In vain will you found missions and build schools, if you are not able to wield the offensive and defensive weapons of a loyal Catholic press.
—Pope Pius X.

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## Caiholic Open Forum Held At Elizabeth, N. J.

Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 26.—Taking advantage of the interest in Catholicism stimulated by the last presidential campaign, the Federated Holy Name Societies of Union County, New Jersey, comprising some 25 parish units centering about this city, is offering to its members and their non-Catholic friends on each Sunday afternoon during Lent an open forum program. The programs are given in St. Mary's schol auditorium, and thus far have attracted large audiences.

The Rev. William I. Lonergan, S. J., of the America staff is the forum speaker. Under the general topic. "The Modern Indictment of Catholicism," Father Lonergan is treating of the follwing questionss, "Is the Church Intolerant?" "Is the Church Arrogant?" "Is the Church un-American?" "Is the Church Officious?" and "Is the Church Worth While?"

About half of each afternoon's program is taken up by the lecturer's talk. The remainder of the time is given over to the asking and answering of questions. Slips of paper are distributed after the lecture and members of the audience may make inquiries either about the afternoon's subject or about Catholic belief and practice in general. The slips are collected and the questions are answered the same afternoon.

**Many Questions Asked**

The answering of questions at these open forums, Holy Name officials say, has proved of striking interest. They point to the fact that the questions propounded are timely and in wide variety, and that the auditors are keenly attentive. On a single Sunday afternoon, outside of the actual lecture, the speaker discussed and explained, appropos of questions put, the attitude o fthe Church on miracles, mixed marriages, the Roman Index, the right of the Church to make laws, the Roman Question, Church unity, the question of salvation of those outside the Church, etc.

The forum has received the generous support, not only of the Holy Name societies but of all the local pastors and diocesan officials. The public press, too, has shown a great interest in the undertaking. Special efforts are made to have non-Catholics attend and all are free to ask questions. There is no charge for admission and no collection.

**Prospectus for Forum**

Prospectus for the forum, issued by the Federated Holy Name Societies, reads in part as follows:

"No one, familiar with recent events can be unaware that the Catholic Church is under suspicion in America.

"Animated ostensibly by honest convictions and patriotic convictions, men have openly branded Catholicism as alien and a menace to the best American ideals and traditions—social, educational and political.

"Every Catholic knows that the Catholic Church that men scorn, ridicule and hate does not exist. It is but the fanciful creation of a malicious will, or, more generally of a judgment that is not correctly informed.

"The situation calls for Catholic action in the form of exposition and defense.

"The widespread ignorance of the doctrines of Catholicism which breeds prejudice, and the prevalent misunderstanding o fthe government and practices of the Church which occasion mistrust must be dissipated.

"A campaign of enlightenment is necessary both to fortify the Catholic laity and to offer well-disposed non-Catholics first-hand acquaintance with Catholic teachings and policies.

"To meet this demand the Federated Holy Name Societies of Union County, New Jersey, are sponsoring for men only, a Catholic forum."

## Notre Dame U. Gives Indiana Land For Dixie Highway

Notre Dame, Ind., Feb. 15.—The University of Notre Dame's gift of several hundred acres of land to the state of Indiana will make possible a "super-highway" from South Bend, Ind., to the Michigan state line, officials of the Indiana State Highway commission said recently.

Through the University's gift, the present Dixie Highway, which is 40 feet wide, will be improved until it is 160 feet wide, and capable of handling heavy traffic with ease. The highway commission will be at work on the project within the coming month.

## Seven K. of C. Head American Railway Systems

New Haven, Feb. 28.— John J.Pelley who succeeds the late E. . Pearson as president of the E. J. Pearson a spresident of the seventh Catholic and Knight of Columbus to be selected as head of a great railway system.

The others are Angus Daniel McDonald, president of the Southern Pacific Line in Texas and Lousiana; Patrick E. Crowley, president of the New York Central Lines; Lawrence A. Downs, president of the Illinois Central; W. J. Harahan, president of the Chesapeake and Ohio; William T. Noonan, president of the Buffalo,Rochester and Pittsburgh; James E. Gorman, president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; and J. J. Barnet, president of the Erie. Edward F. Carry, the president of the Pullman Company of Chicago, is also a Knight.

