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Scientists Unearth Ancient Basilica of St. John in Ruins Of Ephesus on Citadel

By Dr. Frederic Funder, (Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service).

Vienna, Mar. 14.—Excavations made at Ephesus by the Austrian Archaeological Institute, working in co-operation with the Museum of Smyrna, have produced many new and important results. Of outstanding interest is the unearthing of the Basilica of St. John Theologos on the hill of the citadel of Ajasoluk.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gave the financial support necessary for these archaeological researches which were connected with warm bath, the furthered by the sympathetic understanding of Klaxim Pasha, the Vail of Smyrna, and conducted under the direction of Dr. Joseph Kell Dr. Franz Milner, Dr. Theuner and Dr. Hpermann.

Besides an extensive gymnasium biggest existing Ephesian ruin of the Roman Empire, probably the remains of some government building, was unearthed.

Excavation work at the Basilica of St. John Theologos, which was built by the Emperor Justinian, had been begun by Professor Sotrlu, the Greek archaeologist, in 1921. The Austrian expedition has now completed that undertaking.

Buried Twenty Feet
The ruins of the Basilica were buried to the depth of 20 feet or so,

under an enormous mass of debris. When the excavations were completed, where there formerly were only the brick fragments of six ruined domes rising above the rubbish, there now lies revealed before the eye, scholars report, the sanctuary with its three naves extending over a length of more than 300 feet. The white marble columns reaching through two stories, and the pillars built of huge ashlar are for the most part well preserved. The gilt capitals of the main nave are adorned with the ephers of Emperor Justinian and of his consort, Theodora.

It will be possible, it is said, to reconstruct the whole of this splendid house of prayer, of which many architectural pieces and Christian inscriptions have been found.

During the excavation work, it was discovered that an older church of St. John had stood on the site of the Basilica constructed by the Emperor Justinian. This older edifice, it is said, reaches back probably to the time of the Emperor Constantine—back to the earliest days of Christianity.

The Austrian expedition also made in Ephesus a number of smaller finds which were taken to the Museum of Smyrna. These, in the opinion of experts, have greatly advanced the knowledge of the Roman and Christian age.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION STRESSED BY IRISH BISHOPS

(Continued from page Seventeen) centuries every kind of effort was made to wean the people from their religion, and to force them into adhesion to an alien church which was set up to replace the ancient Church of their forefathers.

Practice of Faith Urged.
Continuing, His Grace says that at last, "when the thirst for blood had been assuaged, when it was found that the making of martyrs did not root out the Faith from the hearts of the people, a new policy, known as the policy of the Penal Laws, was adopted." "By degrees, as time went on, the penal enactments were repealed, and civil disabilities were gradually removed," he adds.

"It is not enough," the Archbishop points out, "to profess the religion for which our fathers died. We must give ourselves to its fervent practice, now made easy. Our hearts cannot fail to be touched with feelings of deepest gratitude to God that our days are not the days of fear but of gladness. If our fathers did not fall when the practices of religion meant sorrow and sacrifice, surely it would be a shame for us in the days of freedom to fall."

Bishop O'Sullivan of Kerry (Ardfert and Aghadoe) expresses confidence in his diocese's full cooperation in the Centenary observance. "The honor of our diocese is at stake in a special way," he says, "for the protagonist in the great struggle for Catholic Emancipation was Daniel O'Connell."

The Bishop understands that the present condition of Derrynane Abbey, the home of the Liberator, is a matter of reproach, and that it is due to O'Connell's memory that steps be taken to restore the building and preserve it as a sacred and historic memorial.

The Bishop of Anechory writes that "The Act, indeed, did not remove all disabilities under which Catholics labored, but it broke the strongest

link in the chain of religious slavery and paved the way for what has followed." "Anyway," he adds, "Catholics of Irish blood all the world over will, by fervent prayer, show their gratitude to God for what Emancipation brought our harassed religious."

Mexico Persecution Cited.
The Bishop of Cork also emphasizes the fact that it was not only a right, but a duty, to observe the centenary, while the Bishop of Elphin declares that "in celebrating this centenary, we recall with pride and gratitude to Almighty God the glorious defense of the Faith made by our forefathers." The Bishop warns that "We must not be surprised that the Church in Ireland has suffered persecution," saying that it is a mark of the true Church. "Even at the present time," he points out, "the Church is suffering a most dreadful persecution in Mexico."

