

Island of Cyprus Gets First Latin Bishop in 80 Years

London, July 2.—Magr. Godric Kean, Auxiliary Bishop to Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, who has been appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Island of Cyprus, has just left for the island after a visit in the morning, where he formerly worked as a parish priest in the diocese of Salisbury.

Monsignor Kean will be the first Latin resident bishop in the island for more than 80 years, and the first English prelate to occupy episcopal office there.

He was successively rector of several parishes before his appointment as a Chaplain to the Forces in the World War in 1915. He served in France, Belgium, Egypt and Palestine. He returned to the diocese in 1922, but shortly after his appointment as rector of the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Monsignor Kean, and his Excellency appointed him his private secretary. In 1924 he was named Auxiliary to the Patriarch and consecrated Titular Bishop of Tavian.

The island of Cyprus, in the Mediterranean, was annexed to the British Empire when Turkey entered the World War. It has been dependent on the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem for about 80 years. Until the fifth century, it was dependent on the Patriarch of Antioch.

Countess Sponsoring 8,000-Book Catholic Library for Warsaw

Warsaw, July 2.—Warsaw is to have a new religious library, sponsored by Countess J. J. Tyszkiewicz, nee Zdzienicka, and housed in the Tyszkiewicz palace. The Countess has placed this new venture under the protection of St. Teresa of Avila.

The library will be open to the public Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and if needed, the Countess made a trip to Paris to buy books, as well as certain books for the collection that could not be obtained in Poland. There will be more than eight thousand Latin, Greek, German, English and Polish volumes, and about eighty periodicals of the same languages. The absence of Italian books and papers is due to the fact that there are few persons in Poland, outside the clergy, who read or speak that language.

The catalogue of the library will be arranged alphabetically and by subject matter. The books may be grouped generally under the following headings: philosophy, sacred scripture, the Fathers of the Church, dogma, moral, mystical and sacred theology, canon law, papal documents, history, social and educational problems, Church history, mission, problems of conversion, comparative study of religions, relations between science and religion, heresy, theosophy and spiritualism, religious literature, art and bibliography, histories of the Benedictines, Jesuits and other religious Orders, and a special section for young readers. There will be special reference books for studying the life and works of the library's patroness, the Little Flower of Lyons.

Some valuable works of the countess' husband, Count Joseph Tyszkiewicz, on Darwinism, the Einstein theory and similar scientific subjects, and their relations to religion, are a part of the collection.

Plan to Drop Saint's Name From Street Is Killed by Residents

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

Paris, July 2.—The "Quai St. Michel" will not have its name changed to "Quai Viviani," as had been proposed in honor to the memory of Rene Viviani, Paris Mayor and President of the Council at the beginning of the war.

The proposal to drop the saint's name was not a well-considered one, because Paris would still have the Boulevard St. Michel, the Place St. Michel and the Bridge St. Michel. Nevertheless, the inhabitants of the quai were incensed at the thought and showed their displeasure by closing their shops and shutting their windows when the authorities arrived to change the name plates and put up the new plaques.

As a result of this protest and because of other opposition to the change, the municipal authorities, after further deliberation, decided that the name Viviani would have to be dropped from the street and the quai, under the patronage of the saint.

C. D. O'Leary, 75

San Francisco, July 6.—With the aid of officers of the Catholic Church, a Father's Jubilee class has just been organized. It has just been organized by Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

The regular reading of these Catholic publications cannot but have a wholesome effect on family life, and eventually on the life of the entire nation.

Catholic Summer School of America Opens Auspiciously

CHH Haven, N. Y., July 6.—The thirty-seventh annual session of the Catholic Summer School of America was formally opened Sunday evening with exercises in the auditorium. The school enters the season under the able presidency of the Rev. Dr. Francis P. Duffy.

Sunday evening the Fordham University lectures who are the pioneers here, were presented to the guests, spoke briefly of the work they hope to accomplish, and expressed their pleasure in being assigned to CHH Haven. Thereafter there was a musical program, and Charles A. Webber, executive secretary, explained the history and plan of the school.

