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Million Pamphlets Issued By Catholic Society In England London, March 1.—All its previous records in the sales of pamphlets were broken by the Catholic Truth Society last year...

Catholic Travel Bureau Organized Minneapolis, Feb. 26.—Announcement of the inauguration of an international movement to foster and facilitate purposeful travel among Catholics was made today by the newly-organized Henepin Travel Bureau.

Historical material, both of lay and religious interest, is being compiled by the bureau for the use of travelers. The personnel of the bureau's advisory committee, in addition to Mr. O'Grady, includes: The Most Rev. A. A. Sinnott, Archbishop of Winnipeg, chairman; the Rt. Rev. Francis C. Kelly, Bishop of Oklahoma, vice-chairman; the Very Rev. Canon Paul Heald, Brussels; the Very Rev. John F. O'Connell, F. S. M., Rome; the Very Rev. Geoffrey Hunt, O. F. M., London; and the Rev. James M. Gordon, Minneapolis, spiritual director.

Uncle Of Napoleon One of Founders Of Spring Hill College

Mobile, Ala., March 4.—Researches into archives necessitated by the celebration next year of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Spring Hill College have brought to light many interesting facts in connection with the oldest college in Alabama and one of the oldest in the entire south. Among the arresting bits of information almost forgotten and now brought to light is the fact that Cardinal Joseph Fesch, the uncle of Napoleon Bonaparte, is the founder of Spring Hill College, sharing the distinction with Bishop Portier, Mobile's first bishop. When Bishop Portier, who became Bishop of Mobile in 1825, visited his immense diocese stretching at that time from the northern bounds of Arkansas to the southern—most parts of Florida—he perceived the urgent need existing within the diocese for an institute of higher learning. Unable to obtain sufficient financial assistance at home, he went abroad during the latter part of 1829 and sought the aid of Cardinal Fesch, who was then residing in France, as an uncle of Napoleon by the Bourbon government. Cardinal Fesch was enthusiastic concerning the establishment of Spring Hill and donated 30,000 francs as a foundation with which to commence the institution. He accompanied the gift with a magnificent oil painting still in the possession of the college. The name St. Joseph's was bestowed upon the infant college, Joseph being the cardinal's Christian name, and in all official documents Spring Hill still carries on as St. Joseph's college. Cardinal Fesch was born at Ajaccio in Corsica, January 3, 1763, and died at Rome, May 13, 1835. Early in life, he became commissary of war under Napoleon, and later rose to the command of the Armes d'Italie. When religious harmony was reestablished, he entered ecclesiastical life, becoming archbishop of Lyons and later cardinal. Grand Knight J. J. Casserly, St. Paul's Council, No. 2440, Fenton, Missouri, advises that the territory in which the council exists to obtain its membership increase is being canvassed and re-canvassed and that excellent results are being obtained. A number of applications have already been secured, with a substantial increase certain to be reported later. A past grand knights' class was recently scheduled for First Degree initiation by Quincy Council No. 96, Quincy, Massachusetts. The original officers of the council were scheduled to confer the degree and this fact in itself accounted for a great deal of interest. A somewhat similar affair was held a short time ago by Madonna Council, No. 520, Englewood, New Jersey, and called Charter Member Night. On this occasion a Third Degree initiation was held. Thomas F. Burns, first Grand Knight of the Council, was given the chair by Grand Knight William S. Parker and presided over a meeting at which many of his former co-workers were honored guests. The scheduling of this event resulted in the largest attendance in the twenty-nine years of the Council's existence.

Indian Bishop Plans To Journey To Rome

Ernakulam, India, Feb. 18.—The Rt. Rev. Dr. Francis Vazhappilly, the Bishop of Trichur, is soon to leave Malabar for Rome to submit before His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, a report of the administration of the Diocese. About sixty Americans are at present studying the Buddhist religion under the Buddhist priest Ernest Hunt.

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Total Abstinence Crusade Lauded By Catholic Students

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Five hundred and forty delegates representing 38 high school and colleges in the Chicago district attended a meeting of the Catholic Student Conference on Religious Activities just held at Loyola University. The session was opened with a prayer and address of welcome by Father T. J. Schulte, S. J., dean of men. A paper on "The Student and Catholic Literature" was presented by Miss Evelyn McDonnell of the Academy of Our Lady, who made an appeal in behalf of Catholic periodical literature and outlined practical methods of helping spread our Catholic daily, weeklies, monthlies and quarterlies. William Conley gave a resume of the nation-wide publicity which the conferences total abstinence crusade has received in both Catholic and secular papers because of its statement "Why I Am a Total Abstainer." Following this report there was a lively discussion as to the advisability of supporting temperance rather than total abstinence, two or three high school delegates earnestly advocating the change. In his report on the campaign for modesty in dress Mr. Conley announced that the best brief statement in behalf of the campaign was drawn up by the 1,000 students of Immaculate High School and that the first prize, a beautiful reproduction in colors of the Immaculate by Meuller, would be awarded to that institution. The sense of the meeting was that both campaigns should be continued with vigor.

