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—Pope Pius X.

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—Pope Benedict XV.

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English And Welsh Hierarchy Takes Education Stand

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

London, May 7.—The Hierarchy of England and Wales at their annual meeting here considered at length the grave position of Catholic education in the country and afterwards issued a statement declaring that the conditions imposed by the compromise of 1902 now constitute a burden beyond the strength of the supporters of non-provided schools.

Under the present regulations Catholics for the privilege of teaching religion in their schools, are compelled to provide the sites, build the schools and re-construct from time to time at the demand of the authorities in order to keep pace with modern developments and requirements. In many places throughout the country Catholic schools have been "blacklisted" prior to their being considered by the authorities if costly alterations are not soon made. The burden is a quite impossible one for many poor and populous districts.

The bishops have now expressed the opinion that the present conditions were in no way contemplated when they agreed to a compromise with the government in 1902.

They have now agreed upon the following statement emphasizing two principles which they claim are essential to a just and lasting settlement of the question:

(1) That to all parents there should be open a liberty of choice of school, such as at present belongs to most cases only to the wealthier classes; and that liberty of this kind is possible only if the system of voluntary schools, whether primary or secondary, be maintained and extended. Any weakening of the voluntary system means inevitably a further lessening, in the case of poorer parents, of the very limited freedom of choice of school which they still possess.

(2) That precisely the same facilities of education should be given to those who regard definite religious teaching as an essential part of education, as to those who attach no such importance to teaching of that character.

"We claim, therefore, a reasonable choice of school for parents of every social class, and equal educational facilities for all, unhampered on the ground of religion."

Novel Educational Gift

Paris, May 7.—M. Piel, owner of the chateau of Querquenne in the Department of La Manche, has left his fortune of about six million francs to the Department for the establishment of an institution to be attended by children of large families.

MASONS BOUGHT FR. CATALDO AN ALTAR LAMP

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

San Francisco, May 6.—An unusual experience in the life of the late Father Cataldo, the pioneer Indian missionary, is related by Major J. F. Carrere, pioneer Western journalist now in San Francisco.

The Coeur d'Alene mines, northern Idaho, are among the richest silver lead deposits in the world. The original discovery was made by a prospector from Portland who brought back the tidings to his friends. They formed an expedition, but when they got into Coeur d'Alene the prospector could not identify the spot where he had made the find. Frenzied at what they decided was a hoax, they planned to hang him in the morning.

Father Cataldo, hearing of the plan, enlisted the aid of his Indians to help the man to get away during the night. The fortune-seekers were so infuriated at finding themselves balked that they talked of substituting Father Cataldo as the victim, but the veto of an Irishman who objected to hanging a priest was sufficient to induce them to abandon the idea.

A few months later Father Cataldo was walking down the street in Portland when he was accosted by a man, who asked him if he was the missionary from the Coeur d'Alene. "I am," said Father Cataldo. Whereupon his questioner told him that the man he rescued was a Mason, who had informed his brethren of Father Cataldo's act. The Portland Masons, he said, wished to show their appreciation by doing something for him.

Father Cataldo expressing his appreciation of their kindness, said that he wanted for nothing. But learning that he had come to Portland to buy an altar lamp, the Portland Masons insisted on buying it for him; and it hangs with an inscription bearing the names of the donors in the church at Coeur d'Alene.

Reported Killing Of Nuns In Spain Proven A Fake

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

London, May 9.—Several important papers have swallowed hook, line and sinker a resuscitation of the Spanish convent fable in which a "distracted father" is supposed to have killed several nuns when his daughter was found maimed or killed by them.

Front page space was given to the story by some of the papers, which have made themselves ridiculous in the eyes of their Catholic readers because the Catholic papers here gave great prominence to a complete denial of the fable when it was published last August. On that occasion it was unreservedly withdrawn by the two news agencies which circulated it.

The story as now printed here locates the scene of the tragedy in Valladolid. Last time it was Madrid. This time only four nuns were shot. Last time five suffered that fate. In other respects it is the same story that has been served up without verification.

As related the new story runs as follows:

"A daughter of a Spanish Army officer belonging to the Valladolid garrison complained to her father that of certain happenings which, she alleged, had occurred at the convent where she was a pupil. The officer went to the convent and remonstrated with the Mother Superior, but decided to allow his daughter to continue to attend the establishment.

