

Stirring Sermon Delivered By Dr. Zwierlein

Birth control and companionate marriage were attacked as undermining the home and the high position women have attained through Christianity by Rev. Frederick J. Zwierlein, D. D., of the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Dr. Zwierlein said: "A little more than week ago the City of Rochester was treated to the spectacle of a debate by a Protestant minister and former judge of the Denver Juvenile Court on companionate marriage. In the development of his argument, the judge took occasion also to advocate the dissemination of so-called modern birth control.

"Bad as the cause was that he advocated, he made it worse by wantonly calumniating Catholic women of Denver. He thus proved himself forgetful of God's commandment and of his own honor as a gentleman by bearing false witness against his neighbor.

"Are women, after all the persevering effort to raise them from the depth of pagan degradation to the exalted height given them in Christianity, a gain to be thus degraded? If the whole world is to be a house of infamy and shame, companionate marriage will do it as quickly and as effectively in the new Paganism of our time as it did in the old Paganism.

"It was bad enough when a world still professing to be Christian, opened the flood-gates of evil in divorce despite Christ's plain words: 'What God hath joined together, let no man separate.' It will be infinitely worse when companionate marriage will allow man and woman to play with marriage as a temporary experiment, to be set aside at their first whim, unless a child be accidentally born to them.

"Every one exercising the ministry of Christ's Gospel is bound in conscience to break the Word of Life for those to whom he ministers. On this account, a minister, who advocates so-called modern birth control methods, which are sinful, is a renegade to his office, and his presence in the ministry of any Christian Church is to me a mystery of iniquity.

"In the Old Testament, the Angel Gabriel told Tobias of the seven men who were slain by the devil because they in such manner entered matrimonial classes on Jan. 3rd with Fr. P. many so as to shut out God from the themselves. Tobias was, therefore, admonished to take the virgin Rachel with the fear of God, moved rather by the love of children than by lust, that in the seed of Abraham you more like women, and the women more like men. He was a bit scandalous in the New Testament, St. Paul, led when he read that the men were who allows no limitation of family taking to eloquent colors, and the except by mutual self control, issue of paint, perfume and face powder, careful to tell us that, while woman der. As to the dress of the ladies, in a transgression through original sin, she shall be saved through this, except to say, that this is one childbearing, if she continue in faith, at least, which the West should be increasing the number of converts to the Church. Catholics in birth control would bring upon the life of the individual, of the family, of the nation, has moved men best of the so-called Christian nations as fitted to speak on the subject, to the test against legalizing the dissemination of this vile knowledge. Our own Monroe County Medical Society put itself on record against modern birth control by unanimous resolution adopted in 1922.

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St. Patrick's Cathedral

Solemn pontifical high mass will be celebrated on St. Patrick's Day, at St. Patrick's Cathedral. A musical program will be given by the boys' and men's choir, and a sanctuary choir, composed of students of St. Bernard's Seminary, under the direction of Rev. John M. Petter, S.T.B., director of music at the Seminary. The boys' and men's choir is composed of thirty-five boys and eighteen men under the direction of Eugene Bonn, organist and choir-master, and M. D. Kavanagh, assistant director. The services will begin at 10 o'clock.

The musical program for the service follows: Organ prelude, 9:45 A. M., "St. Patrick's Day," traditional melody with variations Eugene Bonn. Processional—Ecce Sacerdos Magnus—Bonn Boys' and Men's choir. Introit—Stabat Mater—Gregorian Sanctuary Choir. Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei from "Missa Ross Mystica"—Carneval Boys' and Men's Choir. Gradual—Ecce Sacerdos Magnus and Beatus Vir—Zacharius Sanctuary Choir. Third Credo—Gregorian Offertory—Invent David—Gregorian Supplementary Offertory—"Salva Regina"—Bonn Boys' and Men's Choir. Communion—Fidelis Servus—Gregorian Sanctuary Choir. "Holy God"—Traditional Chorus and Congregation.

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MARYKNOLL MISSIONS

Fifteen Miles on Foot at 85 F. Below is what some of our Christians made to be at Fushun for the Feast. The women were few this time, for the cold was too intense. We had to run the services, like the 20th Century Express, in one respect, that is, in sections. Try to pack 250 people in a chapel that is crowded with 150 and you have the situation. Confessions 182, and there would have been more if "Jack Frost" had been more lenient.

The Ladies With The Bound Feet. Abound in our mission. They have been the direct cause of the establishment of two missions, three and four miles, respectively, from the central chapel. In one place, Ku-Cheng-Tze it is necessary to cross an open coal mine a cut about three hundred feet deep and one mile wide. Fr. Jaquet is taking care of the Christians there. On his last trip, his "boy" slid down a good part of the decline, and both crawled animal fashion up the incline. Imagine the ladies with the five inch "stumps" called feet, trying to get across this declivity to attend Mass. Mass is said in the house of a Christian, and on Christmas day, thirty seven managed to squeeze into a room, ten by twenty. We hope to secure better quarters for them later.

