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Catholic Lawyers' Guild In New York Selects Officers

New York, Feb. 9.—The newly organized Guild of Catholic Lawyers, at its first public meeting, just held, elected Surrogate John P. O'Brien as president. More than 100 prominent attorneys attended the meeting and the dinner which followed.

The organization of the guild resulted from a movement last May, when a retreat for lawyers was held at St. Andrew's Church by the Rev. Paul L. Blakely, S. J. Organization of the permanent guild was undertaken under the guidance of the Rev. William E. Cashin, pastor of St. Andrew's.

In addition to Judge O'Brien the following officers were selected: Carroll Hayes and Albert Conway, vice-presidents; Edward A. Maher, Jr., executive secretary; David O. Broderick, corresponding secretary; Thomas J. Evers, financial secretary; George Lynch, recording secretary; and Matthew J. Troy, treasurer.

Georgetown Hospital Open New Maternity Department this Week

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—The establishment of a new maternity department at Georgetown University Hospital with accommodations for 75 hospital beds and especially equipped to handle "twilight sleep" cases, was announced last night by the Rev. Dr. W. Coleman Nevils, S. J., president of the University. The new department will be placed in operation within a week. The maternity department will occupy three floors of the five-story hospital building, erected last March.

Catholic Nurses May Change Name Of Organization

Montreal, February 8.—Elaborate preparations are being made for the annual convention of the International Catholic Guild of Nurses, to be held here, July 5, 6 and 7.

The program will deal especially with the spiritual, educational and social life of the individual nurse in preparation for her service to the sick. Leaders in the nursing profession from the United States, Canada and Europe will take part.

Proposals may be introduced to change the name of the organization to the International Catholic Nurses & the International Federation of Nurses.

Critics Of Catholic Patriotism Scolded By Bishop M'Devitt

York, Pa., Feb. 9.—In an address made before the Catholic Woman's Club, the Rt. Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, Bishop of Harrisburg, quoted the letters of Pope Leo XIII outlining to the Catholic world the duty of every Catholic to the country of which he is a citizen, and after statistics of the World War to show the patriotism of Catholics in the United States.

"One cannot be a good Catholic unless he is a good citizen," said Bishop McDevitt. "If he is a bad citizen he is a bad Catholic. We ask those who insist that the doctrines of the Catholic Church are opposed to the Constitution of the United States to point out a single instance of a lack of loyalty on the part of the Catholics of this country."

"And, yet, in the face of the Catholic record of patriotism in the war of our country we are still told that the allegiance he owes to a 'foreign power' prevents a Catholic from being a true American citizen. The absurdity of the charge is surpassed only by its gross injustice."

Philippine Students Are Being Organized For Catholic Action

Manila, P. I., Jan. 31.—Vigorous efforts are being made to organize the Catholic students of the Philippines for Catholic action. Working under the guidance of Archbishop O'Doherty of Manila, the Rev. James M. Drought of the Maryknoll Fathers, has taken a prominent part in the movement.

Speaking recently to the assembled students of the University of the Philippines, Father Drought emphasized the part of charity in social action. "Charity of the heart," said Father Drought, "regulates the exercise of authority and organizes even the smallest act into a co-operative effort for the achievement of social good." Charity is the supreme law of sociology.

Georgetown Addition To Be Ready Sept. 15

Washington, Feb. 8.—Work on the new million-dollar medical and dental school for Georgetown University will begin immediately, the Rev. Dr. W. Coleman Nevils, S. J., president, announced today. Execution work started early in January. The contract calls for completion by Sept. 15.

Body Of Holy Hermit, Fr. De Foucauld, Will Be Brought To France

Paris, Feb. 4.—A despatch from Gardala, on the boundary of Algeria and the Sahara, announces that a caravan has departed for Hoggar, in the center of the African desert, to recover the body of Father de Foucauld, whose canonization is in process. The party is carrying a casket of metal and oak.

The remains of the holy hermit of the Sahara, killed in 1916, were found intact two years ago when his grave was opened in the presence of Father Joyeux of the White Fathers, who was designated by the Sovereign Pontiff to conduct the process of beatification. Abundant testimony proves that the natives had great veneration for this religious who had profoundly edified them by his penitence and charity.