Mr. Pelley comes to the New Haven road from the Central of Georgia Railway, of which he has been president since 1926. The Central of Georgia is a subsidiary of the Illinois Central.

## FIND BODY OF NUN, 37 YEARS DEAD, IS FULLY PRESERVED.

By Rev. J. Van der Hayden

(Louvain Correspondent, N. C.W.C. News Service)

Louvain, Feb. 25.—A few days ago, in the village of Tilleur, near Liege, the body of Sister Jane Castenet was removed, in a state of perfect presivation, from a vault in which it was placed following her death on November 24, 1891. The nun's clothing was in such perfect condition that the burial might have taken place that very day, instead of more than 37 years before.

The facts connected with the exhumation have created a sensation in Tilleur and the surrounding country. Ecclesiastical authorities have undertaken a study of the case.

The discovery resulted from the death a few days before of the Rev. Sister Teresa, Superior of the Convent of the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul of Tilleur. The nuns of the convent desired to bury their Superior in the vault which the municipality had given the Sisters in recognition of their services during an epidemic years ago, but found that there was no more room in the tomb. The municipal authorities, when appealed to, decided that room might be made, the Sisters agreeing, by placing in one coffin the remains of the first two nuns buried in the vault.

Sister Jane Castenet and Sister Anna Euphrasia Servange,who died within eight days of each other, were the first two nuns buried in the vault.

The coffin of Sister Anna Euphrasia Servange was pried open, and was found to contain nothing but bones. The coffin of Sister Jane Castenet was about to be opened, when it fell to pieces as workmen attempted to lift it. There was revealed the body of the nun perfectly preserved, not even rigid. Her habit even to the broad and starched white cap of her religious order, was untouched by decay.

Sister Jane Castenet was born in the south of France, and at the age of 19 years was admitted as a postulant in the Home for Incurables directed by the Daughters of Charity in Bordeaux. In 1831, she was assigned to Charity Hospital, Paris, and, when the cholera broke out in France, saw ample opportunity for service. She had charge of a 92-bed ward which quickly became filled with cholera patients. Because of the danger and her tender years, her superiors sought to relieve her of this charge, but she pleaded so earnestly that they permitted her to remain. In 1851, she was sent to Belgium to found the house of Sclessin, near Tilleur. There again cholera broke out and her services were so remarkable that they are still held in benediction among the people. Sister Jane Castenet died at the age of 81 years, after more than sixty years in religious life.

## MARSHAL FOCH, IN SHADOW OF DEATH, SENDS FOR PRIEST

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

Paris, Feb. 27.—Desperately ill with a complication of ailments,and his condition varying after a real crisis last night, Marshal Ferdinand Foch, Generalissimo of the Allied Armies in the World War, today called to his bedside Father L'Hande a famous preacher and a member of the Society of Jesus to which the soldier's brother, Fr. Germain Foch, belongs.

Marshal Foch, Father L'Hande revealed following his visit, had been worried because his brother had not come to his bedside in response to his call, being unaware that Father Foch is confined to his bed by illness at Montpellier.

"The two," said the priest-visitor, "are like twins. Both are born, aggressive leaders, but whereas one has won fame by battling with armies and often against other men, the other has waged the war of religion against iniquity."

When asked what he and the Marshal discussed, Father L'Hande added, is the strength of the Marshal, whose brain he found to be working at "full speed," despite the infirmities that had attacked his body. said that they talked about Napoleon's campaign in Italy. Religion, he

It also became known today that Marshal Foch has followed with keen interest the reports of the debate on the Kellogg peace pact in the French Parliamnt. After following one report the Marshal is said to have exclaimed: "That is right! There should be no more wars!"

