

U. S. Ideals Inspired By Catholic Church, Bishop Turner Says

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Addressing some 400 fourth degree members of the Knights of Columbus at their annual dinner, the Rt. Rev. William Turner, Bishop of Buffalo, made an impressive and enlightening plea for religious tolerance.

The Bishop said: "Having assisted this afternoon at the imposing ritual, the aim of which was to teach the lesson of patriotism, I consider it quite appropriate to address to you a few words on patriotism as we American Catholics understand it."

"With us, patriotism does not concern itself with loyalty and devotion to a king or a dynasty. It concerns itself with democracy, the form of government which seeks to secure to the individual citizen the right to life, liberty, to property to the free and untrammelled exercise of his trade, his profession or occupation, consistently with the freedom of others."

"Now where did the founders of our Constitution discover these ideals? From what source did they derive their ideals of democracy? Certainly not from Puritanism, which then as now exalted the privilege of the chosen to the detriment of the unregenerate. There is no trace in our organic law of a 'holier than thou' conviction, or of the abandonment to persecution and extinction of the less holy."

"Our Constitution is derived from two sources, apparently irreconcilable. The one is the free-thought tendency represented by Thomas Paine and accepted in a measure by Thomas Jefferson. The other is the Catholic traditional recognition of personal rights, which is the essence of democracy."

"Listen to the Protestant historian, Guizot: 'For centuries the Catholic Church labored patiently and strenuously to lay the foundation of Modern European civilization. . . . European civilization is not Protestant; it is Catholic-Roman. It must necessarily be. For the only potent force that could, and did, stem the tide of dissolution and change was the Catholic Church. It was by her constant warfare, in theory and practice, against the slavery of men and the degradation of women, that she eventually caused to be recognized the true worth of the individual which is, in embryo, the fundamental principle of all democracies.'"

"And Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler gives the lie to the assertion that the English of that day handed over to us our political ideals and determined our Constitution. He says quite plainly and quite truly that it was earlier English political thinking that had this effect. Earlier, that is, Catholic English political thinking."

"Our Constitution is indigenous to America. It was a new chapter in the history of freedom. It owed nothing to the England of the eighteenth century, as such. It owed much to the earlier England, to the England of the Middle Ages, when England was Catholic. This debt does not tie us to England as the home of our ideals for what is Catholic is universal, and what came to us from Catholicity came from England only because that was the most immediate source."

"Our Constitution is American. Our Constitution is in full accord with Catholic principles of individual freedom. It was nothing to Puritanism and the proof, if needed, is that Puritanism today, in its onslaught on individual freedom, is striking at the soul, nay, even, at the letter of the Constitution. Our Constitution is not inspired by Protestant ideals. It is, as I said, a development of free-thought and Catholicism, strange as the association may seem."

"We, then, being Catholics, can best appreciate the spirit, the tone, the purpose, and the value of our Constitution. Without any hindrance from outside, without any hesitation in our own convictions as Catholics, we can give it our loyal, wholehearted, unstinted support. Even though Puritanism, arising later on the scene, has amended it to the narrowing of individual rights, we cling to the Constitution as our anchor and our shield. On it our liberties as Catholics are founded. To it we are true and we will be true as long as our Republic lasts. It is our solace and our hope. When bigotry ragged round us it is our shield for haven of refuge. To it we are eternally true and we find this easy and natural."

"Such, my brother Knights, is, I believe, the lesson of the Fourth Degree."

Socialists Growing Strong In Norway

Norway, Feb. 20.—Socialism has made rapid strides in Norway during the past year and, with the winning of 15 seats in the House of Deputies at the last election, has ascended to power. The Citizens' Party still controls the majority of seats but is composed of warring factions. Internal dissension has prevented the forming of a strong Citizens' cabinet.

Centenary of Death Of Claude Bernard Marked By Savants

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, Feb. 20.—Scholars throughout the world are commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the death of the celebrated physiologist, Claude Bernard, who discovered the function of the liver in the digestion of fatty substances and made famous discoveries concerning the nervous system. He is regarded as the most illustrious representative of experimental science at the close of the nineteenth century.

