

Cornerstone Laid At St. Columban's Seminary In N. Y.

Silver Creek, N. Y., Oct. 12.—Cornerstone of the new St. Columban's Seminary here, was laid by the Rt. Rev. William Turner, Bishop of Buffalo, last Sunday, the feast of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin.

The site selected is a particularly attractive one on the shore of Lake Erie. Here a little headland, prettily wooded, stretches out into the lake. The new building is on this headland but not more than seven hundred feet from the highway heading from Buffalo to Cleveland.

The ceremony itself was a simple one. The Bishop placed the stone and laid it in position. Within it were placed documents and books of a historical character relating to the foundation.

Another unique treasure lies hidden in the stone. It is a piece of Irish granite taken from the ruined wall of the Old Abbey Church at Bangor, where thirteen centuries ago St. Columban was ordained a priest. From within the walls of that ancient monastery cloister he went forth to preach the Faith in Europe.

After the ceremony, the procession of students and priests with the Bishop in cope and mitre wended its way to the temporary altar that had been erected near the site of the new seminary chapel. At the altar the Bishop spoke words of encouragement to the Father and students of the Society.

The sermon was followed by a Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Bishop was celebrated with the Rev. John C. Carr, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities, as deacon and the Rev. E. J. O'Connor, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at Silver Creek, as sub-deacon. The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Britt, Chancellor of the Diocese, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

St. Columban's Preparatory Seminary is conducted by the Fathers of the Society of St. Columban, whose headquarters in the United States are at St. Columban, Nebraska. The society, which has just celebrated its tenth birthday, has over 130 priests, most of whom are working in the missions of China. It has two seminaries in the United States with fifty seven students preparing for the missionary priesthood.

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Cardinal Dougherty To Consecrate New Chapel At St. Emma's

Rock Castle, Va., Oct. 12.—An event of importance to the Church in the United States and to the colored race will take place on October 24, when His Eminence, Cardinal Dougherty, will consecrate the church of St. Edward, erected for St. Emma's Industrial and Agricultural Institute here. The church will be dedicated to the late General Edward de Veazir Morrell, of Torrance, who died September 1, 1917, and who was cofounder of the institution.

The Cardinal will be accompanied here by the Rev. Dr. Gerald P. O'Hara, secretary.

The Rev. Dr. O'Hara will be master of ceremonies at the consecration and the sermon will be delivered by the Right Rev. Andrew J. Brennan, D. D., Bishop of Richmond. Invitation to attend have been extended to all the Bishops of the South.

The chapel has been designed after the early English Gothic period of the fourteenth century, the motif having been taken from the beautiful little Fulborough Church at Sussex, England.

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The chapel will accommodate three hundred students in addition to the stalls provided for the teaching force. The sanctuary, like the early churches, contains the choir.

The altars are of stone, simple but dignified. Delicately carved stone niches have been provided in the interior to receive the carved wooden statues of St. Louis, St. Edward, St. Francis, St. Teresa of Jesus, St. Anthony and St. Joseph.

While St. Emma's was founded for the benefit of industrious colored Catholic youth, nevertheless no student is refused admission on the grounds of belief and the majority of students have been non-Catholics. It was opened for the reception of students in January, 1895.

Since its establishment, St. Emma's has sought to give to young colored men a thorough religious and educational training in such methods of agriculture as such mechanical trades as carpentry, masonry, etc.

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Italian Culture Chair Installed At California U.

Berkeley, Cal., Oct. 12.—Ceremonies of an international character marked the inauguration of the new chair of Italian Culture just held at the University of California.

The idea of the establishment of this chair first occurred to Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, some years ago. His Grace spoke of it to the then President Wheeler of the university and the movement took form.

Commendatore Armando Pedrini was a prime mover in the affair, assisted by James A. Baigalupi and other prominent citizens. After a six-year campaign it was finally established and endowed with \$260,000.

At the ceremonies last night, president W. W. Campbell of the University of California delivered the congratulatory address; Comm. Armando Pedrini responded on behalf of the donors and consul General Luigi Siliotti delivered the message of the Italian Government. Members of the Italian-American society, extended a welcome to Professor Carlo Forzani, professor of the University of Rome, and first lecturer in Italian Culture at the university.

Bigotry Imperils American Ideals, Says Dr. Butler

Distinguished Educator Urges Liberal-Minded Americans To Spring To Defense Of Country's Liberty

New York, Oct. 10.—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, declaring that the foundations of America are under attack, roundly scores bigotry and intolerance, in a letter to Michael Williams, editor of The Commonwealth, just made public.