## Catholic Would Not Act In An Unclean Play

London, Feb. 25.—Working in a coal mine in this country at the present time is one of the worst-paid as well as hardest jobs to be found, but Patrick Kelly, a Bowhill (Scotland) Catholic miner, prefers it to $30 a week and a part in a play which he considers has some passages offending against the teaching of the Church.

Kelly is coach of the Bowhill Village Players, a group of miners and their wives. His training brought them success wherever they performed for the benefit of the soup kitchen funds in the distressed mining areas, and a well-known artist decided to finance a long tour.

Kelly was offered a part, but when the script of one of the plays arrived, he found an incident dealing with the sex question had been introduced. He asked the author to omit it, and when he refused, Kelly sent the script back.

When a friend pointed out that he was rejecting a good opportunity, Kelly answered: "There are some things more important than economic security."

## C. P. A. CONTEST ENTRIES CLOSED

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Thirty-one editors submitted entries in the C. P. A. contests, the number in the four classfications being as follows: Editorials, 23; Articles, 19; Poems, 19; Short stories, 17.

When the judges have completed their work the winners will be announced through the N. C. W. C. News Service and the prizes will be awarded at the Cincinnati convention May 16, 17 and 18, 1929.

In the contest for awards to authors of books thirty-four books were submitted by varius publishers. When the preliminary judges have made their selections the matter will be referred to the final judges, as previusly arranged by the Executive Board.

definite status of the Pope and the Italian government according to the terms of settlement.

A second edition of ten thousand has been printed and additional orders for more than three thosand have been received.

## Baptist Pastor Pays High Tribute To Nursing Sisters

London, Feb. 25.—After undergoing a very serious operation, the Rev. Isaac L. Near, pastor of the Penge (Surrey) Baptist Tabernacle, has in his own words been "nursed back to life" by Sisters of Mercy in a Catholic home.

Writing to his congregation, Mr. Near admits that some of his friends were shocked by his going to a Catholic institution, but declares that since he arrived at the home there has never been a moment in which he has not thanked God for the strange wind that "blew his battered barque into that quiet haven."

The Sisters of Mercy, he says, were wonderful nurses and were as angels of God to him both by day and by night, their patience, devotion and skill being a revelation and an inspiration to him of their devotion to God and service to men.

## C. U. Rector Given Marquette Degree

Milwaukee, Wis., March 1.—Marquette University here yesterday conferred upon the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James H. Ryan, Rector of the Catholic University of America, the honorary degree Doctor of Laws.

The Rev. William M. Magee, S. J., president of Marquette, officiated at the exercises, and Dr. Edward A. Fitzpatrick, dean of the graduate school, presented Monsignor Ryan for the degree.

## Flame Guns Used To Fight Locusts In Holy Land

Jerusalem, Feb. 25.—Time was when a swarm of locusts settled astride the Jordan in the vicinity of the Holy City they settled with something of an idea of permanency in their visitation. Times have changed as witness:

Toward the end of January, last, the locusts arrived. They made their landing just ten kilometers to the north of the Allenby Bridge and immediately went into action. Another swarm swooped down at Kilo 24 on the Jerusalem-Jerico Road and still another, and a very intensive one, gathered in the neighborhood of the Dead Sea Post.

But modern methods were interposed. Members of the enlisted personnel of the Transjordan and Palestine Services were dispatched against the common enemy. Their weapon was the flame-gun. Companies of flame-gunners marched on the swarms from Jerusalem, Jericho and Ramallah.

In the first skirmishes fully one-fourth of the locusts were destroyed. The campaign continues and the locusts are reported growing discouraged.

## St. Patrick's Night Broadcasting Program

St. Columbans, Nebr., Feb. 28.—On St. Patrick's Night the National Broadcasting Company of New York will present a radio drama of the life of St. Patrick written by the Very Rev. E. J. McCarthy, Superior, of the Chinese Mission Society, St. Columbans, Nebraska.

The drama is based on the oldest and most authentic historical data on the Saint's life, such as the "Tripartite Life," the "Leabhar Breac," and the "Confessions of St. Patrick," all of which are familiar to Celtic scholars. It will have a background of old Irish songs and melodies specially appropriate, as well as original and traditional pieces heard for the first time in America.