Bernard's activities were prodigious and the numerous memoirs written by him are very scholarly. He was elected to membership in the French Academy and the Emperor Napoleon made him a senator.

One day, a short while before his death, Father Didon said to Bernard: "Your science has not estranged you from God; it has drawn you closer to Him. The First Cause, science must recognize Him as that without which it is impossible to understand Him, and in this respect, science is eminently religious." The scholar replied: "Yes, Father, you have spoken well; positiveness and materialism which deny Him are to my eyes foolish and insupportable doctrines."

Claude Bernard, according to his own words, wished to die in the faith of his mother and it was with his full knowledge that he received the last consolations of religion.

French Clergy Fear M. Herriot Menaces Religious Schools

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, Feb. 20.—That the struggle for existence of the Catholic schools in France is to be greater with Herriot as Minister of Education was the consensus of opinion at a recent meeting of the Board of Bishops of the Catholic Institute here, attended by His Eminence Cardinal Dubois, the Archbishop of Sens, Bois, Villereau and Bouzon, and eighteen Bishops. Herriot cultivates with untiring energy and subtlety the realization of his pet scheme—the establishment of a single type of secondary school and college. Since he realizes that a public bill would be fought and would encounter strong opposition, he pursues a less obvious course but seeks always to take a step towards the "ecole unique." Although Catholics are constantly on guard, it is pointed out, the danger lies in the fact that many apparently guileless acts are in reality, from beginning to end, propaganda for the establishment of a single school system. Scholars who have attended a religious school, it is felt, will before long be denied the right to attend a college or a lycée at the expense of the state. Herriot alluded to such an instance in his decree of 1924.

Father Pagani, Aged Franciscan, Blind 30 Years, Is Dead

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Catskill, N. Y., Feb. 23.—The Rev. Eugene Pagani, O. F. M., blind priest of the Franciscan Order, who by means of extensive correspondence labored with indefatigable zeal among thousands of the faithful, died at St. Anthony's Seminary here Monday morning. Father Pagani's death was due to a fall suffered ten days previously, while the community was at dinner. He was 85 years old. The body of the beloved priest lay in state at the monastery until today, when the funeral Mass was celebrated, after which it was taken to New York for burial.

Born in Trifora, Province of Port Maurice, Italy, January 2, 1848, the venerable priest completed his studies for the priesthood in his native city. In 1878 he entered the Franciscan novitiate in the Province of Rome; was ordained sub-deacon and deacon by the late Cardinal Patriarch; came to America in 1885, and was ordained to the priesthood on January 4, 1886, by the late Bishop John Timon of Buffalo.

For one year Father Pagani was prefect of boys at Allegany, N. Y., and was transferred to Anthony's Monastery, New York, where he remained three years. He was then transferred to Winchester, Ct., and from there to Allegany, where he stayed a year.

Circumstances compelled him to enter the diocesan clergy, and he became connected with the Rochester diocese, where he served in different parishes, laboring heroically in all his various callings, as is evidenced by the thousands of testimonials expressed in letters received by him after he lost the sight of his eyes thirty years ago. His correspondents included Protestants and Jews, all of whom wrote in the most tender and sympathetic manner, and continued the letters for years.

In 1919, Father Pagani left St. Mary's hospital, Rochester, and returned to St. Anthony's Seraphic Seminary here, and at the same time reentered the old Order of his love. Though completely blind for thirty years, the aged shepherd was gentle, personified, always enjoyed a good joke, and his lovable and loyal nature, joined to a most sincere religious spirit, made him an object of ordinary affection to all with whom he came in contact.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Plans For \$4,000,000 Columbus Memorial Going Forward

The program governing the competition in which architects of the world will be invited to submit plans for the erection of a monster monumental lighthouse in memory of Christopher Columbus at Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic, will be sent out shortly, according to an announcement just made by Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg, who, as chairman of the governing board of the Pan-American Union, stated that steps have been taken towards the consummation of the plan recommended by the Fifth International Conference of American States.

