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Sydney Congress Promoter Making Tour Of The U. S.

Washington, March 20.—The United States, England and Ireland are exhibiting a surprising interest in the Twenty-ninth International Eucharistic Congress and undoubtedly will send large representations to that great meeting to be held in Sydney, Australia, this September, according to the Rev. Dr. John T. McMahon of Perth, Western Australia, official representative of the Congress executive committee, in an interview here yesterday.

Dr. McMahon, who has just returned from England and Ireland, where he worked in behalf of the coming Congress, has only had time to spread word of the event in some of the Middle Atlantic States of this country. However, within a few weeks he will make a sweeping lecture tour that will carry him across the United States, spreading information and stimulating interest in the coming great religious gathering.

Dr. McMahon said that the N. C. W. C. News Service was chief among all the agencies, anywhere, in the dissemination of Congress news and the promotion of interest in the event. On every hand he said, he has heard people speak of the Congress and the fine information they have concerning it through the news service. Such an agency, he said, is of tremendous importance in Catholic work.

Dr. McMahon's work in Ireland and England took from last July to January of this year. He lectured extensively, gave interviews, and generally encouraged the dissemination of news about the Twenty-ninth International Eucharistic Congress. "The response was very good," he said. "The Archbishop of Cashel will lead the Irish delegation, and the Bishop of Portsmouth will lead the English delegation."

The Knights of St. Columba in England, and the Knights of St. Columbans in Ireland are deeply interested in the Congress and will be well represented at Sydney. Dr. McMahon expects that at least 1,000 or more persons will represent Ireland and England at Sydney, which, considering the great distance between the two localities, will be a remarkable delegation, he said.

Lectures delivered before chapter meetings of th' Knights of Columbus in New York and Brooklyn carried the Congress message to 100,000 or more Knights, Father McMahon estimates. He has also addressed a large number of Catholic Daughters of America since coming to the United States, and that organization has appointed a delegation to go to Sydney. The biggest individual meeting he has addressed, Father McMahon said, was that at the Catholic Club in New York City a few days ago. On that occasion, Judge Martin T. Manton, president of the club and member of the permanent commitee for the Eucharistic Congress, announced that he would represent the Club in Australia. It is most probable that all the members of the permanent committee in this country will attend the Congress, Father McMahon said. The Brooklyn diocese will send a delegation of priests, he already has been informed.

Sunday last, Father McMahon addressed a quarterly meeting of the Holy Name Society in Philadelphia. The meeting was largely attended and many expressed the intention of attending the Congress. Father McMahon said. It is also expected that a number of priests from Philadelphia will go to Sydney.

Father McMahon reports that the Rt. Rev. John J. Dunn, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will attend as will the Rt. Rev. John J. Cantwell, Bishop of Los Angeles and San Diego, and the Rt. Rev. John B. MacGinley, Bishop of Monterey-Fresno. The Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, also will attend the Congress, he said.

Father McMahon, who is superintendent of schools in the Diocese of Perth, Western Australia, is well known in this country, having been a graduate student at the Catholic University of America.

CALLES DENOUNCED IN FRANCE

Paris, March 19.—At a recent mass meeting held here in the parish hall of Notre-Dame de la Gare, indignation was expressed regarding the persecution of Mexican Catholics. Calles was called the modern successor of Nero, Caligula and Domitian, and the Mexican martyrs were compared with those of the catacombs.

Beauty of Mass Converts Whole Chinese Village

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Peking, March 5.—A whole village in the Prefecture Apostolic of Lishien, which is under the direction of one of the Chinese bishops, Bishop Sun, C.M., was recently won over to the Faith by the liturgical beauty of High Mass. The people of this village had been inquiring about the Catholic religion for a number of months, but were still hesitating. At length, they were allowed to assist at High Mass. They were deeply impressed by the solemnity of the ritual and by the devotion of the Chinese Catholics, which contrasted so sharply with the services held in their pagan pagodas.

