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Father Kress Named Retreat Director Of Maryknoll Missions

Honolulu, Jan. 8.—After two years in Honolulu, where he was sent to open a Maryknoll Mission, the Rev. William S. Kress, A. F. M., has been assigned as Retreat Director for the Foreign Mission Society of America. Father Kress was one of the first students at the Catholic University in Washington, D. C. Thirty or more years ago, he was one of the three priests who made up the first Ohio Apostolate. He journeyed to all parts of the United States giving lectures on Catholic doctrine. Later he was pastor of St. Edward's church in Cleveland. After joining the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of Africa, in 1920, Father Kress for seven years directed Maryknoll activities on the Pacific Coast. Father Kress will be replaced in Honolulu by the Rev. Frederick E. Fitzgerald, A. F. M., who recently has been in charge of the Maryknoll Mission for Japanese in Los Angeles.

Priest-War Hero Head-Liverpool Boy Scout Move

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, Jan. 11.—Father Denman Fox of Seaforth, Liverpool, who has been appointed by Archbishop Downey clerical scout commissioner to forward the Boy Scout movement in the Liverpool diocese, had an adventurous career before becoming a priest. A Canadian he studied at Yale and taught in various parts of the United States. He came to England during the world war, received a commission in the army and served with the North Russian Relief Force. Taken prisoner by the Bolsheviks he was rescued by a British warship and was demobilized in 1919 with the permanent rank of captain. He afterwards studied for the priesthood at the Beda College, Rome.

TRACK MEET AT MARQUETTE
Milwaukee, Jan. 11.—Outstanding events on the outdoor schedule of the 1931 Marquette University track team will include the Central Intercollegiate Conference meet at Marquette which will be held here May 27. An international dual meet with the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., here.

Chinese 'Death House' Given Into Catholic Missionaries' Care

Koehow, China, Dec. 20.—At the entrance of the Maryknoll mission compound in Koehow is a large building of a somewhat gloomy appearance, known to the inhabitants of the city as the "death house." It was built by the municipality for those afflicted with incurable diseases, who are left there to die. Other persons near death are also brought to the building by their relatives, for Chinese pagans have a superstitious horror of anyone dying in their home. The city officials of their own accord have constituted the Catholic missionaries guardians of the "death house," and over the door is a sign which reads "Under the care of the Catholic Church." Father Adolph Paschang, formerly of Martinsburg, Missouri, and now Maryknoll pastor of Koehow, makes no protest against the sign, as he takes advantage of it to care for the dying outcasts. During the past year he baptized eleven abandoned occupants of the "death house."

Priests' Collection Of Old Inscriptions Soon To Be Printed

Paris, Jan. 7.—The Academie de l'Inscription et Belles-Lettres has just voted a subsidy to aid the publication of a large and important work undertaken by the Rev. Louis Jalabert and the Rev. Rene Mouterde of the University of Beirut. It is a complete collection of Greek and Latin inscriptions found in Syria. The first volume of this interesting production will appear within the next few weeks. When the total work has been released, it will be the first time that anyone may have access to all the Greek and Latin inscriptions found in a country where evidences of antiquity abound. It will constitute a valuable addition to civil, military and religious history. Father Jalabert labored for ten years in collecting the material for this work. Under the direction of the Academie, his work was continued by Father Mouterde who was his scholar.

Catholic Daughters' Officers To Convene
New York, Jan. 11.—The annual winter conference of national officers and directors of the Catholic Daughters of America will be held here, Feb. 7 and 8. Plans will be discussed for the biennial supreme convention of the order, to be held in July at Galveston, Texas.

Saloon Licenses Being Reduced In Irish Free State

Dublin, Dec. 31.—The latest returns show that approximately three hundred spirit licenses have been abolished under the 1927 Licensing Law. The average compensation to be paid to the holders of the licenses abolished is about \$500 per head in the cases already dealt with, which have been confined to remote rural areas. The basis on which the compensation has been fixed is the difference in the selling value of the saloon with its license and without. With the three hundred licenses gone, those remaining leave one saloon for every 220 inhabitants of the Free State. These saloons are very unevenly divided, being in some towns as many as one for every hundred of the population, while in Dublin there is only one saloon for every 750 inhabitants. The compensation for the abolished license is paid in cash by the State, which recoups itself by an annuity levied on the remaining saloon-keepers in the area where the license is abolished. It is the intention of the State to continue the reduction of licenses until the proportion all over the Free State is the same as in Dublin.