The permanent committee, composed of Honorio Puyredon, Ambassador of Argentina; Louis Borgan, Minister of Honduras, and Angel Morales, Minister of the Dominican Republic, appointed Albert Kelsey as technical adviser. Mr. Kelsey was most enthusiastic over his tour of investigation, and said that many things in America started from Santo Domingo, where he said, the most perfect Spanish architecture in the New World is to be found. The Homage Tower, built by Columbus' brother, he added, still stands.

"The first highway in the Western Hemisphere was built there by Christopher Columbus," Mr. Kelsey said "and there is now an amazing system of highways. A chapel in the middle of the island, built by Columbus, is also to be seen. A cannon ball of Sir Francis Drake's is lodged in the outer wall of the old cathedral. It is proposed to remove the mausoleum from the cathedral and place it in the base of the lighthouse."

It is estimated that \$4,000,000 will be spent on the lighthouse. The Dominican Republic has contributed \$300,000 to be paid in three annual installments.

Atlantic City Knights To Open New Home

Atlantic City Council, on or about April 1st, will open up their new \$750,000 home, that has been under construction for the past year, a thoroughly fireproof building with 105 sleeping rooms and 105 baths, catering to both men and women. There is a gymnasium, bowling alleys, and all modern equipment. The definite date of the opening ceremonies has not been set, but arrangements are being made for the Supreme Officers to be guests on that occasion. At appointments is generally conceded to be equal to any home throughout the Order, not excluding New York. Thomas E. Randow is Grand Knight.

Supreme Knight At Ontario Meeting

A district meeting held by the councils in District Number 9, Ontario, comprising Saratoga, Chatham, Wallaceton, Tillbury, Amherstburg and Windsor was addressed by Supreme Knight Carmody. The meeting was held in Windsor and was attended by more than four hundred out of town guests were Dr. Claude Brown, Supreme Director; R. A. Jeffrey, State Deputy of Ontario; George Hanrahan, Past State Deputy, and Dr. Lutz, Master of the Fourth Degree, Central Ontario. The principal address of the evening was delivered by Supreme Knight Carmody on the work and ideals of the Knights of Columbus.

MONTEPELIER COUNCIL ACTIVE

In spite of the fact that the recent flood in Vermont put the damper on things more or less generally, Montpelier Council, No. 399, has come back strong and is doing things hot and heavy—even with more vigor than before the disaster. Very soon after the water subsided the Council was right on the job and did some very substantial relief work in the stricken area. The Membership Extension Committee is meeting with excellent success and the Council has sponsored several highly enjoyable social events during the winter. Montpelier may be down, but never out.

FATHER MICHAEL BOURKE DIES

Michigan Knights mourn the passing of Father Michael P. Bourke, Chaplain of Ann Arbor Council, who died at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, February 13, after a long illness. Father Bourke, who was 49 years old, gave up a promising law career to enter the priesthood.

CABLE TO BE WEEKLY

The Cable, official publication of the Knights of Columbus, No. 88, Worcester, Mass., will soon appear as a monthly. It is expected that the new schedule will go into effect about April 1. As a weekly, the Cable has been distinguished by an editorial column of unusual excellence.

Council Presents American Flag

Through Brother William L. Sylvester, Lyndhurst Council, No. 2396, has presented a beautiful American flag to the Lyndhurst, N. J., Board of Education. The flag floats over the High School building.

Nuns Appeal To Knights For Discarded Linens

The nuns at the House of Calvary, Cancer Hospital, New York City, have issued an appeal to all Knights of Columbus for old linens with which to dress the wounds of the patients under their care. Discarded shirts, old and torn collars, handkerchiefs, bed linen, table linen and white cotton goods are requested. Any clean white cotton or linen material is acceptable. It is used in place of gauze to cleanse the wounds of the patients and must be burned immediately thereafter. All goods are sterilized at the institution. The nuns have requested that in order to permit them to acknowledge receipt of the articles the name and address of the sender be clearly written on or printed. Address: House of Calvary, Featherbed Lane and McCombs Dam Road, Bronx, New York. This is an appeal that should be answered. Take the trouble.

Knight Wins Appointment By President Coolidge

Charles Joseph Riley, former State Deputy for Missouri, has just been appointed by President Coolidge to be District Attorney of the Panama Canal Zone. He will leave immediately to assume his duties. Riley graduated from St. Louis University Law School in 1916, but interrupted his law career in 1917 to enter the army where he attained a captain's commission and served overseas with the famous Rainbow Division. He was wounded in the Argonne and cited for unusual bravery.