In remarking, in his Pastoral, that "the centenary of a great victory for the Faith should be duly observed," the Bishop of Ferns says:

"When we remember the difficulties under which our forefathers in penal days grouped themselves round the altar where perhaps a fugitive priest celebrated Mass, we can realize the altered circumstances of our own time."

The Bishop of Galway, in his letter, says: "Many notable names, lay and clerical, are associated with the struggle for emancipation. But the main credit is due to O'Connell. He found the vast body of Bishops, priests and people timorous and apathetic. He roused them by his eloquence to dare all in assertion of their elementary rights and led them, enthusiastic and determined, to final triumph over an unwilling British Ministry. And as the Christians in the fourth century rejoiced over the Edict of Constantine which gave them liberty of worship, labored, but it broke the strongest

Marquette League Silver Jubilee

New York, March 14.—The Marquette League for Catholic Indian Missions will celebrate its silver jubilee on May 5. Alfred J. Talley, president, the other officers and directors of the League are planning a fitting celebration.

The Rev. William Flynn, secretary general, reports that during the League's present fiscal year, which closes on April 30, the League has aided all the 150 Missions by sending substantial help; the donations ranging from \$200 to \$2,000. A check for \$9,000 was sent to the Rt. Rev. Francis C. Kelley, Bishop of Oklahoma; for the purpose of rebuilding the Indian school at Antlers, which was about to close its doors.

In thanking the League for this assistance Bishop Kelley wrote: "Without your help I would have had to close the school at Antlers and permit the Sisters to return to their Mother House." The League at Christmas time sent \$5,000 to the Rev. Felix Geis of Mt. Carmel Mission, Oregon to start a school for his Klamath Indian children. Father Geis wrote: "If you had not come to my assistance I would have had to abandon my work among the Klamath Indians. With your generous help I will now be able to begin the first unit of my school."

The present officers of the League are: Mr. Talley, president; Henry Heide, first vice-president; Charles A. Webber, second vice-president; Victor F. Ridder, treasurer, and Father Flynn, Secretary General.

tory of Faith, which was achieved for us a hundred years ago."

The Bishop of Kilmore, in announcing a novena to be conducted in his diocese in preparation for the Emancipation celebration, says: "It is fitting that, when we are thanking God for the benefits of Emancipation, we should also unite with these thanks an open expression of sorrow for the sins which we may have committed, both as a nation and as individuals, even under the enjoyment of these benefits."

While remarking that "It is not easy for us to grasp in their fullest significance what the various Relief Acts meant to the people of those days," the Bishop of Raphoe says: "Emancipation marked a turning point in our Catholic life; the faith that was sealed up under the terror came into the open, and the story of the religious progress of the last century is the record of its fruitfulness."

Celebration Ordered.

"In seeking for a subject for this Pastoral which would be in accord with the spirit of Emancipation Year," writes the Bishop of Ossory, "and at the same time of benefit to our souls, it seems to me that the Kingship of Christ, and the solemn consecration of the whole diocese on the same day and the same hour to Christ the King, would be both appropriate and useful."

"In doing so we shall be acting in a way most dear to the heart of our Holy Father the Pope, approved and indeed prescribed by him on many occasions and in many letters and encyclicals to the Bishops, priests and faithful of the world. It will also be in the true spirit of this year when we celebrate the first centenary of Catholic Emancipation which freed the Catholics of these Islands from degrading civil and religious disabilities, and whose liberating effects were felt to the farthest part of the world."

The Bishop of Cork, pointing in his letter to the fact that in the penal days, bribes and threats were the means employed to detach Catholics from their faith, declares that there still remains the bribe.

"Another reminder of the days of the Penal Laws," he continues, "is the continued retention by Protestants of our places of worship. No doubt, new buildings in some cases have taken place of the old ones. But the sites were ours."

"The fragment called the Church of Ireland," he adds, "is an absurdity. The passions and prejudices of the past should be allowed to die out. The world is clamoring for ecclesiastical union. The Protestants of Ireland could lead the way. They should join the Church of their ancestors, the Catholic Church. They could restore their churches, and at the same time restore them to their original purposes: the celebration of Mass, the administration of the Sacraments, the preaching of the Catholic Faith."

Mass For Late Queen Attended By Sailors

San Francisco, March 14.—A solemn high Mass for Maria Christina mother of King Alfonso of Spain, was celebrated by the Rev. Attilio N. Santandrea in the church of Our Lady of Guadalupe recently. Officers and crews of the Spanish training ship now in the harbor, attended in a body.

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