

Head of Christian Brothers Is Dead; Honored By France

Paris, June 13.—All uncertainty regarding the death of the French people for the Christian Brothers was dispelled by their impressive display at the obsequies of the Superior General of the Congregation the Very Rev. Brother Allais-Charles, who died in Belgium, recently, at the age of sixty-six.

The body of the religious was brought to Paris and his funeral held in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, with interment at Athis-Mons, Department of Seine-et-Oise, in the vault of the superior generals.

Among those attending the services were official representatives of the French government, a director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, superior generals of the Foreign Missions, many bishops, priests and members of religious congregations, delegates from all Catholic associations, deputies, municipal councilors and members of the Institute. In describing the services, one Paris journal commented: "The grandeur of the land, in their funeral pomp, could not have more earthly grandeur than this humble Christian Brother."

Brother Allais-Charles was a native of Auvergne. He was assistant to the superior general of his order in 1904 when the law against the congregations closed the Christian Brothers' schools throughout France. He then went to Canada where he established several schools. In 1923 he became superior general and, as such, visited the houses of his order in the United States, Mexico, the West Indies, Central America, Colombia, Turkey and Egypt.

Provincial Honors Bro. Nivard, Irish Helper Of Insane

Dublin, June 16.—The Assistant General and the Provincial of the Irish Province of the Brothers of Charity were among those who attended the celebration of the golden jubilee of Brother Nivard, who has a long record of service in the care of the mentally afflicted. The exercises took place at Belmont Park, Waterford.

Many clerical and lay speakers paid tributes to the devotion of Brother Nivard to the good work in which he has spent the greater part of his life.

Belmont Park is one of the best equipped institutions for the care of the mentally afflicted in Ireland.

New Catholic Year Book Ready Oct. 15, Publishers Report

New York, June 22.—The first volume of the Official Catholic Year Book, to be issued by P. J. Kennedy & Sons, also publishers of the Official Catholic Directory, will appear on or about October 15. It is announced by members of that concern, the committee of bishops appointed by the hierarchy to arrange for the publication of a year book authorized by Kennedy & Sons to print and distribute it.

The Official Catholic Year Book will consist of articles by authorities in the particular fields they cover and is intended to be a volume of great usefulness to the priest, religious and the laity. Its table of contents contains such material as the following: A Church calendar with an alphabetical list of principal saints and their feast days; patron saints of various countries; trades, associations, sports, etc.; natives of the United States who have been beatified or whose causes are pending (with brief biographies); a chronology of the year showing under twenty-six headings principal events of Catholic interest from August 1, 1927, to July 31, 1928; the major encyclicals of the Holy Father with complete translations of the two most important letters and summaries of many others; pastoral letters of bishops in the United States; a list of early Catholic explorers and an account of various Catholic historical societies; a complete list of Catholic hospitals showing bed capacity, personnel, endowments, rating, training schools, etc.; articles on Catholic charities; articles on labor, immigration, rural life work and nationalism in the United States; articles on the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the National Catholic Welfare Conference News; a list of bibliographies of Catholic books and a complete account of the Catholic press; an article on the Laetare Medal with a list of its recipients since its foundation. In addition, there will be a story of Mexico and the persecution of the Catholic Church in that country.

A portion of the Year Book will be devoted to Catholic fraternal organizations. This section will enumerate the more important of the Catholic fraternal organizations, the character, their aims, their membership, their books, pamphlets and periodicals, and a list of their chief officials and branch offices.

The Year Book will be illustrated with half tones and also will contain graphs and diagrams as well as tables of statistics. The price of the book will be \$1 in paper binding and \$2 in cloth binding. It will be of the same format and size as the Official Catholic Directory.

Irish Presbyterian Body Acknowledges South's Tolerance

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, June 16.—At the Presbyterian General Assembly for all Ireland held in Belfast, Mr. Haslett, a member of the Dail and one of the authoring, paid a tribute to the religious tolerance of the Catholic government and people of the Free State, and the Moderator expressed the thanks of his co-religionists for the beneficial legislation enacted by the legislatures of both South and North.