After asserting that the press of official duties prevents his acceptance of more invitations to deliver public addresses, Dr. Butler's letter continues:

"Nevertheless, I will take occasion to record the fact that no one who loves his country and who has any comprehension of the intellectual and spiritual foundations on which it rests can be otherwise than deeply moved and profoundly shocked by the widespread exhibitions of ignorance, intolerance and religious bigotry manifested on every side.

Weapons Of Religious Hate.

"Men and women who continue to call themselves Christians, at their head great companies of those who for some inscrutable reason feel they have been divinely appointed to preach the gospel of Christ, are betraying that Lord and Master as truly as did Judas and denying His as truly as did Peter. Men and women who with calm effrontery continue to call themselves followers of Thomas Jefferson and believers in his political doctrines, are daily contradicting by voice, by pen and by deed the most fundamental of all the principles which that great philosopher taught.

"The lesson of Roger Williams goes unheeded, and the fine history of the free State of Maryland is passed by as if it had never existed. Perhaps they have not even heard that the original charter of my own university, written a generation earlier than the Constitution of the United States, provides that the powers of its governors 'do not extend to exclude any person of any religious denomination whatever from equal liberty and advantage of education or from any degrees, liberties, privileged, benefits of immunities of the said college on account of his particular tenets in matters of religion.'

"To what pass has the nation come when millions of those who have passed through the common schools, and many of them also through institutions of higher education, are still the willing weapons of a religious hate and a malice that are as immoral as they are un-Christian and anti-American? Does all this mean that somewhere in the not far distant future another Gibbon is preparing a world-shaking work on the decline and fall of Christianity?

American's Foundation Attacked.

"It is the duty of every one of us, without any regard whatever to party affiliation, to stamp upon this invading snake with iron heel. This is far more important than to protect material prosperity, which happens not to be at stake, or to provide economic relief for particular groups and sections, or even than to drive out of the Constitution of the United States that enemy of civil liberty, public morality and social order which was forced into it eight years ago. If the very foundation of America be undermined or shaken, then we and our children shall have nothing left on which to build.

"What a travesty it is on our much-vaunted progress that in this year of grace, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, we should be representing on a gigantic scale the worst practices of the Spanish Inquisition, of the Puritan persecutors and of the witch hunters, all of which we had fondly supposed to belong to an almost forgotten past!

"The foundations of America are under attack. A vast army of straight-thinking, fine feeling, broad-minded, liberal men and women should spring to their defense in a way that will make their complete and permanent defense both quick and secure. This is no time for cowardly, time-servers, legalistic word-splitters or 'Well, Now's.'

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Knights of Columbus Evening School Has Large Enrollment

A heavy enrollment of students at the Knights of Columbus Evening School, Washington, District of Columbia, has been reported by Prof. Hamelt, new dean of the collegiate and academic departments.

The law department of the school, under the direction of Dr. William E. Leahy, dean, registered sixty new students, and the full strength of the former freshman and junior classes responded for advancement into the junior and senior classes.

Dr. Leahy announced the appointment of Leo A. Rover, United States District Attorney for the District of Columbia, as a member of the faculty. He will lecture to the junior and senior classes on "Equity." The dean also announced the appointment of Shepton Darr, Professor of Personal Property and Bills and Notes, as assistant dean of the law school.

The State Deputy, Charles W. Darr, addressed the faculty and student body as President of the Educational Committee.

The State Council of the District of Columbia under the direction of the State Deputy and Grand Knights, Albert E. McCarty and Walter I. Plant, has succeeded in securing sufficient funds to justify continuing the Archbishop Curley Scholarships in the various high schools.

Southwestern Knights Ready for Football Classic

Councils throughout Texas, Oklahoma, western Arkansas and Louisiana have been invited to send delegations of rooters to Dallas, Texas, on November 3, for the game between Loyola University of Los Angeles and the famed Quantico Marines of Virginia. This is the first time in many years that a Catholic college team has come to Dallas and the Knights are taking it upon themselves to see that the Loyola squad has an ample cheering section. The Marines are good. Loyola is good. Special train have been engaged to bring rooters to the game which is to be the feature of the Sixth Annual Marine Corps League Convention.

Father and Four Sons Knights

St. Joseph Council, No. 2272, West Point, Nebraska, is proud to number among its members Brother Peter Rief and his four sons, Walter, Albert, Leo and Joseph. All four sons are insurance members and the father and Joseph are charter members of the Council. All take an active part in the work of the Council.

Watsonville Bulletin Anniversary

The October issue of Nine Five Eight Nines, Watsonville, California, Council Bulletin, now current, is the second anniversary number. The size of the paper has been tripled and it contains many unusual special articles. Brother D. V. Palmer, editor, announces a few vacancies on the exchange list and will welcome any changes from other council editors.

