

Priest Urges Irish Games To Preserve Gaelic Tradition

Dublin, April 23. — Delegates to the recent annual convention of the Gaelic Athletic Association have asked Archbishop Hart of Cashel to become its patron. It is to be presumed that His Grace will accept the honor, since he is well known as a supporter of the Gaelic athletic movement. Plans for the reception of American teams coming to Ireland to take part in the football and hurling contests at the forthcoming Tuohesann games are progressing. Father Lawrence O'Murray, of Dunalk, one of the speakers at the convention was cheered when he declared that the only way to preserve and develop "Irish Ireland," is to organize Irish games, language, national outlook and customs all together. "Every influence," said Father O'Murray, "wireless, international air services, foreign newspapers, mass production and the crushing out of rural industries, all tend to root out the Gaelic tradition." Father O'Murray also declared that the newspapers now published in Ireland in the English language, are "lined up against us." The chairman of the convention, W. P. Clifton of Limerick, expressed the hope that in the near future a council of the Gaelic Athletic Association would be established among the Irish population of the United States.

Bishop of Bathurst, Australia, Is Dead; Native Of Ireland

Dublin, April 23. — The Right Rev. Dr. Michael O'Farrell, Bishop of Bathurst, Australia, who has recently died, was born in Westmeath County in 1851, and received his education at the seminary, at Navan, Meath, where he was under the tutelage of Dr. Higgins, subsequently Bishop of Bellfast, Australia. Having progressed to Maynooth College, the late Dr. O'Farrell had as a classmate the present Archbishop Mannix of Sydney, Australia. After his ordination, the late Bishop spent some years in the Vincentian House of St. Mary's, Sharnford, England. On his return to Ireland he became professor of higher mathematics in All Hallows College, Dublin, after which he occupied the chair of Moral Theology in the Irish College, Paris. In 1913, for reasons of health, he was sent to the Vincentian Home of Mission at Ashford, New South Wales. After two years he became rector of St. John's College, Sydney University. He was consecrated Bishop of Bathurst in 1920.

Six Sons of German Village Teachers Enter Priesthood

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capelle, (Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service.) Cologne, April 23. — Six sons of village teachers have been given to the Catholic priesthood — by the diocese of Baderoben, near Paderborn in Westphalia, in the last 180 years. Early in the nineteenth century, two sons of the village teacher, Bauer became priests. His successor, Franz Rhode, gave three sons to the priesthood, and a son of Gerhard Noering, the present teacher, has been ordained. One of Franz Rhode's sons is at present pastor in Torgau, and in his home his parents are soon to observe the golden anniversary of their wedding. The son of Gerhard Noering was ordained at Paderborn and sang his first Mass in his native village Easter Monday. This diocese area at present has 16 students preparing for the priesthood in the Paderborn seminary and different universities.

Apostolic Delegate Grieved by Passing Of Father Elliott

New York, April 23. — Among the hundreds of messages of condolence received by the Very Rev. Joseph McSorley, C. S. P., superior-general of the Congregation of St. Paul the Apostle, following the death of the Rev. Walter Elliott, eminent Paullist missionary who died at the Mission House of the Order, Brookland, D. C., last week, was one from the Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate. The letter follows: "Very Rev. Joseph McSorley, C. S. P. Please accept and convey to the community my cordial sympathy in the death of the noble Father Elliott. (Signed) P. Fumasoni-Biondi." Father Elliott was 86 years old and had been a missionary for more than half a century.

Medal For Singer 60 Years in Choir

Angers, April 23. — The Bishop of Angers has just bestowed silver medals upon M. Pitton and M. Blouin, choirs of Notre Dame des Augustins, as a testimonial of their long and devoted services. M. Pitton has been singing in this church for 50 years, and M. Blouin for thirty.