La-o-Fu-Tai "Old Tiger Hill" is being attended by Fr. Gesel. He is fast becoming Chinese. Fr. Gesel can handle the chop-sticks "chop," and his "sabre-less" formed from army horse back experience easily fold up "Buddha" fashion. For the conventional squat on the "Kang," the Chinese over-bed, where those to whom he ministers. On all gather for meals and conversation. This out mission has some 150 Christians in the vicinity; but, the present quarters, a restaurant owned by one of the community, is entirely inadequate, and hardly appropriate. Fr. Sweeney is helping at the centre mission, and Father Gilbert is doing a little procurator work, being Gabriel told Tobias of the seven men who were slain by the devil because they in such manner entered matrimonial classes on Jan. 3rd with Fr. P. many so as to shut out God from the themselves. Tobias was, therefore, admonished to take the virgin Rachel with the fear of God, moved rather by the love of children than by lust, that in the seed of Abraham you more like women, and the women more like men. He was a bit scandalous in the New Testament, St. Paul, led when he read that the men were who allows no limitation of family taking to eloquent colors, and the except by mutual self control, issue of paint, perfume and face powder, careful to tell us that, while woman der. As to the dress of the ladies, in a transgression through original sin, she shall be saved through this, except to say, that this is one childbearing, if she continue in faith, at least, which the West should be increasing the number of converts to the Church. Catholics in birth control would bring upon the life of the individual, of the family, of the nation, has moved men best of the so-called Christian nations as fitted to speak on the subject, to the test against legalizing the dissemination of this vile knowledge. Our own Monroe County Medical Society put itself on record against modern birth control by unanimous resolution adopted in 1922.

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New India Directory Reports Many Converts

Madras, India—Converts from paganism in thirty-eight of the forty-

SS. Peter and Paul's

A two week's mission to be conducted by three Passionist Fathers from Hoboken, New Jersey, will open on next Sunday, March 18th. The first week will be for the women and the second week for the men. Announcement was made this week of the death of Sister M. Aloy, a member of St. Vincent's Order, Sisters of Charity who died last Saturday in St. Vincent's Hospital, Los Angeles. Sister Aloysius Miller was a member of this parish before entering the convent. She leaves a brother, Joseph Miller, of No. 170 Warner street, this city; eight nieces and eight nephews.

Miss Irene A. Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Hart of No. 116 Salina street, died on Sunday evening, March 11th, aged 17 years. Besides her parents she leaves to mourn her loss two sisters, Mr. Delos Wadell, and Mr. Earl Manly, two brothers, Ambrose and Roman Hart. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the home and at 9 o'clock from this church. Burial was made in the family lot at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Religious Drama To Be Presented Again

So great has been the demand for a return engagement by the Wig and Mask Dramatic Club of St. Salome's Church in "The Communion," a four-act religious drama, that the management of the club has decided to present one play this year in St.

six dioceses in India, according to the Catholic Directory for 1928, total 34,318 for the year 1927. Eight dioceses failed to include their records.

Catholics in India and Ceylon now number 3,241,744, and of this total about 3,85,000 are in Ceylon. Over the period of the past five years the Catholic population increased 272,000. Priests in India and Ceylon number 3,444, and their ranks are increased by a yearly average of 65. There is evidence in the figures of the Catholic Directory that Catholicism in India and Ceylon has bright and hopeful prospects. Many mission districts are understaffed at present. Observers of the situation are confident that with greater resources of men and money, and the blessing of God, there is no insurmountable difficulty to face in the forward movement for the conversion of India.

Efficient Operation Of Mission Schools Shown

(Fides Service) Nyanza, East Africa—Sixty-five cents per pupil is the annual average unit cost of the elementary mission schools in the vicariate of Victoria Nyanza. Bishop Joseph Sweeney, Vicar Apostolic, is authority for the figure, which comes as the result of a thorough survey and study of the mission schools. Three thousand seven hundred children are enrolled in the schools. The average attendance is 60 per cent. for the boys and 58 per cent. for girls. Thirty schools are necessary for the scattered population. Forty-seven native teachers are employed, seventeen of them women. Twenty-one Sisters give whole or part time to the mission schools and eleven priests supervise the institutions.

To Build Normal School Of Bamboo And Palms

(Fides Service) Tangarare, Solomon Islands—Arising from a clearing in the tropical forest, construction has begun on a church, a house for the priest, lecture halls and a group of cabins, the whole plant of palm leaves and bamboo to be dignified with the name of normal school.

The site chosen for the school is near Tangarare and overlooks the ocean. It represents an undertaking of major importance for the vicariate of the South Solomon Islands. Missionaries express the hope that graduates of the school may be influential in increasing the number of converts to the Church. Catholics in the vicariate number about 7,000. The total population of nearly 150,000.

South African Catholic Paper In Four Languages

(Fides Service) Kroonstad, South Africa—In order to reach all native groups in South Africa, two more vernacular languages have been adopted by the editors of the "Isindaba Zabantsu". Resident editions in English and Zulu, the paper will be printed in Hosa and Sesotho. The four languages cover the linguistic variety in this section of Africa.

Nazareth Junior Prom To Take Place April 10

The annual Junior Promenade of Nazareth College will take place on April 10 in the Sagamore coliseum. Features of entertainment will be a "Blues" act by Thelma Biracree, Dorothy Drakely and Martin Vogt of the Eastman Theater Company, and music by an out-of-town orchestra. Frances McLoughlin is general chairman, assisted by Lois Foley, Emily Knoll, Helen Collins, Lillian Fedigan, Julia Sullivan, Margery Grabas, Margaret Leary, Adelaide Staff, Mary Forshee, Jean Hayward, Margaret Creary, and Monica Toole. Clemantine Koch is treasurer.

Convent Damaged by Fire Last Sunday

Fire, the origin of which is yet undetermined, swept several buildings of the Nazareth Academy Convent, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph, last Sunday, destroying the chapel, and causing much excitement in the immediate neighborhood. Twelve of the nuns were at their dinner when the alarm was given. Firemen were of the opinion that the blaze started behind the altar of the chapel a few minutes after the services. Many of the personal belongings of the nuns were lost. The total damage was estimated at \$8,000.

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