"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 Benedict XV.

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Forty Cardinals, Including Two Americans, Visit Pope at Vatican; American Priest Writes About Causes of Recent Revolt in Haiti

Season's Greetings Given by Cardinals To Supreme Pontiff

Christmas Eve Is Marked by Annual Visit To the Pope—Cardinals Hayes and Dougherty Represented American Catholics in Expressing Greetings and Good Wishes to His Holiness

POPE MAKES VIGOROUS COMPLAINT ABOUT THE FASCIST GOVERNMENT

Vatcan City, Dec. 27.—Christmas Eve in the Vatican City was marked by the annual visit of all the Cardinals of the Curia to Pope Pius to wish him the season's greetings and to hear his reply enumerating the "joys and sorrows" of the year drawing to a close. Cardinal Hayes of New York and Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia represented American Catholics.

The brief but touching ceremony took on added importance since by reason of the Lateran Treaties concluded last February the Pope is now an independent sovereign, secure in his sway over the Vatican State. But no change in the ceremonial observed during all the years of self-imposed captivity from 1870 to 1928 was contemplated.

Vannutelli Heads Cardinals

Headed by their dean, the venerable Cardinal Vannutelli, the princes of the church were received by the Pontiff in the consistory hall. The dean pronounced a brief allocution congratulating the Holy Father upon the completion of his 50 years of priesthood and upon the conclusion of the Lateran Accord.

Complains About Fascists

After greeting the Cardinals, and thanking them cordially for their visit, Pope Pius told them that the Fascist Government was unjustly accusing the "Catholic Action" organization of mixing in politics. He also declared the government was unduly hard on the Catholic press which was endeavoring to expound his conception of the fulfillment of the Lateran treaties. The Pontiff declared the accusation that Catholic Action was mixing in politics was "a thing exactly contrary to truth," and he said the Catholic press was "badly and unjustly treated."

Christmas Week Events

The Pope began Christmas week by issuing an encyclical recounting the many reasons why his jubilee year had been crowned with joy and consolation. One of them was the solution of the Roman question, which had been received joyfully throughout the world and especially in Italy.

The encyclical was called "Quinquagesino Anno" from the first two words of its latin text and meaning "in the Fiftieth year." The encyclical that the Pope issued last Thursday was known as "Men's Nostra," meaning "our Minds."

He impaired the apostolic benediction to all bishops and to their flocks.

After mentioning concordants concluded with Portugal, Rumania and Prussia, and the improvement of conditions in Mexico, and having attributed to God so great a number of benefits, he continued:

"We sincerely thank also those whom He adopted in His benign providence as instruments for bestowing so many favors—namely, the heads of governments who manifested their benevolent deference to us, presenting us with previous gifts and rendering more easy the coming of their citizens to us."

Scotch Pipers Play

The shrill skirl of bagpipes resounded strangely among the Vaticans' walls when the Pope granted an audience Monday afternoon to a group of Scottish pilgrims that came for the beatification ceremonies Sunday of Father John Ogilvie.

The delegation, which was headed by the Archbishop of Edinburgh and the Bishop of Glasgow, included a large number of Scottish Boy Scouts in kilts.

The Pontiff, after paying tribute to the memory of Father Ogilvie, asked the pipers to play. They responded lustily, and, when the pilgrims chanted a hymn in Scottish dialect, the Pope smiled with pleasure at the unusual concert.

BISHOP O'HERN WILL SPEAK TO THE NOCTURNAL SOCIETY AT MEETING DECEMBER 31ST

The December meeting of the Nocturnal Adoration Society will be held next Tuesday evening, New Year's eve, instead of on the last Saturday of the month. All members of the society are asked to come to St. Patrick's Cathedral at 9 o'clock on Tuesday evening, and to wear their badges. The Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, will be on his throne in the sanctuary of the Cathedral at that hour, and he will address the members of the society and their friends who may be present in the Cathedral. Members are urged to bring their friends with them, and especially men who may be eligible for membership in the society. In addition to being present at the Cathedral at 9 o'clock, members of the society are expected to make their regular hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Lady Chapel during the night.

In a letter to all members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, William G. Wynn, the secretary says, among other things:

"This is the only occasion when we will have the opportunity to meet our Bishop until the annual Communion breakfast on the Sunday following Corpus Christi, June 22, 1930, at the Hotel Rochester.