Chinese 'Reds' Spare Medical Missioner In Reign of Terror

New York, April 23. — Missionaries of Kanchow were given certain privileges and protection because of their ministrations to the sick and injured during the many months the Communists ruled Kiangsi Province, China. It is learned from a report by the Rev. Wm. J. McClimont, C. M., who has sent to the national headquarters of the Catholic Medical Mission Board, here. Conditions were so bad during this period, Father McClimont writes, that it was almost impossible to travel safely in the district. The mission compound itself was taken over by the military forces and soldiers were billeted in the chaipais, he says. The missionaries dared not to wander away from the house. The mere appearance of a missionary in the homes of the Christians would have invited new persecutions of the people. Agitators visited the village of Ta-Hou-Kiang and tried to stir up the townsfolk to attack the mission, but they refused. Only a short distance from where Father McClimont was stationed, he reports, Father Hou, a native Chinese priest, was slain. While this political uprising was at its height, Father McClimont writes, he was obliged to remain at home and there try to help the poor and afflicted that came to him. Because he was able to offer succor, he accounted in a great measure for his being permitted to remain at the mission, free from molestation by the fighting forces. At some time or another the majority of the villagers benefited by the dispensary. Seeing with their own eyes the practical charity of the Church, they refused to believe the calumnies spread by the Bolsheviki, and continued to attend the dispensary even though the soldiers were constantly on guard there. The natives came in large numbers, and on market days the missionary was kept busy for long hours. Pain overcame the fears of the suffering masses and they sought the only source of relief open to them. Native medicines were too expensive and the poor had no money to purchase them. There was also a change in the attitude of the soldiers. Upon their arrival at the Mission they greeted the missionary with cries of "Down with the imperialist," "Kill the foreign devil," but very soon they went to Father McClimont for relief from their sufferings and wounds. Even the smaller hospitals, poorly furnished and equipped, in many cases having a bed capacity of but thirty or thirty-five, treated in the course of that troublesome year as many as 46,000 and 47,000 people, and distributed remedies to as many as 60,000, the Medical Mission Board says. Large hospitals have not yet been founded but the districts abound in these small dispensaries. The natives are beginning to realize that western medical science is to be preferred to the dangerous concoctions of witch doctors, and are beginning to support in a very energetic way the dispensaries of the missionaries.

Psychology To Be Topic Of Lectures On Paullist Radio

New York, April 23. — Approximately 7,000 Catholic teachers, including members of religious communities of Brothers and Sisters, have enrolled for the course of lectures on psychology to be given over the radio from the Paullist Station WLWL, here, May 4, 11, 18 and 25, and on other dates to be announced. Frank D. Whalen of Hunter College, here, will give the lectures. Behaviorism, Freudism, and endocrine theories, all the psychological hypotheses before the public today are to be discussed. Mr. Whalen is an expert in the analysis of the present problems of psychology. He has gone deeply into a study of the emotions and the intellect, from the point of view of the latest theories about instinct and the effects of glandular functioning. "He is thoroughly familiar with the manifestations of the subconscious, and is able to meet Freud on his own ground," the announcement says. "He has studied the Gestalt principles and can tell all about the matter of configuration." In order to help listeners to get the utmost out of the lectures, Station WLWL has prepared a complete outline of every talk and this is now in the hands of 15,000 students. The subjects of the talks to be given in May are: "Psychology, Past and Present," "Where Modern Psychology Has Made Distinct Gains," "Where Modern Psychology Stands Still," and "Doctor Watson and the Behaviorists."

Return Of Statue Of Many Sought

Rio de Janeiro, April 23. — There is a movement on foot among prominent Brazilian Catholics to petition the Franciscan Fathers to return to Brazil the statue known as "Our Lady of Brazil." This statue, which was at Pernambuco during colonial times, was taken to Europe by a Franciscan and placed in a church at Milan, where it now became an object of special veneration. The tower of Pey Berland, reconstructed about 1440, is of flamboyant gothic style and is adjacent to the cathedral. It is named for the archbishop who built it, Cardinal Pey Berland, primate of Aquitaine under the English domination. It was partially demolished during the revolution of 1793, but restored in 1850. At the time of this restoration, it was surmounted with a great golden statue, Notre Dame d'Aquitaine. This statue is at least 26 feet high. The tower holds a bell which weighs about 22,000 pounds.

