

## CATHOLIC NEWS

Catholic news of interest mailed into our office, 113 North Water street, by Thursday noon, will be published in the current issue of the paper.

### "Forty Hours" Devotion In Churches of Diocese

The devotion of the "Forty Hours" will be held in the churches of the diocese next week. January 1, 1929, St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.

#### INDULGENCE

1—A Plenary Indulgence is granted to those who, having made a good confession and Communion, visit the church where the devotion of the "Forty Hours" is celebrated, spend some time in prayer before the most Holy Sacrament and pray for the intention of our Holy Father. This indulgence cannot be gained more than once during the three days' Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

2—A Partial Indulgence of ten years and ten times forty days is granted each time to those who, during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, make a visit to the church and there pass some time in prayer.

3—These Indulgences are applicable to the souls in Purgatory.

### Notre Dame Holds A Reunion

Three hundred Notre Dame men, students, former students and graduates, and their friends gathered on Thursday evening in the Pomellian room, Hotel Seneca, for the eighth annual Christmas holiday reunion. Reception was held at 6:30 p. m. followed by a dinner dance.

The reunion was sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Rochester, which comprises membership in Batavia, Albion, Geneva, Seneca Falls, Honeoye Falls, Canandaigua and other towns in this district. Gerard J. Smith was general chairman of the affair with President Raymond Mead in charge of meeting the out-of-town members.

Thirty-five members of the Rochester Club of Notre Dame attended the party. The membership of this club at the South Bend Institution numbers ninety students who make their homes in the Rochester district.

Short talks were given by President Mead, Secretary Smith, Treasurer M. Joseph Tierney, Joseph P. Flynn and Assistant U. S. Attorney Joseph Doran.

### W. J. Keenan Funeral Services Conducted

Funeral services for William J. Keenan, father of Traffic Officer William F. Keenan and Mrs. Matthew Kuhn, took place Wednesday morning from his home, 454 Colvin street and 9 o'clock at Holy Family Church.

Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. William Heisel assisted by Rev. George Vogt as deacon and Rev. Ignatius Klenja as sub-deacon.

Bearers were Charles Culligan, Victor Dombrowski, James Martin, Roger Courneen, Halbert O'Brien, and Edward Connelly. The last blessing was given by Rev. John Hogan, chaplain of St. Ann's Home.

### Frank E. Hetzler, Ice Co. President Dead, Aged 46 Years

Heart disease caused the death Wednesday of Frank E. Hetzler at his home, 288 Santee Street.

He was 46 years of age and a son of John G. Hetzler, who conducted the American Ice Company. After the death of the father, the sons organized the Hetzler Ice Company, of which Frank E. Hetzler was president. This company ceased to cut natural ice about eight years ago, when it began manufacturing its own.

Mr. Hetzler, who had been ill two weeks, was apparently on the way to recovery and had been up and about the house the last two days.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Barbara Hetzler; two brothers, John and Leo Hetzler; four sisters, Mrs. Thomas Conole, Mrs. W. Ideman, Mrs. S. Eling and Miss Dora Hetzler.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Order of the Alhambra, Musa Caravan, Elks, Eagles, J. E. W. S. and Liederkreis.

### New K. of C. Head John L. Keenan, the newly-elected president of the Knights of Columbus Building Association.

### Funeral Services for Thomas W. Moran

The funeral of Thomas W. Moran took place Thursday morning at 8:45 o'clock from his home, 127 Glendale Park and at 9 o'clock from Holy Rosary Church. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. William J. Naughton. The bearers were S. J. Carroll, George Ely, William Abrams, Angus Buchanan, George McNeill and Charles Noonan. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery where the last blessing was given by Rev. John Hogan.

## Propagation Of The Faith Society

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What Christ did when on earth by an act of His will, and what is still evidenced at the Lourdes of the world through His miracles, is expected of the missionary. But his power is only human, and he must use human means to accomplish his work.

For reason, hard to understand, missionary communities long ignored a formal medical program in their missionary labors. Medical missions are not new for they have been practiced since the days of Christ. Every missionary, unless assigned to a teaching position at some large and flourishing university in a thriving city of the orient, has always felt the need of helping the afflicted natives of his flock. But it was not until the action was made by mission superiors of this country to help promote greater interest in this important, even essential, aspect of missionary work. The Catholic Medical Mission Board, the general purpose of which organization is to link Catholic America to Catholic medical missions and to promote an apostolate of medical missions, is now the recognized and operating body to advance the cause of medical missions. This it does by trying to awaken a consciousness in the minds of Catholic America (Protestants have long been mindful of the advantages of medical missions) to the complete lack of medical aid in most mission countries, to the need of protecting the brave missionaries who offer their services as the fighting soldiers of Jesus Christ, and to the inestimable value of showing humanitarian and Christlike charity in caring for the ills and ailments of the suffering natives of mission countries. The Board functions in affiliation with the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and through the superiors of all mission communities. It aims to help all communities working for home and foreign missions, without preference of community or country in which the missionaries work.