"When, however, that same evening the girl did not return home as usual, the officer went again to the convent to inquire for her. The Mother Superior declared the girl was not in the convent. The father searched the town, but failing to find any trace of his daughter, returned late at night to the convent.

"He was at first refused admission, but he forced his way in, and after a hunt through the convent, came finally to a room the door of which was guarded by nuns.

"The officer, thrusting the nuns aside, smashed open the door, and was horrified to see his daughter hanging dead from the ceiling. He drew his revolver and fired point-blank at the nuns, killing four of them."

Paris correspondents sent the story over, quoting it from Le Quotidien, radical newspaper of Paris. That paper ascribes it to its Bordeaux correspondent, who quotes La Voz de Alipzcoa, of San Sebastian. The report states that the San Sebastian paper has been suspended for three days and heavily fined for publishing the tale despite the censorship.

The truth of the suspension may be contained in a small paragraph which appears at the bottom of a column in the Star here. It is there stated that La Voz de Guipuzcoa has been suspended for three days, and fined for having published a photograph showing that the prospective bride of General Primo has fat ankles.

The Daily Chronicle, one of the London papers which fell into the trap and published the Spanish convent story with a wealth of detail, has now printed an apology and a declaration that it is satisfied the story is false.

Walter P. Chrysler Gives Chimes To Catholic Church

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

Denver, May 8.—After many more weeks have passed the Sacred Heart Church of Boulder, Colo., will be the possessor of a \$13,500 set of tubular chimes, the gift of Walter P. Chrysler, a non-Catholic, and founder and head of the well-known automobile company bearing his name, according to an announcement just made by the Rev. Agatha Strattmeyer, O.S.B., pastor of the church and long-time friend of the donor.

Sixteen tubular chimes already have been installed at the church, while four more are on their way from Chicago. A range of twenty will enable the chimes to play "The Star Spangled Banner," in addition to ecclesiastical music not now possible. They will be operated automatically by electricity, and will chime every quarter-hour and strike the hour. They automatically begin at 6 o'clock in the morning and cease ringing at 9 p. m.

On the first quarter of the hour, they will play an introductory phrase. On the half-hour they will play "Holy God We Praise Thy Name." On the third quarter the citizens of Boulder will hear "Lord of All, We Bow Before Thee," and on fourth quarter, the beautiful strains of "Infinite Thy Vast Domain" will ring out through the city. Then they strike the hour.

The chimes automatically ring the Angelus at 6 in the morning, 12 noon, and 6 p. m. They are connected directly with the organ console, from which they will be played with organ accompaniment. An electric keyboard is placed in the rectory, from which concerts can be played.

A bronze memorial tablet, commemorative of the generous gift of Mr. Chrysler, will be placed in the church, reading: "The chimes are dedicated to the Honor and Glory of God: A gift of Walter P. Chrysler, May Religious Freedom Always Triumph."

Heart Of Admiral De Grasse Placed In French Church

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

Paris, May 7.—At the time of his death in 1788, Admiral de Grasse asked that his heart be placed in the church of the little village of Tilly, near the chateau where he passed his last years; but his wish was realized only a few days ago when, accompanied by prominent Frenchmen and Americans, Abbe Blain, director of the orphanage now installed in the chateau, carried out the illustrious seaman's last wish.

In an urn of bronze, the heart of Francois Joseph de Grasse was borne to the high altar of the church at Tilly. Ambassador Myron Herrick and the staff of the American Embassy, General Gouraud, military governor of Paris, representatives of the French government; descendants of the de Grasse family; Mgr. Caron and vicar general of Versailles were among the prominent persons taking part in the ceremony. An escort of American marines and members of the American Legion accompanied the urn, which was carried aloft by French sailors.

In the church a regular Mass was chanted by the choristers of the Grand Seminary of Versailles, and Mgr. Caron pronounced the funeral oration before a catafalque draped with the American and French flags.

After the service, Ambassador Herrick delivered an eloquent discourse in front of the church, to which Admiral de Grasse replied in the name of the French navy.

Francois Joseph, Count de Grasse and Marquis of Tilly, was born in Provence in 1732. As lieutenant general of the naval forces of Louis XVI, King of France, the arrival of his fleet in American waters had a decisive effect upon the battle waged at Washington, Lafayette and Rochambeau against Cornwallis at Yorktown, in 1781, and safeguarded the independence of the United States. He died just eight years later.