Charles Eugene de Foucauld was born at Strassburg in 1858. The early part of his life was given over to worldly dissipation. Lieutenant of cavalry in Algeria, he took part in the difficult expedition against a leader of brigands, Bou Amama. Returning to his garrison, he contemplated the vanity of a frivolous existence. Securing leave of absence, he studied the Arab language and succeeded in passing himself off as a beggar and thus explored what was said to be inaccessible country in central Africa. At the price of personal humiliation, suffering and peril, he penetrated 2,250 kilometers into territory completely unknown to Europeans.

Returning to France he was decorated by the Geographic Society and invited to the most learned salons of the city. He evaded all these earthly invitations to enter the Trappists. But he wished to do something more than this. Obtaining authorization from his religious superiors, he left for Africa and settled in the desert near Hoggar, praying, fasting and mortifying himself but distributing incessantly, for the good of the natives and the nomads, the benefits of inestimable charity. This admirable life ended in martyrdom. December 1, 1916, he was killed by a horde of nomads crossing Hoggar.

Maria Christina, Queen Mother Of Spain, Succumbs

Madrid, Feb. 6.—Maria Christina, Queen Mother of Spain, under whose regency this country fought a disastrous war with the United States, died at the Royal Palace today. King Alfonso XIII and members of the royal family were at the bedside.

Maria Christina ruled as regent from 1885 until 1902, when the present King ascended the throne. Alfonso XIII was born after the death of his father, Alfonso XIII was born after the death of his father, Alfonso XII. An Austrian by birth, Maria Christina was the daughter of Archduke Charles Ferdinand. In her early life she led a secluded life in a convent and finally became an abbess of a convent of noblewomen.

She met Alfonso when he visited that country after the death of his first wife, Queen Mercedes of Bourbon. She married him shortly afterward, abandoning her intention of becoming a nun. Three children were born to them. Two daughters died each at the age of 24 years.

A devout Catholic, her influence greatly aided the missions of the Church in Spain during the last quarter of the nineteenth century.

New Orleans Survey Shows Homes Lacking Catholic Literature

New Orleans, Feb. 8.—In connection with the observance of Catholic Press Month during February, Brothers Gilbert, C. S. C., of Holy Cross College, has just completed a survey of the Catholic literature in the homes of some of the students in the high school department of the college.

Six boys said no Catholic literature entered their homes. Of 97 homes receiving Catholic literature, 37 were getting the Sunday Visitor, either by subscription or at the Church door. Thirty-one boys said the Morning Star reached their homes every week and 21 said their families subscribe to AveMaria.

Commenting on the survey, in an article written for the Morning Star, Brother Gilbert said:

"I might further add that most of the subscriptions were confined to less than half the families concerned and that some families subscribe to several of the more general publications, so that quite a few families were without even one worth while magazine, much less a Catholic newspaper."

Religious Vacation Schools Discussed

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—Under the direction of the Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, director of the Rural Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the educational section of the San Francisco Archdiocesan Council held a conference here, last week, on Religious Vacation Schools.

The schools are designed to provide religious training for some of the 2,000,000 Catholic children in the United States who are attending non-Catholic schools.

Catholic Boys' Brigade In N. Y. Is Incorporated

New York, Feb. 8.—The Catholic Boys' Brigade of the United States, founded in 1916 under the auspices of the Catholic Protective Society of New York and now operating in 23 states and in Canada, has just been incorporated as an autonomous body engaged in recreational, educational character training, leisure time work.

The incorporators are the present officers: Rev. Killian J. Henrich, O. M. Cap., director general; Francis L. Adrian, general treasurer; John J. Moffie, general secretary; Joseph M. Adrian Jr., inspector general; John J. Zimmerman, quartermaster general; Dr. Thos. Maguire, surgeon general; and Michael F. Lonergan, supervisor of organization.

Roman Solution World Boon, Says Bishop Schrembs

Will Bring Principles Of Justice And Charity Into Councils Of Nations, He Asserts—Some Misconceptions Corrected

Cleveland, O., Feb. 11.—The settlement of the "Roman Question" by the Vatican and Government of Italy, in the opinion of the Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, "is perhaps the most important and far-reaching event since the end of the World War."