"As one whose home and chief interests lie in the Free State," said Mr. Haslett, "I should like to say a few words as to the position of our Church in that area. In spite of the aggressiveness for its future safety felt by some when the Free State came into being nothing has happened to justify those fears. On the contrary, we experience as much freedom in religious matters as ever we did, as much, I believe, as the majority Church of the South claims for itself. In regard to the influence our Presbyterian people exercise, I can, as a member of Dail Eireann, testify, that both in the legislature and in the country, it is far and away out of proportion to their numbers."

The newly elected Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. T. A. Smyth, M. A., said: "As a Church in Ireland we have a just reason to thank God for established peace and stable government. We cannot fail to express our indebtedness to our legislators in both Northern and Southern Ireland, for the measures they have given us for the betterment of the people, and especially in connection with the restriction of the drink traffic."

In contrast with the tributes of the General Assembly must be put the unanimous protests of the Catholics of Northern Ireland, who complain that they are disfranchised and banished from all lucrative posts under the Northern Government. Only a few weeks ago the Catholic members of the Northern Parliament abstained from participation in the ceremony of laying the foundation stones of the new Northern Parliamentary buildings on the ground that they could not take part in a ceremony which was for the perpetuation of a Government which denied to Catholics their fair representation in the councils of the State.

World Catholic Press Exhibition In Cologne Opens

Exhibits of N. C. W. C. News Service Attract Much Attention—Monastery Quarters Displayed

Cologne, June 18.—After a long interval, Mass was again celebrated in the beautiful Gothic church of the medieval Benedictine Monastery here on the occasion of the inauguration of the Catholic International Press Exhibition on Pentecost Sunday. It is in this venerable edifice that the exhibits of the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service are quartered.

Since the secularization in 1802, the monastery has been used as a barracks for the famous "Mounted Cuirassiers" but is now fitted with cultural exhibits from all over the world. The church is receiving as much attention from visitors as any of the exhibits for it is an exhibit in itself with its baroque furnishings and decorations. The collection of ecclesiastical music and compositions is also on display there.

In the halls of the monastery, recently restored by the Lord Mayor of Cologne, may be seen the development of the Church during the past 2,000 years.

One feature of the inaugural ceremonies was the singing of "Glorious Mass" Credo by the choir of the cathedral.

Vice-President speaks. Auxiliary Bishop Hamel's representative Cardinal Schulte, who was unable to attend the inauguration because of illness. In the absence of Prince Lowenstein, president of the International Catholic Committee, the vice-president, Prof. Margenthal, presided and explained the significance and importance of the exhibition. He said, in part: "This is not an isolated exhibition any more than the Catholic Church is an isolated religion, but this see universal exhibition in part as the Catholic Church is an integral part of public life."

In his address, the Lord Mayor thanked all those who have contributed to the success of this display and, in congratulating the Catholics of all nations, urged that they consider as their most important task and duty the promotion of universal peace.

American Catholics are well represented with a collection of books, booklets, pamphlets and periodicals, and a list of their chief officials and branch offices.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Learned Weekly From the Publicity Bureau, New Haven, Conn.

Pittsburgh Knights Will Entertain 20,000 Children

Upwards of twenty thousand parish school children, and children from two orphan asylums, will be guests of Knights in the Pittsburgh district during the summer months following the customs of previous years. Braddock Council will be host to 8,900 children from 19 schools at Kenneywood Park. McKeesport takes care of 9,300 children at Olympia Park. Bellevue shows a royal time to 160 children from the Holy Family Polish Orphan Asylum, Emsworth, at West View Park. Charities holds its annual automobile ride for 650 children and the entire staff of St. Paul's Orphan Asylum, Crafton, the caravan of some 200 machines making a sixty-mile round trip and being luncheon guests of Natrona Council. Archbishop Canevin Council and members of other councils, and non-Catholics, help in the day's outing on July 14. Late in August Chartiers Council will stage its annual orphans' jamboree on the grounds of St. Paul's, with all the children as dinner guests of various members and their families, following an afternoon program of sports and stunts with "prizes for everyone," and band concert and group singing. Archbishop Canevin Council members will aid in the jamboree plans. Forty boy scouts from St. Paul's will be taken by members of this Council to the Chapter picnic on July 10.