Austrian Catholics Denounce Mexico's Attacks On Church

By Dr. Frederick Funder, (Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service.) Vienna, April 18. — A brilliant assembly of the National Union of Catholics of Austria, just held here with most of its eminent men present, turned out to be an impressive manifestation against the despotism of the present Mexican Government and the persecution of Catholics in Mexico. Cardinal Piff, Archbishop of Vienna, declared in his address to the assembly: "We bow in reverence before the spirit and courage shown by the Catholics of Mexico, and we know very well how to value the sacrifices made by this true Catholic people. We bow to that people which is forced to see its martyrs placed against the wall, that people which in every hour produces new martyrs for our Catholic Faith. And we in Austria will make every effort that these conditions shall never prevail in Austria." The assembly with the greatest enthusiasm passed the following resolution: "Peace, internal and external, is a great good which is especially appreciated by those nations which have had to experience the sufferings, the distress and the injustice of the world war. Internal peace which is needed by mankind at all times and in all places to make cultural progress, cannot, however, be preserved if the inalienable rights of free expression of opinion and open confession of a viewpoint of the world based on religion are trodden down with the brutal means of the executive power. "The Catholics of all countries of the world have never and nowhere permitted themselves to be surpassed by others in patriotism and in faithfulness to their nation and their home country. On the very confession of the Catholic Faith is found the moral force without which no State and no society can be imagined. "Therefore, it is an insupportable pain to the Austrian Catholics to know that their fellow-believers in Mexico must suffer persecution for their belief in God and the Church, persecution which, to use the words employed by the Holy See, has no counterpart in history. "It is for this reason that the members of the National Union of Catholics of Austria, assembled in meeting at Sophy's Hall in Vienna join with their voices in the great protest of the Catholic world, in that protest which is to arouse the conscience of the world. They demand of the civilized nations that their brethren in Mexico be given what every world view and every proper conviction, they may claim for themselves: Liberty and Justice!"

Catholic Memorial Service For Late Austrian Emperor

Vienna, April 18. — The grateful memory of the Austrian Catholics has preserved of their last imperial ruler, the Emperor Charles, who six years ago died in exile in Madeira received expression to a church ceremony which took place recently in St. Michael's church, Vienna. All classes of the Catholic population, associations of officers and ex-servicemen, the Catholic aristocracy and the distinguished society people of Vienna participated. In memory of the deceased emperor a monument was erected with an inscription dedicating it to him and commemorating his valiant work for the re-establishment of peace. It reads: "He strove for peace and found it in God." The ceremony was under the protection of Cardinal Piff of Vienna and the Chancellor, Monsignor Seipel. Bishop Seydl, who as his curate had been intimately connected with Emperor Charles, praised his as an upright, deeply religious Catholic, and told how he was accustomed to receive Holy Communion several times a week, and in later years even every day. All his thoughts and actions, he said, were directed to the performance of his duties and to the discharge of the responsibilities which, as a ruler, he conceived he had before the throne of God.

Tower of Bordeaux Cathedral Showing Signs of Collapse

Paris, April 23. — During the past few days, fragments of stone have tumbled from the bell turrets of the tower of Pey Berland at Bordeaux, and it is feared that the structure may give away. A number of crèches have been noticed in the tower and steps are being taken to reinforce it immediately. Meanwhile the building is closed to the public. The tower of Pey Berland, reconstructed about 1440, is of flamboyant gothic style and is adjacent to the cathedral. It is named for the archbishop who built it, Cardinal Pey Berland, primate of Aquitaine under the English domination. It was partially demolished during the revolution of 1793, but restored in 1850. At the time of this restoration, it was surmounted with a great golden statue, Notre Dame d'Aquitaine. This statue is at least 26 feet high. The tower holds a bell which weighs about 22,000 pounds.