Catholic Churches Lead In Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Jan. 11.—Catholics, with 80 churches in this city, have the largest number of places of worship of any denomination, according to a civic survey just completed. The Methodist group comes second with 79 and Presbyterians third with 50. Other denominations are listed as follows: Baptists, 45; Christians, 38; Lutherans, 32; Congregationalists, 31; Christian Science, 26; Episcopalians, 23; Jews 21.

Benedictines Begin Life At Prinknash

London, Jan. 11.—The Benedictines of Caldey Island formally commenced their new life at Prinknash Park, Gloucester, with the midnight Mass of Christmas. The whole of the community has now been transferred from Caldey Island. The new home has been named New Caldey Abbey, thus preserving the identity of the community.

Caldey Island Abbey Opened By Trappists

London, Jan. 7.—The Trappist monks who have taken over Caldey Island from the Benedictines re-opened the Abbey on January 6. The newcomers have arrived gradually since September when the Benedictines began their move to Prinknash Park, Gloucester. They belonged to the community at Chimay, Belgium.

Hapless Explorers Plan New Hunt For 'Jesuit Treasure'

London, Jan. 11.—That "Jesuit Treasure," somewhere in Bolivia, continues to have its lure, despite the fact that scientists, historians and even fortune-hunters have declared it to be non-existent. The English treasure seekers who crossed the sea and spent many dreary months in Bolivian recesses have returned empty-handed and, for the most part, thoroughly disillusioned. Some of the more gullible, however, insist that they will return at a later date to make further search for the "treasure."

Portland Church Nears Completion

Portland, Ore., Jan. 11.—The new St. Andrew's Church being built in this city is nearing completion and will be occupied before long. The building will cost \$100,000. The Rev. Thomas P. Kiernan has been pastor of St. Andrew's since the establishment of the parish twenty years ago.

Brother Aubertine Dies

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 11.—Brother Aubertine, one of the oldest and most revered members of the Order of St. John Baptiste de la Salle, has just died here after 57 years of service with the Christian Brothers. He was known throughout the Mississippi valley for his piety and works of charity. Brother Aubertine came to America from Alsace in 1868. He lived in St. Louis until 1871 and joined the Christian Brothers there when he was 13 years old. His work carried him from St. Paul to New Orleans.

Bishop Dedicates Monterey Convent

Monterey, Cal., Jan. 11.—The Mother House of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate and St. Joseph for the Dying has just been dedicated here by Bishop John B. MacGinley. For almost a dozen years the sisters have made their home in the parish school. The number of the members of their community increasing, they have built, with the help of friends, their own convent and chapel.

Printed Fabrics Used for Aprons

Percalé, Gingham, Cretonne, Broadcloth, Sateen, Popular Materials.

There's just something about a dainty, checked gingham dress. And at last Paris has realized that charm and is giving attention to apron and house dress designs; lovely new patterns are coming into this country. The day of garments for utility purposes only has gone completely. Every feminine article of wear must have something of charm to give it place even in wardrobes where service is the first requirement, says a fashion writer in *Paris and Fireside*. Percalé, gingham, broadcloth, cretonne, sateen and the imitation linens are popular now for smart aprons. In choosing your color, take care that your house dress and apron harmonize or form a happy contrast with the color scheme of the kitchen. When printed fabrics are selected for the aprons, the house dresses over which they are worn should be of plain material. Or a new touch is to have them both of the same material, with the apron having a well-defined binding which emphasizes its line and gives distinction to the dress. If the material you are using frays easily and the binding is narrower than No. 5 or 6, first turn the raw edge of the material over an eighth of an inch and long-stitch it on the



Charming Apron of Gingham That Covers the Dress.

machine. This will keep the binding from pulling off in laundering. One of the charms of the apron is its immaculate cleanliness. In buying materials and choosing designs it is well to give special thought to the washability of materials and the ease with which the apron may be laundered. Only fast-color fabrics and bindings should be used and seams should be made smooth and flat so that laundering will be simple. The smock has been so universally accepted by American women that designers and manufacturers are giving special attention to it. The secret of its popularity lies in the fact that it serves both as house dress and apron. Practically all of the very new smocks have bloomers made of the same material. This does away with the necessity of wearing a slip. Such a practical idea, you really must try it. If you wish your smock to look more like a house dress you can use a belt. Make it of the same material and width as the cuffs, have it slip through belt straps at the side seams and button in front. The smock cuffs should be buttoned, too, so that the sleeves can be opened and rolled up when necessary. Smock pockets differ from apron pockets in that they are made large enough to be really useful.