All doubts were removed and, on leaving the church, they said: "We have found at last what the best men in our village have been seeking for so long. Our only regret is to have been so late in discovering it." The people of this village have already shown great zeal in propagating the Faith.

Record of Dioceses In Contributions To the Missions

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, March 23.—The Right Reverend Monsignor William Quinn, National Director of the Pontifical Society for the Propaganda of the Faith in the United States, will sail tomorrow on the S. S. Paris for Rome where he will attend the annual sessions of the International Committee of the Society to be held there during the week beginning April 15. Monsignor Quinn is the American representative on this Committee, the most important mission body in the Catholic Church.

Monsignor Quinn has announced that the net contributions from the United States for 1927 amounted to $1,126,871.71. This sum, which will be placed at the disposal of the International Committee for disbursement among the needy mission fields, shows an increase of about one hundred thousand dollars, or 10 per cent, over that of 1926.

This year Brooklyn leads the dioceses of the United States in contributions. Dioceses which contributed $100,000 or more were: Brooklyn, $154,049.45; New York, $141,431.36; Chicago, $112,007; Newark, $100,042.87, and Boston, $100,000.

The diocese of Springfield, Illinois, with an average in contributions of 17.9 cents for each Catholic inhabitant, leads on the basis of per capita contributions. It is followed by Brooklyn, 17.7 cents; Albany, N. Y., 16.8 cents; Newark, 14.6 cents; Kansas City, 13.5 cents.

Reports available thus far from National Councils in other countries indicate substantial gains in contributions.

Anonymous $15,000 Gift To Bishop Of Southwark, England

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, March 19.—A sum of $15,000 arrived this week at Bishop's House, Southwark, from an anonymous donor who asked that it should be devoted to educational purposes in the diocese. Bishop Amigo himself does not yet know the name of the donor.

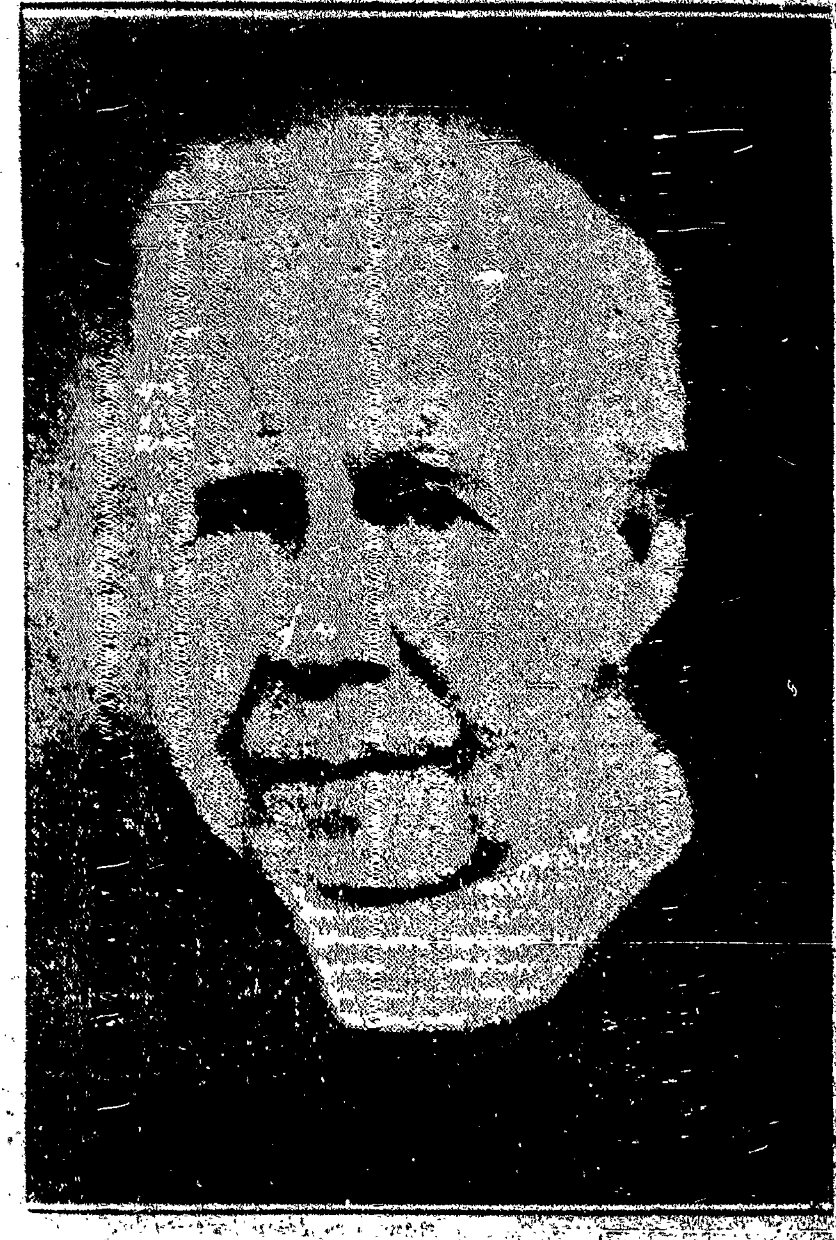
The Bishop has decided to give the money for the building of a parochial school at Downham, where Canon Monk and his people recently started the devotion of the Seven Sundays in honor of St. Joseph with the object of obtaining money for the school. After the first Sunday Canon Monk received a donation of $5,000. This donor, too, wishes to remain anonymous.

