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Nuns in England Vote for First Time in More Than 20 Years Rugby, England, June 23.—Sixty nuns from the famous Prince Thorpe Priory visited the polling booths in a British election for the first time in more than 20 years, and voted on June 13. The nuns, many of whom had never ridden in automobiles before, were conveyed to the polling station in large closed cars to cast their votes in the parliamentary election deferred on account of the death of the Labor candidate. A young Conservative party agent, secured permission to go to the convent to leave the nuns to the bishop of the diocese.

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Many Ordinations Shown In Report On China Missions

Shanghai June 20.—The report for 1924-25 of the "Historical Seminars, and Schools of China," compiled by the Jesuit Fathers of Zikawei, in the suburbs of Shanghai, contains some very interesting and striking figures. The labors of the missionaries of China, even in these difficult times, are not without their consolations and fruits. The report says: "Especially noteworthy is the ordination during the past year of 100 Chinese priests. This figure is all the more interesting because of the fact that the next few years promise an equal increase in the number of Chinese priests. There are about 700 native seminarians in the Major Seminaries of China. More Foreign Missioners. The number of foreign missionaries also is increasing from year to year. In 1918 there were 2,361 priests in China (foreign and native). In 1924 there were 3,367. This represents an increase of 1,000 in ten years. "And yet, in spite of this increase in the number of foreign missionaries and native priests, the Missions of

China are still understaffed. In many instances, the missionary's whole time is occupied by his Christians, and he is unable to engage in the apostolate among pagans. Emphasis has been placed on the development of Catholic schools, and this has taken some of the ablest missionaries from parish work. Added to these considerations have been the difficulties arising from political conditions during the last few years which have been especially marked in Central China (Hunan, Hupoh, Kiangsi, and Honan).

Few Apostates Recorded. "It is therefore not surprising that there has been a falling off in certain figures. In 1925, there were 243,671 children in the Catholic schools of China. In 1924 there were only 267,768. In 1925 there were 64,856 baptisms of adults in the Missions of China; in 1924 only 43,190. In two years, the number of children in the Catholic orphanages has decreased from 72 to 51,864. As a result of these losses, the increase in the number of Christians is slower than a few years ago. The increase for 1922-1923 was 75,000; for 1927-1928, it was barely 25,000. "Where there has been a falling away in the number of Christians, it has been mostly due to emigration. The Mission Superiors stress the fact that there have been few apostates. "There are those, unfortunately, who question the right of Catholics in this land, the right to an equal standing with people of other faiths. To them we are always, suggested in our alleged history, by them we are disturbed in our indisputable rights to an equal opportunity under the flag that affords protection to all of us. "In refutation, I connect the celebration of the great event that occurs here today with the advent of the first discoverer of America, Hennepin, like Columbus after many arduous encounters with wind and water, did at the first view of the great cataraet what we are doing today. "Priority of the Catholics. "Columbus and Hennepin gave, as we are giving here, the expression of their deep religious feeling in the language of the oldest of the Christian churches in the Te Deum and the Mass of the Liturgy. "Long before the fragmented sects were born to bring trouble among us, the chants of the church were heard here and on the other historic sites of this land. Do we claim on account of our special privileges? We do not. But we claim a respect and toleration which they, who are, historically speaking, arrivals and upstarts, do not always accord us. "The wave of intolerance seems to be setting into a calmer current. We are willing to understand them and we ask that they understand us, so that we may all, with God's help, lead our lives and work out our destiny without persecution and without recrimination, each as he sees fit. "At the conclusion of the Mass the Niagara Council, Knights of Columbus, held a memorial service for Father Hennepin, the first memorial boulder at Hennepin Point on the mainland just a short distance from Prospect Point and where Father Hennepin is said to have stood when he had his first view of the cataraets 250 years ago. "Discovery of the Falls. "Father Hennepin, a Franciscan missionary priest, was the first to raise an altar and celebrate Mass on the Niagara frontier. On the morning of December 6th, 1878, the feast of St. Nicholas, he and his companions sailed, as he later said in his book, "into the mouth of the beautiful River Niagara, into which no bark similar to ours had sailed." The famous missionary carried with him a portable altar, one blanket and a mat of rushes, which served both as a bed and a quilt. After several days exploration, on the morning of December 11, 1878, Father Hennepin nailed a crucifix to a tree, set up his little altar, and there, in the great wilderness, robed service to God and country and urged that the Knights of St. John continue as loyal citizens. He reviewed clauses in the American Constitution emphasizing trust in God and said that college professors who teach that there is no God are disloyal to their citizenship. "Mrs. Teresa Ganster on behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary presented the Knights with a bouquet of 50 beautiful roses, representing the 50 golden years of their life as an organization in Rochester. "Excellent Music Provided. "The First Regiment Band, Knights of St. John, under the direction of William C. Schwab, with 20 trained men in the band, furnished excellent music throughout the jubilee celebration. The band played at the open-house celebration on Saturday evening, and it led the parade of the uniformed Knights on Sunday morning. Its appearance and playing was a feature that was greatly appreciated and complimented. "The Knights of St. John Orchestra, also directed by Mr. Schwab, provided music at the Fourth Degree Banquet at the Hotel in the afternoon. Music for the banquet in the evening was furnished by Campbell's Orchestra.