Apostolate In Ohio Rural Communities Stopping 'Leakage'

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

Falmville, O., May 6.—Efforts to stop "leakage" from the Church in rural sections have been made in St. Mary's parish here for several years under the direction of the Rev. William J. Gallen, pastor since 1914.

For more than eight years, Dr. Gallen or his assistant has journeyed to a fruit growing section, an miles distant to give instruction to a week to 100 or more children of Catholic parents. This instruction is given to the children in the afternoon after their dismissal from the public school.

After this work had been in progress some time, Dr. Gallen purchased a lot and erected an 11 class room. Dr. Gallen is engaged in a similar task in another locality for a similar group of children.

The second building will soon be ready. Its cost will be about \$4,000. Both buildings are frame structures, but substantial, and each may be the nucleus of a permanent church in the course of time, Dr. Gallen said.

The result of the plan, Dr. Gallen said, is the religious instruction of hundreds of children, their attendance at Mass every Sunday, receiving the sacraments regularly and the return of many adults who had fallen away because of lack of religious practice.

A further effect of the work, Dr. Gallen said, is a friendly attitude of the entire section of which the suburban or country schools are a part.

Miss Regan Relected To The Travelers' Aid Directorate

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

Memphis, Tenn., May 9.—Miss Agnes G. Regan, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women, and E. C. McQueney, Director of the Catholic Service League of Akron, Ohio, have been reelected Directors of the National Association of Travelers' Aid Societies, holding its convention here. The terms are for three years.

The Nominating Committee, in sending notifications of the re-elections, has taken occasion to inform those chosen of the "appreciation of your continued interest in the development of the Travelers' Aid" expressed by the delegates at the convention here.

Cardinal La Fontaine Is the New Head Of Rites Congregation

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

Venice, May 7.—At his request, Cardinal La Fontaine, Archbishop of Venice, has been removed from his patriarchal see and goes to Rome to take charge of the Congregation of Rites. A rumor to this effect has been current for some weeks.

Cardinal La Fontaine is of French-Swiss ancestry but was born at Viterbo, Italy, in November, 1869. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1893 and was director of the Seminary at the time Pope Pius X named him Bishop of Cassano. In 1915, he became Patriarch of Venice and, a few months later, was made a cardinal. At the time of the Lateran Council, he was elected to the Congregation of Rites. In the latter capacity, he collaborated in the codification of the Codex of Canon Law.

Perjured Testimony Roundly Denounced By Irish Justice

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

Dublin, May 5.—When two men were acquitted at the District Court at Down, a charge of a charge of armed robbery, Justice J. H. Rice said that though the evidence before him on the day of the acquittal had been satisfactory, he felt bound to refer to the perjury that had first obviously been committed on the first day of the hearing of the case.

"What do these perjurors think of it," said Mr. Rice. "Do they think they can deceive him at their own sweet will?"

"They can deceive their friends, they can deceive the court of their jury, and they can deceive themselves, but they cannot deceive God. I am confident that any petty triumph they may gain at the expense of their honor and their self-respect in this or any other court, will turn in their mouths to Dead Sea fruit, before their end."

The Pastors of several Irish bishops last lent dealt even more severely than Mr. Rice with the evil of perjury. Some of the bishops described it as "prevalent."

Destitute Families Of Irish Fishermen To Get \$500 Each

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

Dublin, May 5.—At the instance of Bishop Naughton of Killala and the clergy of his diocese, a grant of not exceeding \$500 per family is to be made to the sufferers from the Western disaster of last October when forty-five fishermen lost their lives in a sudden storm.

A fund of nearly half a million dollars was raised for the relief of the victims' families. Many Americans subscribed to the fund.

While a good part of the fund has already been allocated in small grants and temporary pensions, about half still remains in the hands of the central committee. This will be laid out as seems best in the future, according to the circumstances of each family. Local committees, which have helped in the collection of the fund, will now be asked to see to it that the donations of the charitable are not put to base uses by the recipients of the bounty.

Book-A-Month Club Started By London Catholic Printers

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

London, May 7.—Sheed and Ward, the newest firm of Catholic publishers here, announce today a new venture in Catholic publishing in England—the "Catholic book-a-month club." Subscribers of \$7.50 will receive upon publication during the year 12 books regularly published at \$1.75.