Carillon Rung By Organ in Jesuits' Church in Dublin

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dublin, March 19.—The Jesuit Fathers of Gardiner Street, Dublin, have installed a new organ, which contains a carillon of 25 tubular bells, the first carillon to be fitted to the organ of any Irish church.

The carillon is attached to the "great organ," and by simply pulling out what looks like an ordinary organ stop, the organist is able to play a peal of 25 bells, of which the mechanism is coupled to the keyboard for the ordinary pipes. The musical effect is superb and extremely well adapted to church music.



The Very Rev. Canon A. A. Notebaert.
—Courtesy of Rochester Times-Union

Canon Notebaert, Passes Away

Famous Priest Passes Away Unexpectedly. Was Rector of Our Lady of Victory Parish For Many Years.

The Very Rev. Canon Alphonse A. Notebaert, rector of the parish of Our Lady of Victory since July, 1879, died unexpectedly Thursday morning from a heart attack at the rectory in Pleasant Street.

Canon Notebaert while he had not been in robust health for several months and had been subject to heart attacks and fainting spells, seemed well, yesterday, and was out for some time.

Wednesday night he complained of headache and Thursday morning suffered a sinking spell. The Rev. C. A. VanDerMeulen, assistant rector of the Church of Our Lady of Victory, was with him and administered the last sacraments after which Canon Notebaert fell into a quiet sleep in which he passed away without pain.

Canon Notebaert was one of the best loved priests in the city, numbering friends by the thousands.

Born in Belgium, he received his classical training at Ypres, attended the seminary at Bruges and then taught for six years before he took charge of a parish.

For signal and distinguished service, Father Notebaert was awarded five medals on different occasions.

In 1895 he received the Order of Leopold. In 1905, King Leopold, then ruler of Belgium, made him a Knight of the Order of the Crown.

The Belgian government conferred upon him the medal of King Albert in 1919 for devoted services during the World War, and he has been honored also by the Advocates of St. Peter of Italy and at another time by King Albert.

Father Notebaert was president of the Association of Belgian and Holland priests in the United States, and for many years was president of the French Alliance here.

Body to Lie in State

The body of Father Notebaret will lie in state in Our Lady of Victory Church for several hours Sunday afternoon. It will be taken to the church at 2 o'clock.

At 7:45 o'clock the office of the dead will be chanted by the priests of the diocese, and Monday morning at 8 o'clock a solemn high requiem mass will be sung at Our Lady of Victory Church. Funeral services will take place at 10 o'clock in St. Patrick's Cathedral and burial will be made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

England Gave $50,000 to Missions

London, March 19.—England's contribution to the Propagation of the Faith increased from $40,000 to $50,000, last year, according to a statement made by Msgr. Ross, director, at the annual meeting of the National Council of the S. P. F. at Archbishop's House here.