"May I ask you persevere in your Eucharistic devotion to Our Lord each month. Your answer is your presence."

Federal Education Bill Sponsors In Queer Alliance

Washington, Dec. 27.—The authors of the Robsion-Capper Bill for the establishment of a Federal Department of Public Education have enlisted the co-operation of The Fellowship Forum, the strongly anti-Catholic weekly published here, to secure support for their measure.

In a joint letter appearing in the current issue of The Fellowship Forum, Senator Capper and Representative Robsion appeal to the readers "to call this very important matter to the attention of your Church, Lodge or Society and have it thoroughly discussed and acted upon." They also state that they would appreciate it if the readers would "prepare and have signed" petitions favoring the bill, mailing these petitions to the office of The Fellowship Forum in Washington.

Persons interested in education who have studied the Robison-Capper Bill declare that it is but the Curtis-Reed Bill in another form. They say, however, that in asking for a Department of Public Education, and not merely a Department of Education, it has the effect of making opponents of the measure appear as enemies of the public schools.

Priest Sociologist Who Toured Haiti Tells of Troubles

Rev. R. A. McGowan, Who Made a Study of Conditions Under the Occupation, Deals with the Underlying Causes of the Present Unrest—Good Things Done By U. S. Officials and Some of Their Mistakes

SHARP CRITICISM IS MADE OF ACTS OF SOME AMERICANS ON THE ISLAND

By REV. R. A. McGOWAN,
Assistant Director of the Department of Social Action, N. C. W. C.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The recent shooting of a number of natives of the island of Haiti by soldiers of the United States, when these natives revolted against the authority of the soldiers, was the climax of a long series of grievances on the part of the natives against the acts of the officers in charge of the American occupation of the island.

Haiti is a tropical agricultural country. It lies just east of Cuba on the same island with Santo Domingo. Compared with one of our agricultural states, it is one-eighth as large as Kansas and yet has one and a half times as many people. The country is mountainous, interspersed with rich valleys. Part of it is arid and part of it is a high plateau. A large part of the soil is very rich. Rainfall is abundant.

People Nearly All Catholics

The people are nearly all Catholics. [illegible] was a rich plantation colony of France and the Haitians were either slaves or free children of French masters and Haitian mothers. Following bloody years of revolution and French counter-attack Haiti became a republic, a republic of negroes dreading white control. They made progress but their progress was slow, it was punctuated by bloody political revolutions and dictatorships, it suffered severe setbacks, and it bore the handicap of forced and voluntary isolation.

Peasants Usually Illiterate

The Haitian peasant has been usually illiterate. His farming methods, though crude, have been good enough in the rich land of the tropics to support on a small area a nation of two million and a half people. He has borne the marks of economic independence and he still bears them. Meet a Haitian on the roads and you meet a friendly person who smilingly passes the time of day with you as with an equal.

In Haiti there has long been [illegible] an educated and highly cultured class who have deposited upon the general trade of the country law, medicine, a literary [illegible] politics. They have not [illegible] to the sciences, to [illegible] agriculture. Prevailingly, [illegible] not entirely, they bear [illegible] lighter color marks of [illegible] the free children of the [illegible] ters of the old colony. [illegible] two classes thus [illegible] country, free and simple [illegible] tilling their land [illegible] soil under tropical sun [illegible] the educated classes [illegible] ing a little on [illegible] the liberal profession[illegible]

The Americans [illegible]

After many revolutions [illegible] the country, asked [illegible] 14 years ago and [illegible] We deal with French [illegible] lic negroes, [illegible] and educated [illegible] distant [illegible]

[illegible] independence and [illegible] They live in a [illegible] This is a strong [illegible] to deal with. It is out of our experience as a people. And to heighten the difficulty our share has been administered either by or under the control of professional soldiers and that branch, the marines, who are known for dare-devilry and attack."

