some of the incidents of his imprisonment in Russia. He was the youngest of the company of accused priests, and he related how, apparently by happen from his youth that he would yield, the belief in authority frequently asked him: "Will you obey Russia instead of your Pope and that religion of yours?" His reply, he said, was: "No! I can only say, as did the Apostle, that I must obey God rather than men; God first, and after that, the authorities of the country in all that properly belongs to their sphere."

Father Rutkowski's presence at Mr. Brannan's lecture came about in this manner: The previous Sunday, the Rt. Rev. Vincent Coppe, Bishop of Kimberley, Australia, presided at the Church of Santa Susanna. He heard on this occasion that Mr. Brannan was to speak at the trial of the O'Sullivan group in Russia.

"Why," he exclaimed at once, "one of those 23 priests is now in Rome. He is our guest at the Salesian House. I shall bring him to meet his benefactor." This he did.

Francis McCullagh, the journalist, who was in Moscow at the time, has told how the arrival of the numerous cablegrams from all parts of the world threw consternation into the court, caused it to waver and finally resulted in saving 23 of the 24 lives.

Four Unpublished Poems of Fr. Ryan Have Been Found

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Mobile, Ala., Feb. 9.—Spring Hill College, of this city, has just come into possession of four hitherto unpublished poems of Fr. Abram Ryan, renowned poet-priest of the Southland, whose cause he sang and whose laureate he was acclaimed. Fr. Ryan wrote the poem most dear to Southern hearts, "The Conquered Banner."

The four poems just unearthed were written for the Mullerky and Mulhern families of Augusta, Ga., where Fr. Ryan was pastor shortly after the close of the Civil War. All were written between 1867 and 1870. They are in Fr. Ryan's own handwriting, and are signed, "Mullerky" and "Mulhern."

Exclusive right to their publication has been given to Spring Hill College.

N.C.C.M. Extension See Dolle Report

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, Feb. 10.—The National Council of Catholic Missionaries, extending the membership of its members, is reported to have received a report from Dolle, secretary of the National Council of Catholic Missionaries, regarding the extension of its membership.

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