Msgr. Ross also announced that the Holy Father has granted to laymen who render service on the National Council or the diocesan committees the privilege of having Mass said in their homes during sickness, with the permission of the Bishop.

Mass Said In Inn Of Welsh Village

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, March 19.—An upper room of an inn was converted into a temporary chapel for the first Mass that was celebrated at Bayfilt, North Wales, a few days ago, by Bishop Vaughan of Menevia.

The room will be used until the 200 Catholics in the district are able to put up a church.

Maryknoll Father Of Dairen Plans Port Arthur Center

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dairen, March 1.—Father Leopold H. Tibesar, Maryknoll missioner here, plans to found a Catholic center in Port Arthur, where there never has been a Catholic church nor a resident Catholic priest. Port Arthur, famous on account of the Russo-Japanese War, was recently visited by Father Tibesar, who discovered only about thirty Japanese Catholics there, though it is thought there are others who, owing to the absence of priests have fallen away from the faith.

The few Catholics in Port Arthur are prominent in civil life. Judge Tsuchiya is chief justice for the Japanese Territory in South Manchuria. Mr. Gazawa is one of the foremost officials of the Japanese Red Cross.

Judge Tsuchiya and a group of Catholics met Father Tibesar at the train and accompanied him to the Yamato hotel, where he heard confessions and said Mass on the following morning. Arrangements were made to have Mass said at Port Arthur once a month.

Action Francaise Again Condemned By Archbishops

By M. Massiani
(Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, March 19.—The cardinals and archbishops of France, at their annual meeting held last week in Paris, made public the following statement:

"The Assembly of Cardinals and Archbishops of France, grievously shocked at the attitude of insubmission to the supreme head of the Church persistently maintained by the directors and followers of the Action Francaise for more than a year, and again calling attention to the doctrinal condemnations previously promulgated,—

"PROTEST UNANIMOUSLY against the injuries and calumnious inventions through which they daily annoy the Holy See and attack the Vicar of Christ, the highest representative of God on earth.

"The Assembly deplores and strongly condemns their words, writings and procedures which, inspired by sentiments of revolt, have saddened the heart of the Holy Father of the great Christian Family, have scandalized France, and discredited and jeopardized the cause that they think they defend.

"The Assembly addresses once more to its prodigal but always beloved children a paternal and suppliant appeal; it continues to hope that after examining their consciences and at length understanding the mind of the Holy Father, they will again become what we have known them to be—loving children, obedient and devoted to the Pope and the Church."

At this proclamation of the archbishops portrays their grief, the rebellion of the Action Francaise continues and, in fact, increases. If a number of its adherents have fallen away, it must be stated that the directors and a part of their followers persist in a resistance that becomes more and more rabid and violent. A journal that had heretofore appeared to be a most ardent defender of the interests of the Church now publishes not one issue without attacking some bishop and accusing him of betraying the interests of his country. It takes up insinuations and defamatory imputations against ecclesiastical authorities which formerly would have been which formerly would have been found only in violently polemic and anti-clerical sheets. The most highly respected religious persons, some of whom have dared publicly to criticize or to condemn some measure of the Action Francaise, continually receive threatening letters and insulting telephonic communications. Or, they may even be made the victims of jokes of the worst sort of taste; for instance, an eminent prelate was the recipient of jewelry worth many millions of francs, delivered at his residence by local jewelers and which he was supposed to have ordered.

Former Definitor Of Capuchins Dies

London, March 18.—A former Definitor General of the Franciscan Capuchins, Father Anthony Brennan, O.S.F.C., died this week at Pantasaph, Wales, at the age of 70.

Born in County Monaghan, Ireland, Father Anthony received the Capuchin habit in this country 55 years ago, and spent most of his priestly life here. He served two consecutive terms as Definitor of the English Province and three terms as Provincial. He became Definitor General in 1911 and held office for nine years.