On the following day, the classes in education, history and philosophy, under the auspices of the Summer School and Fordham University, met for the first time in the building newly equipped for class purposes. The enrollment greatly encouraged both the officials and lecturers, and they are looking forward to a greatly increased number of students for next season. The Rev. Miles J. O'Malley, S. J., Dean of the University, is expected here this week.

Four evening piano recitals given by Herma Menth, Vienna pianist, have crowded the auditorium with an audience of eager listeners.

The morning lecture program in the auditorium will not start until the third week. Next week, Michael J. Jordan of Boston will give four evening illustrated travel talks. Golf, tennis and the beach sports already have been inaugurated, and cottage receptions will soon start.

The Rev. Thomas McMillan, C. S. P., of a member of the Board of Trustees, has been here since June 15, and is greeting his legion of friends.

Catholic Journalists' International Bureau Is Commended by Pope

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

Paris, July 2.—The International Bureau of Catholic Journalists, with headquarters at Paris, has announced that its president, M. Rene Delforge, who also is president of the Belgian Association of Catholic Journalists, has received the following letter from Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State.

"I have brought to the attention of the Holy Father the letter which you addressed to me in the name of the president of the International Bureau of Catholic Journalists, founded at Paris.

"His Holiness feels paternal satisfaction at its receipt, for he does not doubt but that the sentiments of veneration and filial submission expressed in your letter are the unanimous expression of all the members of the Bureau.

"Feeling confident that the work over which you preside contributes to the triumph of principles that save souls and influence society itself, the Sovereign Pontiff, with all his heart, bestows upon you and all the members of the Bureau and your families the apostolic benediction."

When M. Delforge had the honor of being received in private audience by the Pope, the Holy Father again expressed his satisfaction and, congratulating M. Delforge, expressed the greatest confidence in the abundant good to be accomplished by the Bureau.

Brave Stand of U. S. Sisters in China War

New York, July 3.—The Reverend Mother Provincial of the Hospital Sisters of Saint Francis at Springfield, Ill., has received recent word from her American Sisters in Tsinanfu, China, telling of the awful conditions there, according to information received here.

The Sisters were ordered by the Chinese to leave the Mission Hospital at once. They answered that they are Catholic Sisters and that Catholic nurses do not abandon their posts as long as there are any sick who need them. The Chinese were doubtless impressed by their firm attitude, as no harm of any kind was done to the Sisters.

Irish Bishops Urge Catholic Reading For National Good

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

Dublin, July 2.—After a meeting of the Irish Hierarchy at Maynooth at the close of the academic year, the following statement was issued to the press:

"The Archbishop and Bishops of Ireland, impressed with the necessity of the widespread circulation of Catholic publications, and particularly popular publications catering for popular needs, urge upon the faithful to support Catholic magazines, periodicals and newspapers, by taking, not more of them into their homes weekly.

"The regular reading of these Catholic publications cannot but have a wholesome effect on family life, and eventually on the life of the entire nation."

U. S. Ambassador At Notable Paris Catholic Wedding

London, July 2.—The marriage which has just taken place at the Church of St. Clothilde, Paris, of Major-General Walter Maxwell-Scott, C. B., D. S. O., and Mme. de Sincay, of 82, Rue de l'Universite, Paris, daughter of the late Major John A. Logan, U. S. Cavalry, and Mrs. Logan, of Paris and New York, and granddaughter of General Logan, is of much interest in England as well as America.

Monsignor Chaplain, Auxiliary Bishop of Paris, officiated at the ceremony. Ambassador Herriek was present and signed the register, and a representative of the British Ambassador also was present.

General Maxwell-Scott, born in 1875, is the eldest son of the Hon. Joseph Constable Maxwell-Scott, who died in 1923, and Mrs. Mary Monica Maxwell-Scott, who died in 1920. He is a great-grandson of the novelist, Sir Walter Scott, whose mansion at Abbotsford, on the Melrose estate at Roxburgh, Scotland, is his Scottish seat.