Knights of St. John Paid Fine Tribute By Bishop O'Hern

(Continued from Page One) knightly was glorified in church and state, and when men were ready to do the noblest deeds in order that they might receive the armor of knightly. Your noble ancestry belongs to the days of crusades, those days when men advanced zeal and sacrifice manifested by men and women towards the holy places in which our Lord lived and died, and particularly His Sacred Tomb close to the City of Jerusalem. You have as your patron Saint John of Jerusalem, and his banner and motto spell fraternity, loyalty, charity. You are a fraternal organization of a semi-military character in which men are bound together to serve the church and state, and to serve one another in the bonds of mutual help and mutual cooperation. Loyalty and Fidelity. "Of loyalty, we need not speak since your history stands an open record for your deeds of loyalty and fidelity to the church of God under whose cross you are enrolled and whose cross you bear upon your banner, and whose you honor in the state as good citizens, ready to uphold and obey the laws of the land. You and your sons and daughters have given the best that they have to the service of their country whenever occasion demanded. It is an honor, emphasized upon your coat of arms—charity towards the sick, charity towards the widow and the orphan. God alone knows of the consolation and help you have brought to many a home where sickness and death have stalked, and where your benign visitation has given cheer and encouragement to weeping widows and poorly clad children. "And so, being men of high principle, ever ready to follow the teachings and commands of Jesus Christ, you have stood out in this and every other community among the foremost citizens of our glorious republic. Bishops and priests have loved to honor you, as you have loved to obey and serve and honor the priest-hood of Christ whenever occasion offered itself. You are seen advancing towards the Altar when young priests don the vestments to celebrate his first Holy Mass; you are seen again in solemn array watching over the altar of that priestly course which will soon be taken to its resting place. You are seen when the great festivals of the church come around in the course of each year, lending your noble manhood and your splendid plumes to the solemnity of the occasion. You are seen in your council rooms planning social service, or mapping out some program to lift poor humanity to a higher place of blessedness. You are found in the pastor's study asking him what you may do to support his works of religion and charity, and to hold up his hands in the great struggle of our modern social, religious and worldly life. The Ladies' Auxiliary. "You have also been wise enough to associate with you that splendid band of women known as the Ladies' Auxiliaries, who will ever be to you a guide and a noble inspiration in planning your work, just as Mary took her place by the side of Jesus, just as great women of all nationalities have stood side by side with the saints of God to do the great work of religion, of charity, of education in the history of the church. "And so today, my dear Knights and Ladies, I wish you to know that your jubilee celebration in Rochester has made a great impression upon our civic community, that you are welcomed here by bishop, priests