At the Pittsburgh Chapter's annual outing in Kenneywood Park, July 10, all children of members and their friends will receive free novelty and free amusement tickets and several free circus acts will be staged. A program of twelve sport events for juveniles will be held, with a band adding the proper touch of savant atmosphere to the athletic contests.

Winnipeg Council Praised for Scholarships

The Northwest Review, Canada, commenting on the action of Winnipeg Council in giving five scholarships to parochial school graduates, says:

"In continuing the five Knights of Columbus scholarships instituted last year Winnipeg Council is deserving of the congratulations and thanks of all Catholics of this city. It is a solid contribution to the educational life of the Catholic schools of Winnipeg, and will be sincerely appreciated."

The naming of the five scholarships in honor of five Past Grand Knights of Winnipeg Council, now deceased, is a graceful gesture. The memory of these five Catholic gentlemen will be preserved in a way which both the families of the deceased and Winnipeg Council will appreciate.

The granting of the scholarships marks just one more debt that the Catholic boys of this city owe to the local Council. The bodily welfare of the boys has been taken care of through the medium of the various athletic activities, the hockey, baseball and basketball leagues especially having done much in that direction. With the scholarships, the Knights round out a programme which should, and will, earn the thanks of the Catholic parents of Winnipeg."

Holy Father Receives Gifts From Knights' Pupils

The Holy Father has received from the Oratory of St. Peter, supported by the Knights of Columbus, a large collection of drawings, pictures, sculptures, and embroideries made by the pupils, both boys and girls, of the oratory.

In his discourse on this occasion His Holiness expressed his pleasure at the moral and material progress made by the oratory. He thanked all who have contributed to the support and management of the institution. Turning to the pupils, the Holy Father said: "We rejoice with the Knights of Columbus and should like all present to see such large and beautiful fruits of their benefaction. They are always true Knights of your childhood and of your whole life."

Scholarships for New York City

Joseph J. Drake, chairman of the New York Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, announces that examinations for the four-year collegiate scholarships offered by the chapter are to be held Monday and Tuesday, June 25-26. The examinations are open to all Catholic boys living in Manhattan and The Bronx.

Examinations will be held at Manhattan College on Monday and at Fordham on Tuesday. Candidates must be high school graduates who have had no collegiate training. Application may be made at the executive offices of the New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus Club Hotel, 8th Avenue, and 51st Street.

New Oklahoma State Deputy

At the twenty-third annual convention held at Enid, Oklahoma, May 14, 1928, Frank P. Menter, Jr., of Oklahoma City, was elected State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus. He succeeds T. Austin Gavin, who with him will represent Oklahoma at the Supreme Convention in Cleveland. Other officers elected include: M. P. Tolson of Muskogee, State Secretary, Thos. L. Wade of Marlow, State Treasurer, and J. F. Boyle of Henryetta, State Warden.

High School Courses for Summer Students

Students who are planning to take courses in high school subjects this summer will do well to examine the Knights of Columbus Educational Bulletin of correspondence instruction. A great many students find it convenient to take one or more courses during the summer season to supplement the work that they have done or are doing in high school and particularly so in anticipation of college entrance examinations. Our correspondence study department has always enrolled a number of such students during the summer months. Courses in mathematics, English, history, and foreign languages in regular high school subjects are offered by the educational bureau. Any prospective student interested in such courses should write for a copy of Bulletin A.

Seattle Council Changes Communion Plan

Seattle Council, No. 676, has decided to hold quarterly communions instead of semiannually as has been the custom in the past. The movement met with the enthusiastic approval of a large majority of the members. The proposal carries with it the plan to hold each successive communion in a different parish and where possible, to serve breakfast in the parish hall.

Chief among the objections to the plan were fear that the smaller churches could not handle the turnout and that the numerous communions would be in conflict with the other bodies of Catholic men. Father Gibbons of Holy Family Parish and Brother Frank Forza of Father Carmello of Monte Virgine Parish, stated that if necessary they would hold special Masses in their Parishes for Knights.