Membership Extension Notes

A large class of candidates was initiated by Perry Council, No. 1243 Perry, Iowa, recently, and one of the notable features of the initiation was that approximately ninety per cent of the candidates were women. The forenoon a district conference was held under the direction of District Deputy Dr. D. E. Hannan of the Ninth Iowa District, which was attended by representatives of Anna, Boone, Stuart and Perry councils. Addresses were given by State Deputy C. C. Rites of Iowa City, State Secretary Joe McCormick of Cedar Rapids, and Dr. Hannan of Perry. The ceremonial banquet held at the Elks Temple in the evening was attended by a capacity crowd. Addresses at the banquet were given by Brothers McCormick, Rites, Hannan, Dillon and Hon. E. W. Dinwiddie, Judge of the District Court. District Deputy A. D. Bailey and staff of Fort Dodge exemplified the major degree.

Supreme Knight Visits in Florida and Georgia

Several councils in Florida and Georgia were accorded the honor of a visit by Supreme Knight Martin E. Carmody during the past week. The Supreme Knight was accompanied by State Deputy Mickler and Past State Deputy Usina on his trip through Florida and by Supreme Director Patrick H. Rice of Augusta, State Deputy J. Coleman Dempsey and Past State Deputy Thomas Walsh on his Georgia visits. He stopped first at St. Augustine, then Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa, Fort Myers, Miami, Savannah and Atlanta. On his return the Supreme Knight reported that he found the Order in a flourishing state in the cities he visited.

Another Knight Heads Great Railway System

The election of John J. Pelley to the presidency of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. places one more Knight of Columbus at the head of a great rail system. Mr. Pelley is the eighth Catholic and Knight of Columbus to be selected as chief executive of a nationally known railroad. The others are Angus Daniel McDonald, president of the Southern Pacific Line in Texas and Louisiana; Patrick E. Crowley, president of the New York, Central Lines; Lawrence A. Downs, president of the Illinois Central; W. F. 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; J. J. Bernet, president of the Erie, and Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific. Edward F. Carry, the president of the Pullman Company of Chicago, is also a Knight. Mr. Pelley goes 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.

Industrial Program Of N.C.C.W. Outlined

Harrisburg, Pa., March 2.—The educational program sponsored by the industrial committee of the N. C. C. W., as applied particularly to women in industry, was outlined by Miss Linnæ E. Bessette of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, at the meeting of the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of the N. C. C. W. here, Tuesday.

French Sailors Visit Japanese Cathedral

Nagasaki, Japan, Feb. 18.—Two French cruisers, the "Jules Michelet" and the "Regulus," put in recently at the port of Nagasaki for repairs. The commanders of the two vessels were devout Catholics and manifested a marked respect for the Japanese clergy. The bands of the cruisers played at the Cathedral, rendering in succession the Japanese national anthem, and the "Marseillaise." In former days, the bishop and clergy were French, and the presence at the Cathedral of the French sailors could be interpreted as a courtesy toward their fellow countrymen. Now that the bishop and priests of the Diocese of Nagasaki are Japanese, the friendly service was purely that of Catholics to Catholics.

Missioner To Give Series Of Talks On Radio During March

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, March 4.—The Reverend Francis X. Ford, A. F. M., a member of the pioneer group sent to South China in 1918 by the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Maryknoll, N. Y., will give, at 6:45 p. m. on successive Fridays, a series of talks from radio station WLW in this city. This is Father Ford's first visit to the United States since 1918 and his talks will reflect the experiences of ten years in China. The subjects of talks which will be given by Father Ford on March 8, 15, 22, and March 29, are respectively: "The Hakka Chinese"; "St. Patrick's Day in Japan"; "Chinese Abroad"; and "Holy Week in the Orient."

