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Ordained.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral today young men are receiving Holy Orders and tomorrow they will be wearing their first Masses as duly ordained priests, beginning their life as shepherds of souls.

True, their lives have been spent in preparation for the new life, but today is the culmination. Henceforth they are entered in the roll of God's priests, to whom he confided the care of souls. They are now God's representatives on earth. They have God given power to forgive sins, to baptize, marry, bury, to offer daily the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, reproduce and repeat His agony giving His body and blood to the faithful who approach the communion rail.

Only those who go through today's ceremony know to the full just what it means to him who receives Holy Orders at the hands of God's Bishop. But we do know that the ordained priests of today are to serve us, to help us, if we so will to save our immortal souls. Hence our part today is to pray to Almighty God that these young priests may be given the strength to do their full duty as and where God will.

Hellin.

While we have no desire to give Senator Hellin any free advertising that will rebound to his benefit, we think it our duty, in view of the announcement that, under auspices of and supposedly paid by the Kluxers, the Alabama is to speak in Albany and other New York points, the following excerpts from a recent New York "World" editorial:

"Now there are no standards of honor which bind Hellin. He has shown conclusively that no consideration of truth, fair dealing or of elementary justice has the slightest power to restrain him. He bears false witness. The fact that he takes pay for lying and bearing false witness should not embarrass him. It should be just as complete a safeguard. Any man who from his privileged position in the Senate of the United States will stand up and make charges which he can't prove, and knows he can't prove, and yet goes on repeating these charges day after day without one shred of evidence to support them is beyond the pale of ordinary human intercourse. His moral irresponsibility is extreme. That it is a serious question whether he is able to distinguish between right and wrong and is accountable for his acts.

There are some advantages in having Hellin talk. Every campaign is carried on in part by public speeches and in part by malignant whispers. No public man of our time has escaped the whisper. Citizens recall that among recent public men the charges have been whispered about that they were drunkards, that they were unfaithful, that they were vicious parents, and so forth, and so forth. Until the rise of Hellin a public man was the helpless victim of such whispering campaigns. It took years for Roosevelt to catch an obnoxious editor and have him up on a charge of libel. Wilson never got a chance to deal with his traducers. But with Hellin in the field we have the satisfaction of knowing that vandals will be publicly expounded at \$250 a lecture. There won't be anything to whisper about in this campaign if only Hellin can be induced to keep on. He will follow it to the heavens, and that is a good thing. A campaign which without him might be unusually rich in whispered slander.

The United States Senate knows now there is a distinction between the Tammany Society, a benevolent and fraternal society, and Tammany Hall the political organization.

The Holy Father is seventy-one years old and hale and hearty. You should of modern industrial plants as to throw a man out of his job when he attains the age of fifty.

The Other Side.

In New York, in Rochester, almost everywhere there is a hue and cry against what has come to be known as "the ambulance chasing lawyer" and his runners. He and his ilk have been pilloried as "Sharks, usurers, despoilers of the poor" and other impolite epithets.

But, according to A. A. Golden, of Los Angeles, there is another side to the story. He holds that the present crusade is inspired by the public utilities attorneys because juries have awarded sizable verdicts in favor of injured claimants represented by these same ambulance chasing lawyers. Here is Mr. Golden's defense:

Moreover, the ambulance chaser deserves public acclaim instead of disparagement. They have saved thousands and thousands of accident victims from signing away claims for damages before they knew their legal rights. The victim of an accident usually fares better if the foot race to his sick-bed is won by the claims agent of the corporation that crippled him. By signing for the former he stands to get 50 per cent. of a \$2,000 or \$3,000 verdict or settlement; by signing for the latter he may get \$67.95. That is the real reason why certain corporations are lobbying to legislate the ambulance chaser out of business. Unethical conduct has nothing to do with it, since ethics and morals cannot be legislated into the souls of lawyers by the lobbyists of soulless corporations.

If ambulance chasing by lawyers be all wrong, immoral and criminal, then it is equally wrong, immoral and criminal when practiced by the claims agents of the traction companies and the liability insurance companies. Does Mr. Kresnal intend to investigate them also after he gets through with the lawyers?

After all, ambulance chasing is a specialty of the law business, and as long as the practice of law remains a private business for private profit ambulance chasers will be with us. They are true benefactors of humanity. The ambulance chasers gave baptism, marry, bury, to offer daily birth to the whole body of the modern law of negligence. Every reckless automobile or trolley car motorist inflicts personal injuries upon you don't thank your lucky stars for having escaped death but send up a psalm of praise to the whole tribe of ambulance chasers—past, present and future—whose fleet feet and fleet minds are the basis for your action in damages.

As long as traction companies and liability insurance companies, engaged in business for private profit, will exist to contest our just claims for damages so long will ambulance chasers be with us. The only way to exterminate them is by nationalizing the legal profession, making every lawyer a salaried employee of the state. Under such conditions he will be in reality rather than in theory an officer of the court on equal footing with the judge and prosecutor.