Edw. S. Dore Again Head Of Catholic College Alumni

New York, April 23. — Election of officers, several important addresses and a roundtable discussion brought to a close on Saturday the business of the annual convention of the National Catholic Alumni Federation, which for three days held sessions at the Waldorf Hotel here. A banquet and pageant formed the social phase of the meeting the same night. His Eminence Cardinal Hayes addressed one session of the convention. He called the Federation "a new force, a new instrumentality in America for the welfare of our beloved land." Edward S. Dore, of New York, was re-elected president of the organization. Other officers and trustees chosen were: Vice Presidents, Edward J. Mehran, Loyola, Chicago; Ray A. Graham, St. Mary's, Kansas; John C. Kelly, Villanova College, Pennsylvania; Edward J. Walsh, St. Louis; Treasurer, James L. Clare, St. Francis Xavier College, New York City; Secretary, John T. Balfe, Notre Dame, Indiana; Assistant Secretary Frank Duffley, Notre Dame. Chairman Committee on Organization, Bowman Strome; Regional Directors, Chicago, the Rev. William J. Ryan; St. Louis, Edward J. Walsh; San Francisco, John P. Doran; St. Mary's, Cal. Trustees: Daniel F. Cahalan, Manhattan; Cletus Keating, Mount St. Mary's; Ray A. Graham, St. Mary's, Kansas; Edward J. Mehran, Loyola, Chicago; Theodore P. MacManus, Detroit; Frederick J. Fuller, St. Francis Xavier; Thomas Farrell, Manhattan; M. D. Touart, Spring Hill, Alabama; Edmund B. Butler, Fordham; Joseph Stewart, Gonzaga, Spokane, Wash.; John T. Fitzgerald, Manhattan; Edward J. Walsh, St. Louis; William H. DeLacey, Catholic University; Alfred H. McCann, Duquesne; John C. Kelly, Villanova; James L. Clare, St. Francis Xavier and Hug H. O'Donnell, Notre Dame. Declaring that the new idea of education was that it was a life-time process, Dr. Daniel L. Grant, director of the Committee on the Study of Intellectual Relations Between Colleges and Alumni of the University of North Carolina, addressed the closing session, and said: "The old idea that the youthful flexibility of the mind became fixed at about twenty-two years of age is now no more. Every intellectual man of necessity, continues the educational process long after the postgraduate stage. No longer do we try to lump all our education into the days of youth. It would be a monstrous absurdity to attempt to put a sufficient quantity of gasoline into a new automobile to keep it going until the car wore out. "The second attitude toward education today is that you can't educate a man, the man must educate himself. You can't go to college and say 'Well, here I am and I want it quick.' "More and more, colleges are going to charge the educated man with a large share of social responsibility. The organized alumni movement is no longer a desire of the college to do something for the alumnus. "Most of the addresses were of an academic nature that had a direct appeal to members of the Federation rather than to the public. Other speakers and their subjects included: R. W. Sallor, editor of the Cornell Alumni News, Ithaca, N. Y., "The Alumni Magazine in the Smaller Colleges;" Harry W. Rowe, Assistant to the President of Bates College, Lewiston, Me., "Alumni Organization in the Smaller College;" James E. Armstrong, Alumni Secretary of Notre Dame, Indiana, "Why the Fall-time Alumni Secretary?;" Bowman Strome, Alumni Secretary of Holy Cross College, Massachusetts, "The Catholic College Alumni Problem," and John C. McNamara, Manager of the Guardian Life Insurance Company, New York, "Alumni Insurance."

French Bishop Wins Suit For Seminary Government Took

Paris, April 23. — The diocese of Amnezy is celebrating the recovery of the Grand Seminaire which was taken from it in 1906 under the application of the Law of Separation. The present Bishop of Amnezy, Msgr. de La Villerebel, brought suit for the recovery of the property which the law did not apply to the seminary of Amnezy, inasmuch as the State took possession of other church buildings under the pretext that they had been built with government funds. However, the Grand Seminaire d'Amnezy was built prior to the time when Savoy was annexed to France. It was a home for impoverished and aged priests and called "The Foundation for Poor Clerics." A decision rendered in 1910 was unfavorable to the bishop, but the case was appealed in 1912. Annulled by the Court of Appeal, it was reheard before the tribunal at Grenoble, and, this time, the diocese won out. The former inmates of the home have returned from their provisional refuges and Msgr. de La Villerebel proceeded to take possession with solemn and impressive ceremony. Since it celebrated the reparation of a former wrong.