Commenting on the agreement reached between the two powers, the Bishop declared that the intimations about the Pope becoming a tourist at various localities is nonsense. "The Pope is too busy to make any great change in his routine of life," he said. "Perhaps his greatest innovation will be to make a journey to Castel Gandolfo or to the northern part of Italy during the intense heat of summer; but the idea of his traveling from one country to another is preposterous."

Independence Great Point
The text of the Bishop's statement follows:

"News of the accord between the Vatican and Italy is perhaps the most important and far-reaching event since the end of the great World War. It not only reestablishes the cordial relations between the Vatican and the Italian government, but it settles definitely and unquestionably the international status of the Holy Father's independent sovereignty."

"There has been much talk, during the years that have passed, of the Pope's temporal power. This expression has been a perfect bugaboo to millions of people, and has constantly been used for the purpose of vilifying the church. Although it has been stated again and again that the principle underlying temporal power of the Popes was the 'principle of absolute independence' of the Holy Father from all secular interference in the exercise of his supreme spiritual power over the Church of Jesus Christ, which by the ordination of the Christ Himself must be as universal as the human race itself, the emphasis of the Church never tired of holding up the 'temporal power' of the Popes as an illustration of the worldly ambition of the Papacy to wield secular power and to lord it over the governments of all nations."

"The whole world will rejoice at this happy solution of the question that has vexed the minds of some of the greatest diplomats and has kept five popes imprisoned within the walls of the Vatican for over fifty years."

"The settlement of the 'Roman Question' will have far-reaching consequences not only for Italy but for the world at large. The kindly influence of the Holy Father and the eternal principles of truth, justice and charity of which the Papacy has ever been the consecrated exponent will henceforth sit in the councils of the nations of the earth and temper international hatreds and greed, ambitions, oppression and injustice."

Concerning Canon Law
"The statement that Italy will henceforth change its legislation so as to conform with canon law will, no doubt, be much misunderstood and abused by anti-Catholic writers. They will deary such an arrangement as Papal arrogance over temporal rulers and the just aspirations of the Italian nation. If such critics will only take the trouble to read even the meager details so far available, they will see that this so-called conformity of the laws of Italy with the canon law of the church really means nothing else than the recognition of the rights and the liberties of the Church in the exercise of her spiritual authority."

"Let me instance a few of these rights:

"1.—The free appointment of bishops and pastors without interference by the state, just as we have it here in the United States.

"2.—The recognition of the validity and legality of the religious marriage ceremony, demanding only the certification of such marriages to the state officials, just as is done in this country in the case of all marriages performed by any minister of religion.

"3.—The liberty of religious training in the schools. While religious training in the public schools with us is out of the question because of the multiplicity of religious bodies, each differing from the other, yet even

Church Is Closed After Invasion By 'Action Francaise'

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

Paris, Feb. 4.—A serious state of affairs developed at Barbentane, a Provincial town of 3,000 inhabitants between Avignon and Arles, in the Diocese of Aix-en-Provence, on the death of a member of its municipal council who was also an ardent militant of the Action Francaise. Barbentane has a large group of intransigent royalists who are affiliated with the condemned organization.

On the death of the councillor, the parish priest announced that in conformity with the episcopal ordinances, it would be impossible to accord the deceased a religious burial since he had died without retracting his allegiance to the Action Francaise. Nevertheless, a large body of people, with the municipal authorities at their head, carried the body from the residence to the church and there conducted a funeral without the presence of a priest.

With one of the town's most important citizens seated at the organ, those present chanted the De Profundis, the Requiem and the Libera, away, and their hatred of the Church and their iniquitous legislation, their monuments of persecution, will bear witness to the future ages that God watches over His Church. It is the verification of the words of Christ: "Behold, I am with you all days, even to the end of the world."

Catholic Book Club, Inc., Names Work Of Mrs. O'Shaughnessy

New York, Feb. 5.—Announcement has just been made from the office of the Catholic Book Club, Inc., that its board of editors has chosen its February book "Other Ways and Other Flesh" by Edith O'Shaughnessy. Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, incidentally, is a subscriber to the Catholic Book Club.