American Federation Head To Lecture On Labor Encyclical

Washington, March 1.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has informed the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference that he will lend any possible cooperation to its observance this May of the thirty-eighth anniversary of Pope Leo's Encyclical on the Condition of Labor. "May I assure you," Mr. Green has written to the Field Secretary of the Department, "that it will afford me a great deal of pleasure to respond to your request to deliver an address at some convenient and appropriate place on May 15th, when you plan to commemorate the thirty-eighth anniversary of Pope Leo's Encyclical on the Condition of Labor. I will be glad to cooperate with you in every way possible in trying to make this celebration a success." Mr. Green, although a Protestant, is widely known for his inspiring addresses on Pope Leo's encyclical. He has spoken on the Encyclical at observances held at St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth under the auspices of the state federation of labor.

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Only One Catholic Among 300,000 In District In China

Wuchow, China, Feb. 18.—The Very Rev. Bernard F. Meyer, A. F. M., Vicar-General of the Maryknoll field in Kwang Province, recently visited a district having a population of 300,000 and one solitary Catholic. This Chinese, a man of fifty-odd years, was for a time in his boyhood the servant of one of the bishops of Kwangsi in Nanning, the capital of the Province. Later he married and returned home. Though his wife was a pagan, he remained true to the Faith. This Catholic, who got a smattering of Chinese characters during the two years he attended a mission school, is the best educated man in the entire district, and Father Meyer hopes through his influence to attract many to the study of Christian teachings.

American's Device To Protect Books In Vatican Library

Cleveland, March 4.—Vatican authorities have called upon Cleveland's inventive genius to aid them in preserving the priceless manuscripts and printed books contained in the Vatican library. An electrical device which will keep the air in the famous library moist enough to prevent manuscripts from cracking has just been shipped to the Vatican. Frank Hill, electrical heating specialist of an electrical supply company, is the designer of the apparatus. "The climate of Rome is very changeable," Mr. Hill explained. "In damp weather the atmosphere becomes so humid that valuable manuscripts in the Vatican collection are damaged. Vatican library authorities solved this problem sometimes ago by installing electric heating apparatus. But this solved only half the problem for during the dry season in Rome the air is almost entirely lacking in moisture. Hence the manuscripts become brittle and are in constant danger of cracking and breaking." So the Vatican authorities decided that artificially-produced moisture would have to be employed, Mr. Hill said. The moisture-creating device is known as an electric steam generator. It is a tank containing water in which electric heating elements are immersed. The device is equipped with gauges and thermostats so that the humidity of the air can be kept at any desired level. Grand Knight E. A. McGinnis, of Santa Maria Council, No. 2267, St. Lambert, Province of Quebec, Canada reports that thirty of forty prospects already approached have signed applications. Brother McGinnis advises that some forty more additions are looked for which will mean, with the applications already received, a thirty-two per cent membership increase.

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Italian Sentiment Urges St. Catherine As Nation's Patron

Rome, February 25.—There is a strong sentiment abroad in Italy for the adoption of a national saint symbolizing the aspirations and highest ideals of the Italian race, such as the French Joan of Arc in France. As a result a society has been formed, known as the "Catherinians," to promote the cause of St. Catherine of Siena. The society has commenced activities by establishing in the University of Siena a chair specially consecrated in recognition of the important role played by St. Catherine in the history of the Papacy and Italy. St. Catherine lived in the fourteenth century and was the youngest daughter of a very large middle-class family. At sixteen she entered the Dominican Tertiaries and renewed the life of the anchorites of the desert in her father's house. During the summer of 1370, she is said to have had a vision in which she was commanded to leave her cell and enter the public life of the world. She thereupon entered into correspondence with men and women in every condition of life and was consulted by the papal legates about affairs of the Church. She set about healing the wounds of her native land by staying the fury of civil war and implored Pope Gregory XI to leave Avignon and return to his rightful seat at Rome. When, in 1376, she went to the Papal Court at Avignon as ambassador of the Florentines, she is said to have made such a profound impression on the Pope that he decided to return to Rome despite the opposition of the French king, which he did the following year. Her last political work, performed in 1380 practically on her deathbed, was the reconciliation of Pope Urban VI with the Roman Republic.

Catholic Students In Oratory Contest

Pittsburgh, 26.—More than 3,000 students in the Catholic high schools of the Diocese of Pittsburgh have entered an oratory contest being conducted by the Post-Gazette, here. The orations must deal with the Constitutions of the United States and the local contest is part of an international competition. The winning contestant in the Catholic high schools will receive a silver cup and will compete for the championship of the Pittsburgh district. Further elimination contests will be held in Harrisburg and at Washington, where a national championship will be chosen to compete with those of seven other nations.