Hatband Sets Winsome Addition to Ensemble

Fashion has placed her stamp of approval upon colored ribbon hat bands. Hat-band sets are smart accessories to the ensemble and so the band on a dark hat may be changed to match the costume it accompanies. A set of six colored bands for mademoiselle's hat would make an acceptable gift. As a combination of colors is smarter than one, a band which combines red and beige ribbon may be worn with a black hat to accompany a frock in either one of these shades. Bottle green and a yellow green are another smart combination.

Figured Jersey Newest Version in Sports Duds

Do you wonder whether jersey other than plain is making its mark in this season's sports fashions? Chanel's zig-zag jersey is a smart answer. It appears in whole jacket construction, with plain jersey blouses, or in sweater blouses under tweed or wool crepe costumes. The brown-and-tan combinations with an occasional stripe of red or orange or shades of blue are the most popular color combinations.

Sister's Heroism Saves 213 Pupils As School Burns

New York, Jan. 9.—The heroism and prompt action of Sister St. Clare, Superior of St. Malachy's School, Brooklyn, and the sterling co-operation of two nuns and seven lay teachers, averted what might have been a disaster when fire was discovered in the old wooden school building yesterday. With little time to spare the nuns and lay teachers marched 213 boys and girls, between the ages of 6 to 15 years, to safety. Five minutes later the two and a half story structure was in flames. Frantic mothers, attracted by the clanging bells of the fire apparatus, rushed to the scene only to find that their loved ones had been marched from the building as calmly as if they had been engaging in ordinary fire drill. Sister St. Clare noticed smoke issuing from a flue in her office on the ground floor. As she leaned over to investigate the source of the smoke her habit caught fire. She beat out the flames and then rang the fire alarm box on the wall in her room. The alarm sounded the school fire drill signal in the sixteen classrooms.

Marshalled by Sister Superior St. Clare the two nuns and seven lay teachers led their charges out of the building, down fire escapes at both sides and through entrances on sides, front and back. There had been no time for the children to get their wraps and they were marched to the Sisters' Home. Nuns and lay teachers then dashed back into the burning building and got the clothing. St. Malachy's Church, separated by a wide yard from the burning building was threatened by sparks. The school, elected 45 years ago, was a landmark.

BRIAND RELATED TO FORMER BISHOP OF QUEBEC, CANADA

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

Paris, Dec. 31.—Rodolphe Lemieux, president of the Canadian House of Commons, and at present engaged in delivering a course of lectures at the Sorbonne, tells how a great-grand-uncle of Aristide Briand, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, became a Bishop of Quebec. The chapter of Quebec had chosen for bishop the Abbe Montgolfier but he was not recognized by the Government. London. The chapter then designated Canon Briand, who sought the acquiescence of the British Government. This was given after two years of pourparlers on condition that the consecration would take place abroad but not at Rome. Msgr. Briand came to France and was consecrated at Boulogne but he was immediately given a coadjutor, with future succession, whom he consecrated himself.

Sister Regis, Nun For 49 Years, Dies

New York, Jan. 5.—Sister Regis, affiliated with St. Anne's Maternity Hospital since 1881, died today at the convent attached to the hospital. She was 70 years old. Sister Regis entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Charity in 1880, the following year she took up her duties established a few years previously by Sister Irene, one of New York's greatest welfare workers. The hospital was the first of its kind in New York, under the direction of religious. Sister Regis, was a native of Lismore, County Waterford, Ireland. A sister, a member of the community of the Servants of Sacred Heart, London, England, survives.

Famous Monastery May Be Restored

Madrid, Jan. 7.—The Bishop of Orense is attempting to purchase from its present owners, with a view to returning it to the Cistercians, the historic monastery of Osera, the celebrated Escorial Galitena. It is estimated that if the Bishop succeeds in buying the property, it will require at least fifty years to restore it completely. Osera was built in the reign of Alphonse VIII for the Benedictines, but later became a Cistercian house. It continued as such until 1835, when the monastery was suppressed.