Butler Reveals Mistakes

An example of the attitude they had when they entered Haiti and for some time thereafter [illegible] in a recent speech of Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler in Pittsburgh. General Butler was in charge of the marines in Haiti for some time. He told of provoking riots so that the marine-controlled President of Haiti might dissolve Congress and prevent the passing a constitution other than the one that had been written in the Navy Department. He also told [illegible]

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SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN PRIZES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN NEXT WEEKS' PAPER

Contest Closed Saturday Night, and Careful Audit Is Being Made of Returns, to Ensure Absolute Fairness In Distributing Returns

Wilson & Heye, public accountants and auditors are making an intensive audit of the entire returns of the Catholic Courier and Journal subscription campaign, which was brought to a close Saturday night, December 21.

The task of listing the many thousands of subscriptions reported, and votes issued, is a tedious one, but it is hoped that the work will be completed in time to permit announcement of the winners in next week's issue of the Courier and Journal.

In appointing Messrs. Wilson & Heye to make the audit, The Catholic Courier and Journal guarantees the members that all possibility of error is eliminated. These well known accountants are located in the Commerce Building, Rochester, and are members of the American Institute of Accountants.

Awards totaling more than $10,000 were offered to the men and women of the diocese of Rochester who assisted in boosting the circulation of the Diocesan newspaper. The drive started on October 11 and continued until December 21, inclusive.

The awards to be given to the successful members are $2,000 Cash, first; $1,645 Marmon-8 Sedan, second; $1,180 Dodge-6 Sedan, third; $975 Oldsmobile Sedan, fourth; $675 Chevrolet Coach, fifth and $200 Cash sixth.

After the winners of the six grand awards have been eliminated, the member in each district with the highest remaining total of votes will each be awarded $100 in Cash. All other active members will be paid a cash commission of 15 per cent on every dollar turned in for subscriptions.

The prize cars are on display at the following showrooms: Marmon, at Lohman and Watters, Inc., 306 East ave., Marmon and Roosevelt Distributors; Dodge, E. J. Horton, Inc., Dodge and Plymouth Distributor, 1044 University ave.; Oldsmobile Sedan, George W. Henner, Oldsmobile and Viking Distributor, 30 South Union street, and Chevrolet, Cunningham-Joyce Motor Corp., Chevrolet Dealers, 706 Dewey ave.

Brother Of Priest Assistant Keeper In Auburn Prison

Auburn, Dec. 27.—George A. Sullivan, brother of the Rev. Irvin Sullivan of St. Mary's Church, has been appointed assistant principal keeper of Auburn prison by Dr. Frank L. Christian, acting warden. Edward L. Beckwith has been appointed permanent principal keeper, to succeed George A. Durnford, who was shot and killed by convicts during the recent prison riot.

Mr. Sullivan fills the vacancy caused by the sudden death of John Martin of apoplexy, following the recent riots. Mr. Sullivan had complete charge of Auburn prison throughout the riot, due to the fact that Warden Jennings was a prisoner of the convicts. He directed the entire work of fighting the rioting convicts, and was highly commended by Acting-Governor Lehman for his initiative and courage in handling the desperate situation.

Chaldea Patriarch Back From Rome

Jerusalem, Dec. 27.—Msgr. Joseph Emmanuel II, Chaldean Catholic Patriarch, has come back from Rome, where he conferred with the Holy Father about important questions of his Community. At Alexandria, as well as in Cairo, he was met with impressive manifestations of esteem and affection. A few days after his arrival he paid a visit to the Egyptian Prime Minister, Adly Yeghen Pasha.

MEXICANS HONOR LADY OF GUADALUPE OPENLY FIRST TIME SINCE 1926

Mexico City, Dec. 27.—For the first time in three years, the Catholic Church has held its celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in virtually every city in the country, with huge throngs attending. The celebration has not been suspended, but in the period between 1926 and last Summer, when the religious persecution was at its height, it has been necessary to curtail it somewhat.

All churches in Mexico City observed the feast, and in addition many family celebrations of the occasion were held. Perhaps the greatest attendance at religious ceremony was at the Basilica of the Patroness of Mexico, where thousands attended. The Most Rev. Pascual Diaz, Archbishop of Mexico City, pontificated at at solemn High Mass in the Basilica on the feast day.

The small town of Guadalupe Hidalgo, where the Basilica is located, was thronged to capacity by pilgrims, many of whom were without indoor sleeping accommodations for the period of their stay.