He fought in the Tirah Campaign, the South African War and the World War. In 1924 he was given command of the 1st Rhine Brigade.

His first wife, Mrs. Mairi Maxwell-Scott, was a daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart MacDougall of Lunn, Argyllshire. She died in Germany in 1924. General Maxwell-Scott brought her body by air to Scotland for burial and himself accompanied the coffin in the airplane.

Reared an Anglican Says First High Mass As A Catholic Priest

Minneapolis, July 5.—Born and reared in the Anglican church, of which his parents were devout members, the Rev. Rudolph Vollmer, O. P., a convert to the Catholic faith, celebrated his first Solemn High Mass in the Church of the Holy Redeemer here Sunday. It was in the same church that Father Vollmer was baptized, made his first Communion and received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Graduated in 1911 from the high school at Graceville, Minn., Mr. Vollmer came to Minneapolis in 1916, and in June of that year married Miss Helen M. Lockhart. With a year of their marriage, Mrs. Vollmer died, and less than two months thereafter Mr. Vollmer embraced the Catholic faith.

Going to France in 1917, the bereaved husband served in the World War until the Armistice, and upon his discharge from the Army announced his intention of becoming a priest.

Returning to the United States in 1919, he entered Aquinas College at Columbus, Ohio, to begin his preparation for ordination. He received the habit of St. Dominic and made his profession in 1922 and 1925, respectively. Later he took his philosophical and theological studies at St. Rose's Seminary, and June 21 was ordained to the priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shanahan, rector of the Catholic University of America, at St. Dominic's Church, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Vollmer, parents of the young priest, now reside in St. Paul.

Death of Father Bec Due to Heart Disease

Paris, July 2.—The reported murder of the Rev. Ambrose Bec, first Superior of the abbey of Mellerey, who was found dead in his office, has been investigated and proved untrue. Death, it is now asserted, was from natural causes.

The Reverend Superior was found in his office, with his head fallen forward on his desk. A doctor summoned from the neighboring village declared that death had been caused by heart disease and the marks on his head were due to his fall. In spite of the doctor's certificate, the rumor spread throughout the neighborhood that the Superior had met with foul play. At the request of the abbey officials, an officer of the law, accompanied by an expert diagnostician, came from Nantes to conduct an inquest. As a result of the autopsy, it was learned that Father Bec had long been afflicted with tuberculosis.

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Two Great Figures In British Colonial Life, Catholics, Die

London, June 30.—Sir Westby Brook Perceval, K. C. M. G., formerly Agent-General for New Zealand and Tasmania, has died here at the age of 74.

On the same day this week, the death also was announced of Sir William St. John Carr, another distinguished Catholic in the public life of the Dominions. Sir William died at Johannesburg, South Africa. Both were holders of papal knighthoods, and their families were connected by marriage.

Sir Westby Perceval belonged to a family of ancient lineage and Norman origin. He was directly descended from Eudes, Sovereign Duke of Brittany, through Eudes' younger son, Robert, first Lord of Vevry, who accompanied William the Conqueror to England.

The son of Irish Protestant parents in New Zealand, Sir Westby was received into the Catholic Church at the age of 16. He then left for England to complete his education at the Jesuit College at Stonyhurst. Returning to New Zealand as an attorney, he became a conspicuous figure in politics and was soon appointed Agent-General for the Dominion in London. He afterwards became Agent-General for Tasmania.

In 1891, Pope Leo XIII created him a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory, and his services to the British Empire were rewarded three years later by his creation as a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Sir Westby was one of the members of the Royal Commission for the Chicago Exhibition of 1893, and for the Paris Exhibition of 1900. He was a member also of the Catholic education Council, and a leading figure in the Catechetical Association, a Catholic organization for professional and business men.

Sir William Carr had been a prominent personality in Johannesburg for more than a generation, and was recognized as the leader of the Catholics on the Rand. He was created a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope Pius X.