Last November, Buffalo and Omaha stations broadcast a musical monologue on the Life of St. Columban, written by Father McCarthy, which attracted very favrable comments from listeners of various creeds in many parts of the country.

The St. Patrick's night program will come over station WJZ, New York, and the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting System from 9.15 to 10.15 p. m., Eastern time. It will be the first program of its kind to be presented over a national chain.

## Alsatian Cities Refuses To Vote Priests Lodging

By M. Maestani

(Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service).

Paris, Feb. 25.—The municipal councils of two Alsatian cities, Strassbourg and St. Marie-aux-Mines have just demonstrated anti-religious feelings in refusing to vote funds for lodgings for Catholic priests.

Under the terms of the concordat, ministers of religion receive a certain salary from the State and lodging is allowed them by the municipalities of the parishes. The majority of the municipal councils of Strassbourg and St. Marie-aux-Mines are socialists and their action on the lodging question is an indication of their wish to put an end to the concordat and substitute that of separation.

However, the action of the council-members will have little effect since the prefect, who has control of public expenses and who has to respect the laws, will authorize these items in the cities' budgets.

## Catholic Students Accuse Official Of Insulting Religion

Pupils of St. Michael's College Demand Investigation of Statements Attributed to Executive Secretary.

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

Toronto, Can., March 4.—An investigation of charges made against A. Gordon Burns, secretary-treasurer of the joint executive of the Students' Administrative Council, University of Toronto, was demanded by students of St. Michael's College in a letter forwarded to the student head of their college. The letter charges that students of St. Michael's College and Catholic students generally in the university have been grossly insulted by Mr. Burns and that their religion has been attacked.

The letter, signed by sixty-one students, more than a third of the men students of the college, refers to certain statements derogatroy to the Catholic students said to have been made by Mr. Burns to G. H. Fletcher, secretary-treasurer of the Students' Administrative Council of McGill University.

**Report Catholics Insulted**

The letter, in part, said:

"We complain that Mr. A. G. Burns has in his official capacity expressed sentiments derogatory to the Catholic students of the university, and has been guided by prejudice in his administration of the office which he holds. As an instance, we have received information from a student in McGill University, Theodore Harris, M. A., who says that in his presence a conversation took place last fall in the office of the McGill Students' Council between G. H. Fletcher, secretary-treasurer of the McGill Council, and A. G. Burns, who was at McGill on official business.

"In this conversation Mr. Burns referred to Mr. L. J. Ryan, at that time editor of Varsity, as 'a ——— Irish Catholic.' Mr. Harris quotes Mr. Burns as saying 'I expect trouble from this man Ryan. He's one of those ——— Irish Catholics. He's a bolshevik.

"Mr. Burns went on to berate Irish Roman Catholics in general. This was done in the presence also of Mr. H. Paul Melanson, president of the McGill Students' Council.

**Contribute To His Salary**

"As our representative on the Joint Executive, we feel that you should support us in our complaint, inasmuch as we are compelled to contribute to the salary of an official who is reported to have insulted us collectively, and who seems to have proceeded against one of our number from motives of religious bigotry. While we might apply to the university authorities, we feel that, before the student representatives, Mr. A. G. Burns should either deny the statement made by our informant or explain why he should continue to receive support from a portion of the student body for whom he has expressed contempt. If he fails to deny this statement, we protest against having to contribute to his salary through the compulsory fee."

## Medical Supplies Donated To Missions

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

New York, Feb. 25.—In answer to a request sent out by Reverend Edward F. Garesche, S. J., Director of the Catholic Medical Mission Board, to hundreds of firms throughout the country, a very large quantities of medical supplies have been received for the medical missions. About fifteen firms have been the leading manufacturers and wholesale dealers in drugs, some very generous and useful donations have been received for the medical missions. About fifteen firms have sent in their standard products, some in very large quantities, and these were shipped impartially to the missions. Increasing numbers of letters are being received from missionaries telling of the immense importance of the medical side of the missions. Recently Right Reverend P. Manna called at the office of the Board and assured the Director that missionaries in India consider the medical side of the missions the greatest of all works of mercy. He mentioned that when he was helping to found the mission at Burma, the missionaries discovered that the one way to win the pagans to come to listen to their instructions was to help them medically. Thus the medical work was the foundation of the mission. Although the work is continually growing, and larger and larger quantities of supplies are sent in, still the needs of the work are very great. In fact an indefinitely large amount of supplies can be utilized as the field is practically limitless.