There was a time in the history of mankind when justice was a commodity sold to the highest bidder in the form of gifts to the judge hearing the case. Why should we complain of ambulance chasers in particular when we allow all our lawyers—so-called officers of the court—to sell their legal learning to the highest bidder?

Vacation.

A secular contemporary prints this timely advice to would be vacationists:

Thanks to the embryo and perseverance of sanitary experts, the "old oaken bucket" and the bubbling spring long have been discredited outside of the realm of poetry.

In accordance with what has come to be an annual practice, health officials are issuing warnings to tourists and those who spend vacations at summer resorts of the menace of typhoid fever and other ills that may lurk in natural water supplies, including lakes, streams and springs that are not known to be protected from pollution. One contaminated spring or well, no matter how attractive the rural surroundings, may spread disease and danger of death among hundreds.

The best protection for those who take to the open road is contained in the typhoid immunization treatment. Objection may be made on the part of the layman that health officials are taking vacation dangers too seriously. However, the physicians have the best of the argument. A vacation that ends on a sick bed is a thing to be avoided if possible.

"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," Gray said. This may still be true of some things. But ignorance of the danger of a polluted water supply is not going to add to the sum total of human happiness.

If there is any romance attached to vacation, it will be welcome to enjoy it. And to the Catholic we would add: Before you make final selection of a vacation location be sure there is a Catholic Church convenient of access and facilities provided to reach aforesaid Catholic Church.

The soul must not be neglected to rest and build up the body.

Rev. Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, of Central Methodist Church, Detroit, has been given the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the Catholic University of Detroit, because he displayed "an outstanding tolerance of the opinions and sentiments of his fellow men."

Worker Wins.

London, England "Daily Express" has conducted a prize essay contest on the meaning of life.

One of the principal winning essays was contributed, not by a savant or intellectual but by a Catholic bus conductor named W. Gerald Young. His answer to the question was simplicity itself:

"If you seek the real answer," he writes, "you must journey to a place where little recruits are being trained to soldier their way through his battle of life. Come with me to the infant's class in an elementary school, select and interrogate the smallest child, and from him you will discover that the problem of existence is not difficult to understand."

"Who made you?" you ask. "God made me," he replies, with the aid of his catechism.

"Why did God make you?" "God made me to know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this World, and to be happy with Him forever in the next."

"There you have life's mystery revealed in simple language. Live up to its doctrine and you will learn the secret of happiness."

Illogical.

We fancy most right-minded persons will agree with the stand taken by the Baltimore "Sun" in a recent editorial:

The average citizens must be greatly perplexed by developments in a campaign which, many have predicted, would turn on the issue of Keidin, representing Mayor Broen keeping the Catholic Church out of politics. He must be puzzled to understand why other churches do not practise what they preach.

It is quite certain that if a Catholic convention, professing to speak for 3,700,000 people, laid down the terms which a great political party must accept as the alternative to losing support at the polls of so considerable a vote, no explanation of its course would relieve it of the charge that it was putting the church into politics. Its action would be condemned as violating one of the fundamental principles of our Government—separation of Church and State.

And it is thus the attitude of the Southern Baptist Church at Chattanooga will be viewed how ever much it will be contended that the Church is concerned only with a moral question—Prohibition has become one of the leading political issues in this country, dividing parties, churches, and even households. It is impossible for the Church as a church to involve itself in the political settlement of such an issue, to espouse as a body one party or one candidate, without being in politics as deeply as an ordinary campaign committee.

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English Catholics

Leave For Lourdes

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, May 26.—Two hundred invalids are among the party of 1,200 pilgrims who left here Tuesday for Lourdes. It is the largest pilgrimage organized by the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Archbishop Mostyn of Cardiff is leading the party. He is accompanied by four other prelates—Bishop Douglas of Brentwood, Bishop Shine, Conductor of Middleborough, Bishop Vaughan of Menevia and Bishop Barrett, Auxiliary of Birmingham.

St. Mary's Band Won Despite Its Handicap

Baltimore, Md., June 1.—The return to this city of St. Mary's Industrial School Band, winner in Class B of the National High School Band Contest held at Joliet, Ill., last week has disclosed the following:

That the band triumphed over all other competitors in its class, despite that it could not have received a higher rating than 97 per cent had its performance been perfect. This limitation was placed upon the Baltimore organization because it did not boast all of the instruments required by the rules of the competition, it was said.

That "Bobbie" Joy of Washington the band's bass drummer, climbed out of a Joliet hospital bed and into his uniform to help his organization to triumph. The lad was suffering from tonsillitis and it was necessary to let him remain in the hospital while the band returned here.

Just before the St. Mary's band played at Joliet, one of the judges remarked that the East could not compete with the West in band music. Just an hour later St. Mary's relieved Princeton High School of California of custody of the trophy.

The band was given a great ovation upon its return to this city. Boys from St. Vincent's Male Orphan Asylum, a delegation of Elks 150 members of the Holy Name Society, 25 Brothers from St. Mary's and the Rev. Harry Quinn, representing Archbishop Curley; Theodore R. Mead, representing Mayor Broen keeping the Catholic Church out of politics. He must be puzzled to understand why other churches do not practise what they preach.