An All-Year Duty

The Official Bulletin, issued by the Board of District Deputies, New York City, says in its issue of June 16:

"It is to be assumed that most men belong to the Knights of Columbus because of a profound conviction that the Order stands for the strengthening of the Catholic position in America, for the protection of the interests of individual Catholics, and for the strengthening of the ties which bind us to one another both as Catholics and as Knights. It is, therefore, quite evident that such a task, which is comparable to our religious duties in its binding force, should impel each one of us to give the Order as much of our effort and our real bow as we do during the winter months."

"We are all relieved somewhat of the routine duties of the council because most councils drop two meetings during the hottest months, but this should not cause us to feel relieved of our own obligation to promote the good works of the Order."

"We have pointed out before the contracts made during the summer vacation, when we have an opportunity to size up some of our fellow Catholics under conditions of strong intimacy, afford us also an opportunity to place before the best of these the claims of the Order upon their support. There is no doubt but what we have a fine story of achievement to tell and it need not be thrust upon others, but there are occasions when the slightest remark is dropped, and these are the times when we should be prepared to tell the possible critic what we are trying to do. Please bear in mind that among Catholics there is not as widespread a knowledge of our achievements as there should be and this is frequently a cause of misunderstanding and lack of appreciation of our aims and objects, and if we can cultivate such an appreciation we will be laying the foundation for a greater future for our Order. Make yourself fully aware of the scholarships, the boy work—

all phases of Notre Dame Scholarships, Summer Courses at Cliff Haven, Thirty-Hour Courses, Columbian Squares (particularly these)—the activities of your council and chapter, both social, charitable and fraternal, as well as educational, the retreat movement, the tuberculosis sanatorium at Gabriels, the Order's monthly publication, 'Columbia', the Oregon School Bill fight, the promotion of Catholic literature; the assistance given to the Catholic University at Washington, the fight for justice to Mexico; its record of relief in disaster periods; the war work. Brothers, we have a fine record, a noble one, and we cannot too often set it forth in a bold and dignified manner, for it is without a flaw."

"The foregoing is very familiar to most of us, but how often do we forget it in the heat of discussion? The Order is greater than any one of us; let us keep it great by looking upon it greatly and with the pride which the record justifies."

St. Anne's Council Initiates

On June 16th, St. Anne's Council, No. 2423, Queens Village, New York, exemplified the First and Second Degrees upon a large class of candidates. A major degree will be held toward the end of the month.

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Bishop Amigo Joins Parish Celebration 25th Time In Life

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, June 15.—For the twenty-fifth successive year, Bishop Amigo of Southwark joined the people of the Romondsey parish here in the celebration of the titular feast of the Church of the Holy Trinity.

The Bishop spent over ten hours among the parishioners, and besides addressing them when they assembled in the grounds attached to the church, he spoke to each of them individually as they came away from the evening service. Msgr. Amigo has a marvellous memory, and he surprised many of the people by recalling the circumstances of their confirmations or marriages, the dates of which they themselves had long forgotten.

The Church of the Holy Trinity is one of the most noted Catholic churches in London. The parish began in 1773, when a Father Gerard Shaw gave £500 to start a mission district. One of the conditions of the gift was that one of the priests in the parish should be able to speak Irish as well as English. This condition is still observed, although Father Shaw's chapel was replaced 83 years ago by the present church.

Several of the nuns who were in the Convent of Mercy adjoining the church when the Crimean War broke out joined the famous Florence Nightingale in her work for the sick and wounded soldiers, and earned

Father Martindale Sails For Sydney, To Preach There

London, June 16.—Father C. C. Martindale, S. J., is on his way to Australia and New Zealand where he has a series of preaching engagements before taking part in the Ecumenical Congress at Sydney. He will represent several English societies at the Congress, and will not return here till Christmas.

Before leaving, on the S. S. Tokoma, he was entertained here by past students of Riverview College, Sydney, who promised him a welcome "down under."

Father Martindale was chaplain to hundreds of Anzac soldiers during the war, and he declared that when the last of them left England he was most deeply homesick for the voices of Australia.

Past students of Riverview—a Jesuit college, founded in 1880—have for five years managed to hold an annual reunion in London. Many of them are doctors.