## DE VALERA ARREST BEING DENOUNCED AS AN OUTRAGE

Dublin, Feb. 25.—The imprisonment of Mr. De Valera for breach of an order of the Northern Government prohibiting him from entering the six Counties, has been universally condemned by Catholics and Nationalists.

While entering the city ostensibly for the purpose of opening a Bazaar to raise funds for the Gaelic Movement in Belfast, Mr. De Valera was arrested and sentenced to a month's imprisonment. It is four years since the Order prohibiting him from entering Northern Ireland was made, but the political reasons that led to the order were thought to have passed away.

**Mr. Devlin's Views**

Mr. Devlin, who was never a political ally of Mr. De Valera, strongly condemns the action of the Northern Government. "Mr. De Valera," he said, "was not invited to Belfast as a politician. He was invited as a cultured and representative Irishman, as an Irish whether representative I know not, claims of our people, and therefore I cannot understand—though I try to understand their mentality—the obtuseness of the Government in refusing to allow Mr. De Valera to open this Bazaar. They have not explained why they have arrested him. I suppose they will say to us that it was because he is a ——— ———.

"That ought not to be looked upon as a crime in Ulster. I remember that Mr. De Valera was a prisoner at one time. But so was Sir Edward Bates, the Home Secretary of the Six Counties. I have been informed that Sir Dawson Bates, who is Home Secretary, not having any eminent qualifications for the job, but because he performed conspicuously at the gun-running for the Carson Volunteers at Larne years ago.

"The Gaelic League, is not only non-political but non-sectarian. I remember when the earliest steps were made to revive interest in the Gaelic language, one of its most powerful protagonists was the Rev. Dr. Kane, Grand Master of the Orangemen of Ulster. Though Dr. Kane differed from many of us as to the best solution of the Irish political problem, he was, like many other Protestants, imbued with love for the land, and with a desire to help the intellectual advancement and the culture of our race."

**Archdeacon Condemns Imprisonment**

At a meeting of the Manchester Branch of the National League, the Venerable Archdeacon Tierney, R. D., said that he did not wish to say anything to rouse political passion, but that he wished to protest against the imprisonment of Mr. De Valera.

"Most people in the Community," said the Archdeacon, "whether they take an active interest in political affairs or not, hoped that work like this was at an end, and that we had settled down to a peaceable condition of things. This conduct of the Northern Government, in raking up a decree to his salary through the compulsory portation order nearly five years old, and applying it to a prominent gentleman on a peaceful mission, is very hard to understand. It is very hard to realise what is to be gained by such an action.

"I wish to join my voice with people all over the North and South in protesting against this narrow and unintelligible conduct of the Northern Government."

## Bernardini Pamphlet In Great Demand

New York, Feb. 28.—More than ten thousand copies of the pamphlet "Is the Pope A King," by Very Rev. Monsignor Filippo Bernardini, reprinted from the N. C. W. C. News Service, have been sold in five days by the Faulist Press of New York City. This pamphlet interprets the Italian-Vatican pact and explains the

## $50,000 Auditorium Of Denver Catholic High School Opened

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

Denver, March.—The presentation of an operetta, entitled "Immortation," marked the formal opening Saturday night, of the $50,000 Owen L. Malo, Jr. memorial hall of the Cathedral High School here.

The building, the gift of Mrs. Owen L. Malo, contains an auditorium and gymnasium, [illegible] presented by the [illegible] as the work of the late [illegible] Joseph Boutin, [illegible] music, and the [illegible] Mountain, was [illegible]