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Knights of Columbus News It Can Be Done

Kingstree, South Carolina, has a population of 2,500. There are, it is said, ten Catholics in the city.

There have appeared in issues of the County Record, a newspaper published there, two advertisements setting forth the utter falsity of the bogus oath attributed to Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus. The advertisements were paid for by a group of six Masons headed by a Jew.

Brother Dennis F. O'Brien, Financial Secretary of P. N. Lynch Council, No. 704, Charleston, South Carolina, hearing that the bogus oath was being circulated there, sent to the Mayor of Kingstree and the editor of the County Record, whose names he did not know, the literature dealing with this "oath" prepared by the Knights of Columbus. The advertisements which appeared were made up from material contained in this literature.

The first advertisement set forth the \$25,000 reward offered by the Knights of Columbus for proof that a Knight of Columbus ever took the bogus oath, or that Protestants or Masons are referred to directly or indirectly in oaths of the Knights of Columbus, or that the obligation then set forth is not the true obligation of the fourth Degree Knights in this country.

The second advertisement, appearing a week later, dealt with the report of a committee of California Masons, who inspected the ceremony of the Knights and reported that it "teaches a high and noble patriotism, instills a love of country, inculcates a reverence for law and order, urges the conscientious and unselfish performance of civic duty, and holds up the Constitution of our country as the richest and most precious possession of a knight of the Order."

Membership Program Now Gaining Momentum

Reports coming from councils in all parts of the country indicate that, with the arrival of the active fraternal season, the Selective Membership Extension Program is about to roll ahead with considerably increased speed. New material and new literature is being prepared at the Supreme Office.

At the quarterly meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors, held October 6 and 7 at Atlantic City, the Membership Extension Program was the leading topic discussed. Supreme Knight Carmody made the interesting observation that if the laparation of one member, out of every hundred members in a council, could be prevented each quarter, the Order would thereby retain 26,000 members and show a net gain in the associate membership as it has always shown in the insurance membership. That's worth thinking over.

More Claim Youngest Grand Knight Title

It begins to look at the question, "Who is the youngest Grand Knight in the Order?" will have to be settled with the help of a stop watch.

District Deputy John W. Collins, of New York, writes in to say: "Grand Knight Frank J. Maloney, of Scranton Council, No. 280, thinks that, at the age of twenty-seven, he may be the youngest man in the Order holding the office. This injects me into the fray. I was elected Grand Knight of Admiral Dewey Council, No. 354, Brooklyn, New York, in October, 1923, at the age of twenty-five years and one month. I served for two years."

In the next mail, Brother Collins was eliminated by Grand Knight P. O'S. Foster, of St. Paul's Council, No. 418, Portsmouth, Virginia. Brother Foster was installed in office last year when he was twenty-four. Pp to press time, he leads. Can anyone better twenty-four?

M. Daily Walsh to Head Virginia Fourth Degree

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in Virginia will be headed for the next two years by Brother M. Daily Walsh, of Norfolk, who succeeds Brother Joseph W. McManus, of Newport News. Brother McManus has been District Master for the past two years.

The appointment of Brother Walsh will prove popular throughout the district. He is well known through his association with many civic organizations and has held offices in Norfolk Council and Norfolk Assembly.

Use Your District Deputy

The Michigan Councilor, in his issue of October 3, says:

One of the officers of the Order who is given too little attention by the subordinate councils is the District Deputy. That official is the link between the Council and the state officers and through them with the Supreme Office. He has a very definite and useful place to fill and the Council which realizes it most keenly and makes most use of his services profits most.

The habit of regarding the District Deputy as an installing and initiating officer alone is mistaken. That forms a big part of his work but far from all. He is directly responsible for supervision of the Council. He is equipped by experience and authority to advise every Council. He can give help in most problems. He is the one who should carry Council matters up to the state officers. The tendency to recognize the work of the District Deputy is growing and with it is a growing total of effectiveness in the councils making use of his services.

Supreme Director Swift Is Speaker at Centenary

Supreme Director John E. Swift was one of the principal speakers at the centenary celebration held October 14, at Indian Island, Oldtown, Maine, in the evening, members of Father Drullietie Council, Oldtown, gave a banquet in his honor.

The occasion of the affair was the dedication, by the Penobscot Indians, of a monument to the memory of Father Sebastian Rale, of the Society of Jesus. In the morning, Right Rev. John G. Murray, D.D., Bishop of Portland, celebrated a Solemn Pontifical Mass. Rev. James M. Kilroy, S.J., delivered the sermon.

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