MADE KNIGHT OF ST. GREGORY

The Rt. Rev. George J. Finnigan, Bishop of Helena, has announced that James A. Walsh has been made a Knight of St. Gregory the Great. This is the first time in the history of Montana that one of its citizens has been so honored. Brother Walsh was first Grand Knight of Helena Council, No. 844, and is a former District Deputy and Master of the Fourth Degree in Montana and Idaho.

INSTITUTE COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

On Sunday, February 12th, Atlantic City Council celebrated its twenty-ninth anniversary, having been instituted February 13th, 1899. The Council also instituted a Circle of Columbian Squires. State Deputy Edward Whelan was the guest of honor and congratulated the Council for its wonderful progress. Sixty-four candidates were inducted into the Squires, under the direction of Joseph Kelly.

300 Present At Ottawa Dinner

Knights of Columbus in Ottawa gathered recently at the Chateau Laurier for the annual dinner dance of Ottawa Council, the oldest council in Ontario. The affair was a colorful gathering honored by the presence of prominent officials of the Order and members of the Federal Cabinet. More than three hundred were in attendance. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, was a speaker, as was Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Labor.

Pittsburgh Lincoln Celebration

The Very Reverend Don Wilfrid Epton, O. S. B., speaking at the Pittsburgh Knights of Columbus Lincoln Day Observance under the auspices of Port Pitt General Assembly Fourth Degree, stated that there were over 10,000 converts to Catholicity in England last year. Father Epton is prior of Caldey-abbey, South Wales. The observance, which was attended by many non-Catholics, was presided over by Judge A. B. Reid.

KNIGHTS AT MEMORIAL MASS

The annual memorial Mass for deceased members of New York Chapter Knights of Columbus, was celebrated Wednesday morning, February 22, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City. Father Edward P. Leonard, Chaplain of the Chapter, was celebrant.

HOLD MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Neola Council, No. 1115, Neola, Iowa, recently held a meeting attended by two hundred for the purpose of getting under way the council's Selective Membership Extension program.

Open Boyology Course

Joseph D. Becker of the Boy Life Bureau Staff opened a Boyology Course in Yakima, Washington, Sunday afternoon, February 19. State Deputy Ryan and Grand Knight, William Van Well are the leaders in the Boy Movement in this progressive western city and are showing much enthusiasm and activity in the interest of the boy.

Another former Knights of Columbus scholar who followed the Boy Guidance Course at Notre Dame to receive recognition is Brother Eugene McVeigh of Newark, New Jersey. Brother McVeigh, who since graduated from Notre Dame in 1926, has been assistant to Dr. Sowerby, Commandant of the New Jersey Columbus Cadet Corps, was recently named Executive Director of this younger boys' organization in charge of the work throughout the state.

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3000 In Free State Victims Of Cancer In 1927, Is Reported By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, Feb. 13.—More than 3,000 deaths due to cancer were recorded in the Irish Free State last year. Prof. Moorhead told a public meeting in Limerick a few days ago. One out of every thousand of the population died of that disease, Prof. Moorhead said.

The Increase in the number of deaths from cancer was at the rate of fifty a year for the last ten years the statistics show. This figure is regarded as all the more alarming since the general death rate in Ireland has declined during the last 20 years by 32 per cent, while the death rate from tuberculosis has declined 88 per cent. Prof. Moorhead quoted the famous English surgeon, Sir Berkeley Moynihan, who declares that cancer in the British Isles has increased five-fold within the last 70 years.

Sir W. Wheeler declared that when taken in time, certain classes of cancer, notably cancer of the breast, was curable in a large percentage of cases, while 90 per cent of such cases were curable for at least 10 years. Speakers at the meeting declared that while Ireland could not compete with the heavily endowed laboratories of richer countries, she was ready to provide re-inforcements for the great army of research workers already in the field.

The Most Rev. Dr. Keane, Bishop of Limerick, sent a message of good-will and encouragement to the meeting, wishing success to the national campaign against cancer.

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