Although this Board has only been functioning in an active manner for a few years, the annual report for this fiscal year shows gratifying results. Crates of medicines and supplies were sent to more than fifty missionaries, including the following: fifteen dispensaries directed by priests; four dispensaries directed by sisters under the guidance of priests; nine dispensaries with professional nurses; two dispensaries with medical direction; eight hospitals with professional medical and nursing assistance; one hospital with professional nursing management, but without medical help. Besides these large large boxes, which ranged in value from about \$30.00 to \$300.00, fifty-three first aid kits were sent out as Christmas gifts in 1927. A lay medical missionary, Miss Dorothy James, R. N., laboring in Puerto de Tierra, San Juan, is completely supported by the Board. (Besides the 7,764 nursing visits which Miss James made during the year, including surgical and medical cases, obstetrical cases and infant welfare, social service, and others, she conducted a dispensary in connection with the school, taught catechism on Sunday, prepared some of her mission flock for the reception of the Sacraments, and was herself responsible for the baptism of two hundred and fifteen souls.) The Catholic Medical Mission Board has also taken over the personal support of Doctor Joanna Lyons of the Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries. It has placed three native Chinese doctors, trained in western medical science, in three Chinese hospitals at Chusan, Kashing City and Kinkiang. A report from one of these hospitals outlines care ministered to 381 inpatients, 17,525 outpatients, and almost one hundred visits to the homes of the poor. There resulted from this medical mission center the great spiritual consolation of 1226 baptisms.

It is only possible to touch on the actual tangible results of the activities of the Catholic Medical Mission Board. They are too numerous and far-reaching to do more. Through a Medical Training Course for Missionaries conducted at the Georgetown University Medical School all missionaries are given the opportunity to prepare themselves for the physical hardships which they will encounter on the field. They are given courses which will enable them to treat simple and oft-occurring diseases which assail the natives of the mission field. This year, thirty-four missionaries, representatives of nine communities of the Church attended the Course; the good which they will accomplish through this training when once the missionaries reach their posts is indeed impossible to conjecture, but that it will affect the lives of thousands of people we know.

In order that all may have an opportunity to help in this efficacious mission work, the Catholic Medical Mission Board has set aside the Feast of St. Luke, patron of Medicine, as a day specially devoted to medical missions. All are asked to join in prayer on that day for the promotion of the best good of missionary endeavors. Hundreds of missionaries, and thousands of their spiritual children will join in prayer with the benefactors of medical missions at home. A complete link will be formed between the fighting soldiers in the battle field of Christ and those moral supporters who are not engaged in active service. But we who are not called upon to give our lives to the missions are bound to help. We must support those who are at the front. Doctors and hospital superiors are asked to send some of their supplies, sample medicines which are unused, old supplies and equipment, to aid in the work. All other friends of missions are asked to lend support, if only with a mite.

Following the practice of Holy Mother Church in setting apart certain days for particular devotion, the Board has pronounced October 18th as Medical Day and asks the Church Militant, every Catholic layman, clergy and religious to co-operate. The spiritual guidance and the practical results consequent upon this united endeavor then will reap great benefits to the missions and the fruition of our efforts will be blessed by our Divine Lord, Who has promised a hundredfold reward to those who even offer a cup of cold water in His name.

Western conceptions of cleanliness and order are frequently puzzling to Oriental minds. An instance of this occurred recently in the Maryknoll Fushun Mission of southeastern Manchuria. One of the American missionaries writes of the happening as follows: "The carpenters had finished work on the wooden beds for our houseboys. A suggestion was made that the beds be covered with white cotton sheets during the day, for the purpose of neatness. One of our seminarians was told to take the cloth to the seamstress. Having but a vague idea of what was to be done, he asked the good lady whether she could use her new Singer sewing machine to sew the cloth on to the wood. She must have stayed up the better part of the night trying to solve the problem, as she came to the dispensary this morning to ask for an eye lotion."

Editorial seekers of "copy" have frequently noted that missionaries write less after the first few months in the field. This is partly explained, of course, by the increase of duties and responsibilities. But there are other reasons, some of which are stated by a Mayknoll priest in China as follows: "It is remarkable how, as time goes on, we lose confidence in our ability to describe things Chinese. After a week in China, one can explain and describe everything, at least to one's own satisfaction. After six months, there is an element of doubt in one's observations. After three years, one always qualifies, and looks for a contradictory experience. China is a big country and the expert on things Chinese is the man who speaks cautiously, and writes more cautiously."

### Writer's Attempts To Discredit Bible Stories Denounced

London, Dec. 21. — A new commentary on the Old Testament, edited by Dr. Charles Gore, formerly Bishop of Oxford, has provoked considerable comment from churchmen of various shades of belief.

The book, "A New Commentary on Holy Scripture," published here by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, endeavors to discredit many Bible stories, such as those of the Deluge and the Ark, and Jonah and the Whale.

Dr. Gore told an interviewer that the book was the outcome of five years' work.

The Rev. Francis Woodcock, S. J., commenting on Dr. Gore's rejection of Adam, and Eve as "merely the symbol of man and woman," says that the doctrine of original sin must be abandoned by those who deny that there ever was an Adam. The denial of the historicity of Adam is, he says, much more serious than the denial of the historicity of Jonah. St. Paul's arguments fall to pieces if there never was a sinful

Adam in the first man, he pointed out.

Father Woodcock expresses the view that the book will in time be accepted as a standard of orthodox Protestant belief in the Bible, and as such will be yet another barrier to the future realization of the hope of Christian reunion.

The Rev. Dinahale Young, noted Free Churchman, thinks the book will undermine the authority of Our Lord and will do infinite harm.

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