Activities in the Basilica were somewhat hampered by work of alteration which now is going on there. The image of the Virgin, which has hung over the main altar since the building was enlarged, was removed. When the repairs are completed, it is said, the capacity of the Basilica will be increased.

In connection with the feast, it is interesting to note that for the first time Mass was held at midnight, December 12, by special permission of Pope Pius XI.

Despatches received here state that efforts of police at La Concepcion, intended to force removal of holy images and pictures on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, were unsuccessful.

Liberia Sees First Procession of Host

Monrovia Liberia, West Africa, Dec. 27.—(Fides-N. C. W. C.)—The interesting negro Republic of Liberia, West Africa, where fierce bigotry against the Catholic Church once ruled, saw its first public procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Christ the King. The procession, which took place at Monrovia, the capital, was the conclusion of the celebration of the new feast.

The Prefecture Apostolic of Liberia, confided to the Irish Province of the African Missionaries of Lyons, counts 3,500 Catholics in a total population of a million and a half. Since the foundation of the Republic for freed slaves from America, its connections with the United States have been close. An American rubber company last year opened extensive rubber plantations in the territory.

FROM BELGIUM

PRINCE ALBERT DE LIGNE

The Ambassador from Belgium to the United States is Prince de Ligne, one of the many Catholics in embassy circles at Washington. He is a capable representative of his country, and is popular with his associates and in Washington society.

He Likes The U. S.

HUGH KENNEDY

The Hon. Hugh Kennedy, first Chief Justice of the Irish Free State, recently visited America. He was delighted with the country, and with its people: "The Americans are a fine people," he said on his return. He expresses the Irish sentiment when he says that.

King to Give Prince Castle

Rome, Dec. 27.—According to stories current in Rome, King Victor Emmanuel III will present to Prince Humbert on the occasion of his marriage the castle of Racconigi with all its royal domains. The prince was born there on September 15, 1904.

Racconigi is in the Province of Cuneo, on the Maira, about 19 miles south of Turin.

CARDINAL MERRY DEL VAL EXPLAINS INDEX OF BOOKS IN INSTRUCTIVE PREFACE

Prohibition of Sensual Literature Is Definite Duty of Church For Protection of Faithful, He Writes—Volume Soon to be Published in English and Other Languages

By MSGR. ENRICO PUCCI,
(Rome Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service).

Rome, Dec. 27.—The new edition of the "Index of Prohibited Books," which has just been published in Rome, contains, in addition to the rules of the Codex of Canon Law relative to reading and publication of books, an illuminative and instructive preface by His Eminence, Cardinal Raphael Merry delVal, which explains in full the Church's reasons for issuing the Index.

The volume also contains the declaration of the Sacred Congregation of the Oriental Church, by which the Faithful of the Oriental Rites are obliged to observe the decrees of the Index; and two documents of the Holy Office; instructions to Bishops issued on May 3, 1927; in regard to sensual and sensual-mystic literature, and the Decree of Condemnation of the Action Francaise, with the double date of January 29, 1914, and December 27, 1926.

The edition is printed in Italian, except for the titles of the books, which are in the language of their origin. Previously the volume was issued only in Latin, but now it is planned to publish editions in English, French, German and Spanish.

Cardinal Merry del Val's preface, translated, follows:

"The Holy Church throughout the centuries underwent great, tremendous persecutions, multiplying with the passing of years the heroes who sealed the Christian Faith with their blood; but today hell wages a still more terrible war against her, as deceitful and mild as it is deleterious, through bad writings. No greater peril than this menaces the integrity of faith and practice, and therefore the Holy Church never ceases to point it out to Christians so that they may guard against it.

Faithful Always Protected

"From the beginning, though at at that time through lack of means of dissemination writings were scarce, the faithful were [illegible]

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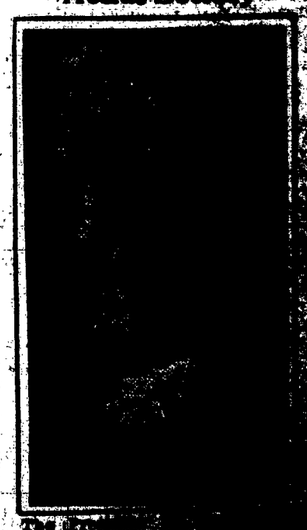

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