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Jerusalem, May 15.—The Department of Education has just issued its annual report for 1926-1927 presenting a comprehensive survey and giving general and statistical data regarding the position of education in Palestine. According to the report, the personnel of the Department comprises 341 members, including eight Britishers, 511 Moslems, 211 Christians, five Jews, one Druse and five Bahais. The total number of Government schools is 315, and there are 20,079 pupils. The pupils are divided as follows: 17,594 Moslems, 23 Jews, 1,153 Christians, 389 Druses and 20 Bahais. In 1920 there were in Palestine 171 Government schools with 10,662 pupils.

The number of non-Government schools is 520 and the number of pupils is 46,841, divided as follows: Moslems 6,343, Jews 27,017, Christians 13,414, Druses 24, Bahais 35.

In the Christian Missionary schools there are 9,969 pupils in all. Out of these 571 pupils attend American schools, 1,871 British, 4,701 French, 1,415 German, 1,254 Italian, and 107 Swedish schools. There are 1,637 Moslems and 520 Jews among the pupils of the Missionary schools. Nine Moslems and eight Christians attend Zionist schools.

It appears from this report how great is the contribution by the Christians to the public education in the Holy Land, though the Moslems have just invited their co-religionists not to send their children to "foreign" schools.

S. F. Woman Leaves \$147,000 To Charity

San Francisco, May 28.—The complete list of the charitable bequests of the late Mrs. Kate Mihan, learned when her will was filed for probate, is as follows: St. Patrick's Shelter for Men, St. Joseph's Hospital and St. Elizabeth's Infant Hospital, \$25,000 each; the retreat house at Los Altos, El Retiro San Inigo, Our Lady's Home at Fruitvale, Hospital for Children and Training School for Nurses, \$10,000 each; the Little Sisters of the Poor, Catholic Children's Aid, and Helpers of Holy Souls, \$5,000 each.

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Woman First U. S. Pilgrim To Sydney

San Francisco, May 31.—An American's first pilgrim to the Twenty-Ninth International Eucharistic Congress left here last week when Mrs. Michael Harrington of Orland, California, sailed for Sydney on the Matson Liner Sonoma. Mrs. Harrington is accompanied by her son Richard and will later be joined by Mr. Harrington, who is secretary of Willows Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The Rev. Patrick Grealy of Willows will be among a group of priests who will leave here July 4 on the Tayo Maru for Australia by way of the Orient, visiting first Japan, China and the Philippines.

Practically every boat leaving San Francisco for Australia from now until the middle of August will carry pilgrims according to the Knights of Columbus Information Bureau, 1145 Russ Building.

Special low fare accommodations for pilgrims to the Congress have been announced by the California-Australia Direct Line.

Three large combined freight and passenger vessels will carry pilgrims in first-class accommodations at less than the ordinary second class rates and will make provision for sixty passengers.

The sailings of these vessels for Australia will be July 17 and August 5 from San Francisco, and on July 24 from Los Angeles. Announcement of these three sailings here has been followed by many requests for reservations.

Ten Thousand Hindu Catholics At Feast

Calcutta, May 15.—During the Eucharistic Feast at Maotoll, Diocese of Ranchi, it took half an hour for ten priests to give Communion to the faithful. More than 10,000 Christians took part in the procession through the streets. The non-Christian population showed proper respect and the officials kept the streets cleared for the occasion.

Similar feasts are held yearly in 27 Indian parishes and are the means of winning many Hindus to the faith.

Many Organizations To Greet Delegates To Hospital Meet

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cincinnati, O., May 31.—The Chamber of Commerce, hospitals, civic, fraternal and social agencies and organizations, hotels, newspapers, transportation systems and other quasi-public institutions will join in the reception to delegates, visitors and exhibitors who attend the thirtieth annual convention of the Catholic Hospital Association, the Hospital Clinical Congress and the International Catholic Guild of Nurses, here on June 18-23.

The Citizens Committee, representing business, professional and civic leaders of all creeds, is headed by William E. Fox, prominent Catholic layman and former president of the Cincinnati Stock Exchange. Arrangements for 10,000 visitors have been made.

A committee of the Chamber of Commerce executives, Catholic institutional directors and prominent Catholic women has provided for the accommodation of visitors.

The Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, will celebrate a pontifical high Mass at the St. Peter's Cathedral, Monday, June 18, for all convention delegates and visitors.

The convention will be formally opened June 18 at 2 p. m. in Music Hall. Mayor Murray Seasongood, representing the city, and Archbishop John T. McNicholas, representing the archdiocese, will welcome the visitors.

Other speakers at the official opening exercises include: The Rev. C. B. Mouliner, S. J., president of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada; W. E. Fox, secretary of the Advisory Board, Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati; A. E. Anderson, treasurer, Board of Trustees, Children's Hospital, Cincinnati; Dr. A. C. Bachmeyer, superintendent of general Hospital, Cincinnati; and Dean of the College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati, and Maurice Polack, president, Board of Trustees, Jewish hospital, Cincinnati.