Books are promised in the first year from G. K. Chesterton, Hilaire Belloc, Father Ronald Knox, Father Bede Jarrett, Dom John Chapman, Father C. C. Martindale and Father Garbett, among others.

"More and cheaper books" is the slogan adopted by the firm.

Cincinnati School To Give Diplomas To Class Of 33

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

Cincinnati, O., May 10.—Diplomas in nursing will be awarded to 33 seniors in the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing affiliated with Good Samaritan Hospital here, Friday, June 1, at the Hughes high school auditorium.

The commencement program opens Sunday evening, May 27 with benediction services in the Good Samaritan hospital chapel. The Rev. Albert C. Fox, S. J., of St. Xavier College, vice-president of the Catholic Hospital Association, will deliver the sermon.

Physicians and surgeons who are members of the hospital staff are sponsoring a dance in Victoria hall auditorium of the School of Nursing Monday evening.

Belgian Carts His Paralyzed Mother to Lourdes

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

Rheims, May 7.—While the world is marveling at aerial endurance feats, the exploits of a young man who went around the world in 44 days, and the old coachman who drove his cab from Berlin to Paris, the unusual pilgrimage of a hardy Belgian to the shrine of Lourdes should not be overlooked. Francois Wilmes, a native of Luxembourg, departed from Bovigny, a town in the Belgian Ardennes, and expects to arrive, about pushing before him a little wooden cart in which his mother lies. The old lady is 70 years of age and completely paralyzed.

The strange pilgrimage has arrived here traveling at the rate of fifteen miles a day and goes from here to Orleans.

Thousands of Men Fed And Sheltered By Catholic Homes

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

San Francisco, May 7.—St. Patrick's Shelter for Men, founded by Very Rev. Mgr. John Rogers, pastor of St. Patrick's church, here, furnished refuge to 27,632 men during the winter months. It is disclosed in a report just made public. Although taxed to its capacity, the home was still able to accommodate all applicants during the severe weather.

Mary's Help hospital, conducted by the Sisters of Charity, kept "open house," furnishing meals to the unemployed. The "peak" was reached in March, when 13,538 meals were served to hungry men. In April 10,448 meals were served.

Sister Theresa is in charge of this department of the work.

Jew Gives Catholic Hospital \$100,000

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

New York, May 7.—By the terms of the will of the late Sir Mortimer Davis, distinguished Jew of Montreal, a cash bequest of \$100,000. The grand total of Sir Mortimer's estate is estimated at \$15,000,000.

Mrs. Becker Heads Belleville N.C.W.

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

East St. Louis, Ill., May 11.—Mrs. J. D. Becker of Evansville, Illinois, was elected president of the Belleville Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women at its second annual convention held here Wednesday.

Mrs. Becker succeeded Mrs. Louis Bolamante, first president and founder of the Council, who was paid a glowing tribute at the meeting.

Mrs. Anita Hennessy was reelected secretary of the Council.

The Rev. Henry Althoff, Bishop of Belleville, was present at the meeting, which was attended by some 200 women of the diocese.

13,500 Catholics In French Guinea

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

Konakri, French Guinea, May 7.—Of a total population of 1,500,000 inhabitants in this vicariate, only 13,500 are Catholics, although there were almost a thousand conversions last year. There are 22 priests aided by 7 brothers, one native, 15 religious of whom 5 are natives, and 87 catechists. The construction of a cathedral at Konakri is contemplated.

Irish Jesuit Church Broadcasts Program

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

Dublin, May 7.—Two weeks ago some of the Irish Catholic papers published a series of articles expressing their regret of Catholic writers that there was no provision for any broadcast in the Free State of matters of Catholic interest.

The Jesuit Fathers of Gardiner Street, Dublin, promptly entered into an arrangement with the Broadcasting Committee of the Irish Post Office for the relaying of a program from their Church on a Wednesday evening.

The Church of Saint Francis Xavier, Gardiner Street, has been fitted with a microphone since last Wednesday, 1932, when loud speakers were installed for the Lenten lectures.

The broadcast program was not exclusively sacred. Mr. Vincent Pennington, the Organist played the "Prelude" "Chorus" from Tannhauser, a fugue in D minor by Bach, and a "Finale" in D by Liszt. Mr. Patrick Delany, a leading violinist, played two pieces.

This is only the second time that a program has been broadcast from an Irish Church, the first being a choral recital from Waterford.