Fr. Luciano Caratti Of St. Louis Is Dead

St. Louis, Jan. 11.—The funeral of the Rev. Luciano Caratti, who died at St. Anthony's Hospital, Sunday, after an illness brought on by paralysis, was held today. Father Caratti had been the pastor of St. Ambrose Church until he was stricken with paralysis five years ago. The funeral services were held at St. Ambrose Church and the interment was in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery. Father Caratti came to America from Cremona, Italy, and first was assigned to Father Sgard, who organized St. Ambrose parish. He was made its pastor three years later.

Pastor Indicted In K. of C. 'Oath' Inquiry Ousted

Newark, N. J., Jan. 11.—The Rev. Elmo L. Bateman's pastorate in the Hilton Christian Church, Maplewood, was ordered "terminated immediately" at a congregational meeting held recently. Mr. Bateman is awaiting trial on a charge of criminal libel for alleged circulation of a false Knights of Columbus oath during the Presidential campaign. Soon after his indictment by the Essex County Grand Jury, Mr. Bateman resigned, but his resignation was rejected at that time by a congregational meeting. The trustees who had demanded his resignation then resigned and the first act of the recent congregational meeting was to select a new board of trustees, which included three members of the former board. The new trustees met while the congregational session recessed and adopted a resolution recommending that Mr. Bateman's pastorate be terminated. The congregation in turn adopted the resolution, which reads, in part, as follows: "Whereas the board of trustees of the Hilton Christian Church have, after full and complete consideration of the pastor of this church, come to a decision that his conduct amounts to a public scandal placing the property of this church by reason of his acts, although unauthorized, and whereas it is the desire and duty of the trustees to protect this property from what they consider the ill-advised acts of the minister and to conserve the peace and good-will of the corporation and congregation as a religious body so that it may proceed untrammelled with the spiritual work of the church, the board of trustees has voted to summarily dismiss, as of January 3, 1929, Rev. Elmo L. Bateman."

Catholic University Host To 40 Students From South Africa

Washington, Jan. 14.—The Catholic University of America entertained 40 members of the International Federation of University Students who are students of South African universities, and who are touring the large cities and principal universities of this country. The delegation consists of both men and women, the majority of whom are undergraduate students. They were escorted through the various departments of the University by a number of committees appointed by the Student Council. Msgr. James H. Ryan, rector, held a reception for the visitors in Gibbons Hall and addressed them briefly.

Mexican Official Is Slain In Clash

Mexico City, Jan. 11.—In a political clash in the town of Atotonilco Elalto, Jose G. Parres, Under Secretary of Agriculture and candidate for Governor of the State of Hidalgo, was killed. Advice to the Department of the Interior said Rodolfo Valdespino, a candidate for the State Legislature, at the head of ten armed men opened fire on the automobile in which Parres and his followers were driving through the town. Parres and two of his men, and one of the attackers perished in the fight that followed. Troops are reported pursuing Valdespino.

Legacy Left Spanish Catholic Press

Barcelona, Jan. —Senor Miguel Beysgal, an optician, who died recently, left a legacy of 140,000 pesetas to be used as the principal of a prize to be awarded yearly to the Spanish Catholic Journalist remarkable for its zeal and the integrity of its faith, and for its submission to the authority of the Church. The awarding of the prize each year will be the duty of the Sovereign Pontiff who will have as his intermediary either the papal nuncio to Spain or one of the Spanish bishops.

Moroccan Church Planned In Honor Of Little Flower

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Morocco, Jan. 1.—The first Moroccan church in honor of the Little Flower will be erected this year at Settat, a town half way between here and the seaport Casablanca. The first stone will be laid this month. A statue of the little Sister of Lisieux will be placed at the top of the bell tower and will be visible from a great distance. Settat has about eighty Catholic families, or approximately 400 parishioners. This small group has succeeded in raising the sum of 40,000 francs at the cost of great sacrifices. They lead a rude life and are engaged in the gigantic task of reclaiming desert land. The additional 60,000 francs required for constructing the Church of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus undoubtedly will be subscribed by Catholics in France.