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<p>Church In Kentucky Burns, Loss \$75,000</p> <p>Louisville, April 23. — Fire of unknown origin destroyed St. Catherine's church, New Haven, Ky., last week, causing a loss estimated at \$75,000 partly covered by insurance. More than 600 persons, including about 50 school children, were in the church when the alarm was sounded, which was just before the Communion in the first Mass. In spite of the alarm, the Rev. James A. Willett, pastor, finished the Mass, while the entire congregation passed out in order. The late Mass was celebrated in the auditorium of the parish school, which will be used temporarily as a church. The present high school building is the original St. Catherine's church, built about the year 1850. The church destroyed was built in 1888.</p>	
<p>Archbishop Blesses Chapel For German Colony In Canada</p> <p>Winnipeg, April 21. — The Most Rev. Arthur Sinnott, Archbishop of Winnipeg, recently blessed the new chapel of St. Andrew at Little Britain, eight miles north of this city. The chapel was erected by a group of German immigrants, who were brought to this country last year by the Rev. Father Kierdorf, O. M. I., and settled in a colony at Little Britain. Father Kierdorf has had to celebrate Mass in a building in the colony and the new chapel is the result of the labors of the immigrants themselves, who were determined to have a little church of their own. The chapel is dedicated to St. Andrew the apostle.</p>	
<p>Methodist Divines In Politics, Paper Questions Action</p> <p>Fresno, Calif. April 24. — Commenting on the action of sixty Methodist ministers from San Francisco, Marin, Alameda, and Santa Clara counties in approving the candidacies of Secretary Herbert Hoover and Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, The Fresno Bee, of which Charles McHatchey is editor, says: "And come to think of it, what a howl would go up not only over all of California but the entire United States, if sixty Catholic priests would do what sixty Methodist ministers have done."</p>	
<p>Many Tongues Used By Priests In Hawaii</p> <p>Honolulu, April 18. — Following a severe illness, the Rev. Hubert Pospichal, a Maryknoll missionary of Elm, Iowa, has been temporarily transferred from Korea to Honolulu. Father Pospichal has been in Korea since 1926. His presence in Honolulu will give the Korean Catholics in Hawaii an opportunity of confessing in their native tongue. The language problem is a serious one for missionaries in the Hawaiian Islands. Father William S. Kress of Cleveland, Ohio, Maryknoll pastor of Sacred Heart church in Honolulu, hears confessions in English, Japanese, German, French and Spanish. The Maryknoll curate, Father Edward R. Barron of River Rouge, Michigan, is specializing in the Hocoano dialect. A third Maryknoll priest, Father John H. Murray of Cambridge, Massachusetts, was recently transferred to Honolulu from South China, where he had been since 1921. Father Murray hears Chinese confessions.</p>	
<p>Priest Is Knocked Unconscious by Thief</p> <p>Kansas City, April 17. — While returning home Sunday night, the Rev. John W. Keyes, pastor of St. James Church here, was held up, robbed and severely beaten by two bandits. Father Keyes, who obtained money to complete his education about 30 years ago by appearing in the prize-ring under the name of Jack Armstrong, defended himself and knocked one of the robbers to the ground. The other, however, struck him over the head with a blunt instrument and he was rendered unconscious. Describing his experience to the police, the St. James rector said: "When the two robbers accosted me and started to abuse me, I landed on the bigger of the pair and laid him flat. Then his companion struck me with something from behind. When I regained consciousness I was in a strange neighborhood. They took my watch and cigars, but overlooked \$100 in cash. "I know it was foolish for me to fight the thugs, but I just couldn't resist the temptation to defend myself." Several years ago, Father Keyes routed two robbers. When he knocked one down the other fled.</p>	