and people, by Catholic and non-Catholics, all of whom rejoice with you in honoring an organization whose history goes back through the centuries, and particularly for a record of noble endeavors. May your visit to Rochester on this day give new life, and spirit and impetus to your commanderies, and may the inspiration which will be taken away by visitors, as well as the enthusiasm which your local commanderies, lend themselves to further the work and progress of the Knights of St. John throughout the nation. A Blessing For All. "It has been a great joy and privilege for the Bishop of Rochester and the priests of the diocese to be present at Father St. Joseph's to offer themselves and this beautiful Temple of God for your solemn Pontifical service of jubilee celebration. May the great Commander-in-Chief of all armies and commanderies look down upon you and your country, and may He bless our endeavors, bless each one of us personally, bless our homes and give to our great order a new impetus to grow and flourish and extend itself into new fields and new activities, so that when the roll call of Heaven in return for your loyalty, fidelity and noble service in the interest of Christ, of the Church and of our country, as Knights and Ladies of St. John of Jerusalem." The Fourth Degree. "More than fifty Knights were initiated into the fourth degree in the afternoon at ceremonies at which supreme officers presided. Rochester candidates for the Fourth Degree were: Henry M. Berman, Frank X. Hauser, John Hess, Frank Herold, Frank C. Klueber, Fred A. Imo, Michael Aschenbrenner, Frank A. Biel, Edward J. Bach, Jr., Joseph A. Brenner, George P. Barker, Elmer Coonan, Leon Joseph Cecil, Edward Dreischer, Harold P. Dreschler, Arnold F. Eckert, Adam G. Fischer, John Flannery, George C. Golet, Paul E. Green, Frank H. Garza, Richard A. Kaasman, Francis Kohlmaier, William Kunz, Edward G. Land, Alfred J. Mark, Charles E. Nichols, Vincent M. Peter, John F. Ryan, Alois Schiesel, Arthur Schoenberger, Frank L. Shafer and Frank Schied. Syracuse candidates included: C. J. Mertens, John Lietz, J. Klaseau, George Kessling, Paul Peters, Paul Miller, John Fritter, Anthony Lesman, Paul Lietz, Joseph Hofmann, Frank Hoppe, Charles Reschke, John Weiland, August Yeast, Ray F. Beehner and Earl E. Boyle. A Splendid Banquet. "The closing banquet was a fine affair. An excellent dinner was served by the Powers Hotel management, with Joseph A. Smith, manager of the hotel, giving personal attention to all details. Nearly 500 Knights and Ladies were present, including a delegation of Buffalo Knights of St. John. General Frank H. Biel acted as toastmaster. The speakers were: Col. Joseph H. Weis, Gen. Henry A. Leusch, Miss Johanna E. White, Gen. Edward J. Tracy, Dr. C. A. Lenhard, and Rev. George F. Kettell, D. D., of the faculty of Nazareth College. Other guests included: Rev. Jos. H. Goffel, D. D., Rev. Howard Theodor, Rev. Herbert Sturmer, Rev. Theodore Watteroth, Rev. John P. Schellhorn, acting chaplain of the Rochester Regiment, Very Rev. Michael J. Moran, Gen. Leo G. Schu, Gen. Joseph F. Treppa, Mrs. Teresa Ganster, Mrs. Anna Bromard, Mrs. Frank Dr. Kettell presided, the need of

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canopy of the papal colors of gold and white, topped by a crucifix. One hundred Knights of St. John, in black dress uniforms, robed hats and swords, acted as escorts for the Bishop. There were microphones on the altar, among the priests who attended the Bishop and among the choir concealed behind the altar. From a battery of eight horns on a forty-foot tower at one side of the altar the Latin intonations of the celebrant and the answering chants of the thirty priests in the choir poured out over the massed escort of Knights of St. John and over three rows of nuns and five rows of altar boys sitting on the grass in rasoeks and surplices to reach the congregation. Sound record were made, and over WKVD, during intermissions in the service, a priest read English translations of the Mass. Bishop Turner's Address. Bishop Turner delivered an address in which he emphasized the priority of the Catholic Church in America, struck hard at the spirit of intolerance that has developed in the land, and made a plea that the American people take pains to study and understand the Church, so that all people may live and work in this land without persecution or recrimination. He spoke as follows: "In the presence of the vast audience which I see before me and in the hearing of the still larger audience that is listening elsewhere, I dare to strike a note that some may consider defiance, but which I present to all fair-minded men and women as a matter of historical and patriotic justice," said Bishop Turner. "There are those, unfortunately, who question the right of Catholics in this land, the right to an equal standing with people of other faiths. 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