Born in Ireland 50 years ago, he was one of the British pioneers in South Africa. After matriculating at the Catholic University of Dublin, he began an adventurous life by taking service with a mercantile shipping company. His voyages took him to many countries before he finally settled in South Africa.

Sir William fought in the South African War, and was afterward appointed deputy chairman of the Johannesburg Town Council. In this capacity he did wonderful work in restoring civilized conditions to the city, which had become largely desolate at the war years. He later became chairman of the Town Council and then was elected first Mayor of the city.

Grave of Pious Irish Worker, 3 years Dead, Is Visited by Faithful

Dublin, July 1.—Many visitors went to the grave of Matthew Talbot in Glasnevin Cemetery on the third anniversary of his death. At various hours of the day, not only on the actual anniversary, but on the day preceding and following, many visitors were seen kneeling above the remains of the pious laborer. A small wooden box has been placed above the tomb, in which petitions for favors are placed by those who know the saintly workman, which many thanksgivings for favors received lie among the petitions.

Sir Joseph Glynn has just published a new and greatly enlarged edition of Matthew Talbot's life. The previous small life, published by the Catholic Truth Society, has been translated into ten languages.

It will be recalled that Matthew Talbot fell dead while walking along a Dublin street three years ago, and that numerous instruments of penance were found on his body when it was taken into a hospital. Inquiry from his employers, fellow workers and relatives revealed a life of the most austere devotion.

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India's 'Untouchables' Flock To New Mission Opened by U.S. Priest

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Madras, India, June 25.—How a highly promising new Catholic mission has just been opened among the lowest classes in India, and how the medical missionaries are needed in this field, are told in a letter from Father Henry Westropp, S. J., a Cleveland priest, now at Havell, Kharagpur, P. O., Bihar. The letter was received at Sacred Heart College here.

"I wish I had 'M. D.' behind my name just now in my old age, when I have to become a medical man in twenty-four hours. Crowds of poor patients suffering from everything from toothache to leprosy arrive here as early as five in the morning. Their only hope is in us. We have been here only two weeks, but the number of patients is about a hundred daily. With God's Grace we hope to make it a thousand. The people are very kind to us and send us presents of various kinds.

"The school is now starting with one hundred children, but we want five hundred. In a short time, in a place where, before, hope was very small, there is now a bazaar. Crowds of bright-eyed children here all day and night for they don't sleep. I am starting a playground to attract still more.

"I have an Indian Christian with a fair medical training and a Goan Christian boy to help me. A mud Ononowac, Wis., the Rev. Joseph house is our school, dispensary, real-estate office and all. There is no chapel as yet. God seems to have blessed this place from the start. It is certainly better than anything I have ever seen, and I have great hopes for it. Father Westropp has had long experience as a missionary among the American Sioux Indians, by whom he is still known as "The Little Owl."

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Philippines Official Regrets Circulation Of 'Y.M.' Statement

Washington, July 6.—Eugene A. Gilmore, Secretary of Public Instruction in the Philippines and recently named as Acting Governor General of the Islands in direct line with the Catholic Academy, while in Washington on a mission to the Holy Father, He visited a few days ago, made a statement that Catholic women enter in a pamphlet of a sectarian character circulated in the Philippine Islands.

The pamphlet in question was that "It is vital and necessary that propaganda folder of the Y.M.C.A. Catholic lady acquaint themselves with the truths of their religion." Gilmore quotes him as saying: "We need a vigorous and intelligent Y.M.C.A. is non-sectarian intellectual class of Catholic women. They should be welcomed and encouraged in this country. The Secret and practice of their religion," he stated further asserted, "Catholic women must continue to study and must read the best of Catholic literature long after their school days have become pleasant memories."

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Mr. Gilmore objected to being represented, directly or by implication, as expressing, in his capacity as former Acting Governor or as Secretary of Public Instruction, any opinion on the sectarian character of the Y.M.C.A. or on the relative merits of its work and that of other religious organizations.

The Secretary was not certain what action had been taken before the left and whether, in fact, the correction had been made and the circulation of the pamphlet discontinued.