At various times Father Anthony was also Guardian of the Olton, Chester and Pantasaph monasteries.

British Admiral's Son Dies In Fall

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, March 19.—A son of Admiral Sir Edward Charlton, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.S.G., has just died as the result of a fall from the cliffs at Dartmouth, where he was studying at the Royal Naval College.

It was revealed at the inquest that Cadet Christopher Charlton went with two other cadets to Redlap Cove, and while climbing a cliff to take a photograph, fell 60 feet.

Sir Edward Charlton only recently accepted the presidency of the council formed by the Apostleship of the Sea and the St. Vincent de Paul Society to direct spiritual work among Catholic seamen.

Welfare Work To Be Subject Of Basle ...

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Basle, Switzerland, March 1[illegible].—A group of papers on various phases of Catholic welfare work in the United States, prepared by departments of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, will be read at the International Conference on Catholic Welfare Work to be held here May 2-4, it has been announced.

This Conference will take the place of the international congress scheduled for Strasbourg last September, which, because of unforeseen circumstances, had to be postponed. In anticipation of the Strasbourg congress, four papers were prepared by the N. C. W. C. for presentation. Later, when it was decided that a conference—of a more informal nature, to be made up exclusively of welfare workers—should be held, it was desired that the N. C. W. C. papers be presented at this gathering.

Subjects of the four papers are: "The Organization of the N.C.W.C.," "The Study Club Program of the National Council of Catholic Women," "The Bureau of Immigration of the N. C. W. C." and "The Training of the Nurse in the United States." Mrs. Bridget Harrison of the Historical Records Bureau of the N. C. W. C., who is stationed in Paris, will come to Basle to read the papers.

Details of the program given out show that the Rev. Dr. John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities of the United States, also will be one of the speakers at the Conference. He will speak the first day on the subject, "National Charity Conferences."

A Pontifical Mass will be celebrated Wednesday morning ... at the Church of St. Clara, preliminary to the opening of the Conference proper, in the ... of the Palais de la Foire d'Echantillons. At the first session, Msgr. ... [illegible] ... speak, discussing the various ... of welfare work. Another ... Msgr. ... of the Charitasverband of ... who will describe ... national charitable organization ... his country.

The remainder of the first day and the second will be given over to sectional discussions of welfare among children, the aged, the poor, immigrants and inebriates.

Sectional meetings Friday morning will be followed by a business meeting in the afternoon at which the international president and the presidents of the various sections will present their reports.

In the sectional sessions, some of the topics to be discussed are as follows: Child Labor, Modern Tendencies Among the Youth of the World, the League of Nations and Child Protection, Catholic Schools of Social Service, Church and State Charitable Organizations, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Its Methods and Other Charitable Societies, Legal Assistance for Indigents, Women Inspectors or Auxiliaries on Immigrant Ships, Religious, Charitable and Social Supervision and Grouping of Immigrants, Protection of Young Working Girls, Visiting Nurses, Catholic Hospitals, and Various Phases of Alcoholism.

67,987 Pamphlets Of English C. T. S. Sold At Cathedral

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, March 19.—During last year 67,987 pamphlets were bought by visitors from the Catholic Truth Society case in Westminster Cathedral.

The Westminster Cathedral Chronicle states that more than 3,400 were sold during Holy Week, and that the largest number sold on one day was 200 on Good Friday.

The Chronicle reports that in a neighboring church a thief broke open the C. T. S. money box. The money had been taken out beforehand, so he got nothing for his trouble. But he took away one of the pamphlets, and his choice was ominous. It was "The Map of the Catholic Churches of London."

Gets Medal After 70 Year's Service

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Strasbourg, March 19.—Msgr. Ruch, Bishop of Strasbourg, has just conferred the gold service medal upon M. Xavier Gurt, aged ..., who is now employed as chief clerk ... office he entered in 18[illegible] at ... of 14 years.