One of the editors has written of it thus:

"I was half-way through the galley-proofs when I learned that this beautiful work was Mrs. O'Shaughnessy's. I had been suspicious from the first page that when I knew the name of the author, I would know it. Last night I finished the book, with regret. It combines the real Catholic spirit with exquisite finish and style. There is most unusual and enchanting humor all through, and family love and religion; everything we want."

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Catholic Book-A-Month Club Makes Known Its Choices for February

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—"What Else is There?" a novel by Inez Speckling, just published, is the February selection of The Catholic Book-A-Month Club. Other books on the February list are "Generally Speaking" by G. K. Chesterton; "Perseus Marquette," by Agnes Repplier; "Her Son," by Margaret Fuller; "Hate," by Arthur D. Howden Smith; and "Founders of the Middle Ages," by Edward Kennard Rand.

The Rev. Will W. Whalen, noted novelist and member of the editorial board, was chosen to prepare the review of this month's selection. "Searching among each month's output for those books which are in accord with Catholic morals, philosophy and thought and which in addition are of general interest and high merits is, to the average reader, like looking for a postage-stamp in a subway rush," he said. "We aim to aid him in his search and at the same time leave scope for his own intelligence and taste."

Irish Pilgrims Visit Ruins Of Monastery Annually Since 578

Dublin, Feb. 8.—The Feast of St. Ita was celebrated at Abbeyfeale and Raheenagh, Limerick County, with solemn High Mass, and by a pilgrimage of the parishioners to the ruined monastery where the remains of the Saint are buried.

The Monastery of Killeady, lying at the foot of the Luchra Mountains now consists of little more than a few ivy-covered walls. It is believed, nevertheless, that pilgrims have visited the Saint's grave on her Feast-day, since the year 578 A. D., without interruption.

The Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P. P., Abbeyfeale, has installed a small statue of the Saint within the ruins of the nave, before which the pilgrims recite the Rosary.

London To Celebrate Pope's Anniversary

London, Feb. 8.—The anniversary of the coronation of Pope Pius XI will be celebrated here on Tuesday, when Cardinal Bourne will give benediction at Westminster Cathedral and a "Te Deum" will be sung. His Eminence afterwards will hold a reception at Archbishop's House where a brilliant gathering of representative clergy and laity is expected.

Cebu School Girls' Debate On Divorce Offends Catholics

Manila, Jan. 28.—The impropriety of debating "liberalizing the present divorce law" by school girls at Cebu has caused indignation in Catholic circles.

The Boletín Catolico of Cebu says, "Subjects that require a privileged mentality for their discussion and the right conveyance of the truth to the audience need a vast culture and knowledge and should not be discussed by a simple student of the High School or even a Bachelor of Arts ... and, particularly, subjects that bear or involve directly a principle of any duly established religion."

In relating that the affirmative won the debate, La Defensa de Manila comments: "This, of course, does not settle all the truth of the matter but is proof, rather, of the oratorical and forensic ability of the speakers. A subject like this is certainly inconveinent and dangerous. . . . It may be that in selecting said question there was no evil intent, but it is only proper that certain care be taken to avoid selection of a similar question in the future."

16 Students Become Christian Brothers

Notre Dame, Ind., Feb. 5.—Sacred Heart Church was the scene of an impressive ceremony, Friday, when 16 young men who had completed the Brothers' postulate training at Wis., were invested with the Sacred Heart College, Watertown, Wis., were invested with the Brothers' habit in the Congregation of Holy Cross and admitted to Saint Joseph's Novitiate here. Six of the novices come from the Holy Cross Brothers Indiana high schools. This reception brings the total up to 92 Holy Cross novices given the habit of Holy Cross in three years.

After completing one year at the novitiate, the young Brothers will take up their abode at DuJaric Institute, the normal school of the Brothers, and continue their continuing their college course at the University of Notre Dame.

New Prior Appointed At St. Savior's, Dublin

Dublin, Feb. 8.—The Rev. J. W. Stephens, O. P., has been appointed Prior of St. Savior's, Dublin.

The present Prior of St. Savior's is situated about a mile away from the original Priory of that name. The first was on the site now occupied by the ruins of the Courts of Justice. The Dominicans were expelled from their building on this site by Henry VIII at the time of the Reformation.