Cleveland Seminary And Cathedral Are Given New Rectors

Cleveland, July 7.—Appointment of the Right Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Smith as Rector of St. John's Cathedral here and of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis T. Moran as Rector of the Cleveland Seminary of Our Lady of the Lake has been announced in a merit.

Most of the appointments and transfers involving nearly fifty priests of the Cleveland diocese. The greater number are transfers of assistants. Monsignor Smith, who is the Vicar General and a Prothonotary, Apostolic, leaves St. Philomena's parish in East Cleveland. He established this parish 26 years ago and has been its only pastor. Monsignor Moran, who is widely known in Catholic educational circles, has been pastored by St. Patrick's parish here nearly thirty years. He succeeds the Rev. Edward F. Burke as Rector of the Seminary. Dr. Burke died a week ago.

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Book-A-Month Club For Catholics Picks Editorial Committee

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Philadelphia, July 6.—Preliminary preparations for the work of the Catholic Book-A-Month Club, which has headquarters for the present at 3736 Midvale Ave., here, have largely been completed, and it is hoped that the club will be able to present its first list of selections about the middle of August.

The central editorial board, which, with an advisory committee, will select a list of books commendable from a Catholic standpoint and will especially recommend one each month, as been chosen. It includes Lawrence Mick, Jr., Philadelphia, for many years a member of the editorial staffs of leading metropolitan newspapers, and now engaged in Catholic editorial work; Beatrice Gault, literary editor of The South-west Courier, diocesan newspaper of Oklahoma City, Okla., and widely known as a literary critic; Bro. Felician Patrik, F.S.C., Ph.D., Litt.D., Professor of English in St. Thomas College, Scranton, Pa.; Honor Walsh, a Philadelphia, author, dramatist, poet and a contributor to newspaper syndicates; and the Rev. Will W. Whalen, Orlanna, Pa., author of several Catholic books. Joseph A. Sexton, editor and author of Philadelphia, is editorial secretary.

Members of the advisory committee are: The Rev. T. V. Shannon and the Rev. T. Rowan, The New World, Chicago; the Rev. Aug. T. Zeller, C. S. S. R., The Liberator, Christiana, Md.; a mud Ononowac, Wis.; the Rev. Joseph house is our school, dispensary, real-estate office and all. There is no chapel as yet. God seems to have blessed this place from the start. It is certainly better than anything I have ever seen, and I have great hopes for it. Father Westropp has had long experience as a missionary among the American Sioux Indians, by whom he is still known as "The Little Owl."

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A leading library feature, which is expected to provide local headquarters at many points, also has been incorporated in the Club's plan.

N.C.C.W. Harmonizes With Pope's Idea, Says Archbishop Howard

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Portland, Ore., July 6.—The Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, Archbishop of Oregon City, making the principal address at the eleventh quarterly meeting of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women just held in Al-Glennore, Secretary of Public Instruction in the Philippines and recently named as Acting Governor General of the Islands in direct line with the Catholic Academy, while in Washington on a mission to the Holy Father, He visited a few days ago, made a statement that Catholic women enter in a pamphlet of a sectarian character circulated in the Philippine Islands.

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Clergy Union To Aid Missions Introduced In Diocese of Denver

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Denver, July 6.—At the suggestion of the Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni Biondi, Apostolic Delegate, on the occasion of his recent visit here, all members of the clergy of the Denver diocese have been urged, through the Home and Foreign Mission Society, to enroll in the Pia Unio Clero pro Missionibus (Missionary Union of the Clergy).

The Missionary Union of the Clergy is a purely spiritual organization enlisting the clergy as leaders in the mission cause. Their leadership is exercised by knowledge, financial support, the reading of mission books and reviews and the diffusion of the knowledge thus gained by means of lectures and talks of the Right Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Smith as Rector of St. John's Cathedral here and of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis T. Moran as Rector of the Cleveland Seminary of Our Lady of the Lake has been announced in a merit.

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