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—Bishop O'Hara.

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## Religious Conditions Throughout Russia Continue To Increase In Seriousness

### 740 U. S. Pilgrims To Catholic Boys' Graves in France

List By Dioceses of Gold Star Mothers and Widows Being Sent Aboard At Government Expense On Pilgrimage To Resting Place of Their Heroic Dead—First Tour To Start In May.

MORE THAN 5,000 CATHOLIC SOLDIERS ARE BURIED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, Feb. 21.—A total of 740 mothers and widows of Catholic war heroes whose bodies are buried in France have signed their intention of joining the Gold Star Mothers' Pilgrimage, the first of which will leave the United States early in May, according to a communication of the official list of eligible names just published by the government. The list, which is being prepared by the Bureau of Historical Records, N. C. W. C. The official list, House Document 110, 71st Congress, was published last week. It shows that of 11,440 mothers and widows of all creeds who are eligible to make the trip, 7,700 have signed their intention of going. Of these, the total of 740 mothers and widows of Catholic heroes above, has been definitely verified by the Bureau of Historical Records. The War Department announced that the remaining 4,710 Catholics, of whom 805 survive, have declined the invitation or have not yet made known their decision.

Following the first pilgrimage in May, others will follow until October, 1933, when the Gold Star Pilgrimage Act of March 2, 1929, goes out of effect. The government is paying all expenses in connection with the trip, at an estimated total cost of \$5,452,500. The average cost per person, it is estimated, will be \$740.

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### Fathers of Precious Blood Coming to Rochester Diocese; Church Dedicated on Mar. 2

With the solemn opening of the Forty Hours Devotion on Sunday, March 2nd, the new Church of the Most Precious Blood, corner Lexington Avenue and Stenson Street, will be blessed by the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hara, D. D., Bishop of Rochester, assisted by Rev. Anthony Pece, C.P.S., the rector of the church, and several priests from the nearby parishes. At 10 o'clock the Bishop will proceed from the new rectory to the church for the blessing and dedication, after which he will say the first Mass in this, the latest mission church of the diocese of Rochester.

The Fathers of the Most Precious Blood from Niles, Ohio, will be in charge of this mission. From here they will go forth to preach missions to the Italian people in various parts of the Diocese. Several of the Rochester priests have already asked for these missionaries to do work in their respective parishes. They are an association of secular priests living in community whose principal aim is to give missions and retreats. They take retreats, but are held together by the bond of charity only, and by a promise not to leave the community without permission of the lawful superior.

The congregation was founded by Blessed Gaspare del Bufalo, who was beatified by Pope Pius X in 1905. The first Fathers came to America in 1844, at the request of Bishop Purcell of Cincinnati. In the United States, there are two provinces of this congregation, one at Carthagenia, Ohio, and the other, the Italian province at Niles, Ohio.

In the sanctuary of the new church, will be found a statue of their founder, Blessed Gaspare del Bufalo. Provision has been made for Summer School activities in charge of the Trinitarian Sisters from Alabama, whose motherhouse was destroyed by fire on the second of January of the present year. These Sisters for some time have been engaged in teaching Christian doctrine to the children in that vicinity and in various other social works.

The Masses on Sundays will be at 8:30 and 10 o'clock, at least for the present. The Lexington Avenue and

### C. D. A. Director



MRS. ANNA C. BAXTER

One of the National Directors of the Catholic Daughters of America is Mrs. Anna C. Baxter of Dubuque, Iowa. She took an active part in the recent meeting of the National Board in New York City, and is one of the leading workers of the order in America.

### Procession For Jubilee Of Pope Led By Elephants

Ernakulam, Feb. 21.—(N.C.W.C. Fides)—Elephants led the great procession, requiring two hours to pass, which the Diocese of Changanacherry organized for the golden jubilee of Pope Pius XI. A costly and beautiful jubilee memorial chapel was dedicated near the bishop's residence.

In Ernakulam, seat of the archdiocese of that name and center of the Syro-Malabar Church in India, 18 parishes combined for an enormous demonstration. Important gatherings were also held in the Diocese of Trichur and Kottayam.

### Old Mission at Santa Barbara



The Franciscans were founding their first mission in California about the time that the people of Boston were having their famous tea party. There had been missions in California for more than a century before, but these were in Lower California and under the charge of the Jesuit order, until they were expelled by order of the Mexican Viceroy.

Fifteen volunteer fathers arrived in California on Good Friday, 1768 under the leadership of the famous Junipero Serra. There they founded the missions of Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, San Diego, San Juan Capistrano, San Gabriel, San Fernando, and San Luis Rey, to mention some of the most famous.

That of Santa Barbara was one of the largest and most flourishing of these. The mission which has never passed from the hands of the Franciscans since its founding has been restored to its original splendor after it was destroyed by the earthquake of a few years ago, and is the greatest glory of the city to which it gives a name. It is still used as a parish church.

### Immodest Dress Is Banned By Vatican, and All Bishops Are Asked to Act in Matter

Vatican City, Feb. 21.—The Sacred Congregation of the Council at a recent meeting, approved of twelve rules or instructions to be sent to all Bishops of the Church in regard to immodest or indecent feminine dress. These rules have been published in the Apostolic Sedes, the official bulletin of the Holy See, and they are most important and very explicit.

The instructions begin by reminding the Catholic bishops of the constant endeavors of the Pope to meet the problem of the immodest fashions of women's clothes. The Pope on several occasions condemned the dresses worn by some Catholic women and girls, which he declared were not only detractions from their feminine charms but often caused their spiritual ruin. So common an action might be taken by Catholic bishops against the modern tendency in dress, the Sacred Congregation of the Council deemed it advisable to lay down rules which must be strictly enforced by the bishops in their dioceses.

Women Urged to Help The first rule says that the parish priests and preachers on given occasions, following the example of St. Paul, should beseech women to wear clothes which at the same time are ornamental and a protection of virtue.

"Let the preachers warn the parents not to permit their daughters to wear indecent clothes," the first rule continues.

Parents, mindful of the very serious danger which immodest and religious education of their children, should use particular care that their daughters from the earliest days should be solidly instructed in Christian doctrine. Moreover, they should by word and example let them cherish the love of virtue, modesty and chastity. By following the example of the Holy Family they should attempt to organize and govern their

### "Four Masters" To Be Honored By Irish Friars

Dublin, Feb. 21.—Bishop McNamee of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise laid the foundation stone of the Church of the Four Masters, which is being built by the Order of Friars Minor at Athlone, to honor the memory of the four members of the Franciscan Order who compiled the celebrated historic work known as "The Annals of the Four Masters." This is one of the greatest mines of information extant on all matters concerning Irish history. Hitherto the only monument to the four scribes has been a Celtic Cross standing on a comparatively obscure site in Dublin.

Athlone has been chosen by the Franciscans as the site of the new Church because it was in the House of the Order in that town that the chief of the four writers wrote a second volume known as "The Book of Invasions," which, as a historical record, ranks scarcely lower than the famous Annals.

### Archbp. Hanna Bequeathed Sum Of \$10,000

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) San Francisco, Feb. 21.—The Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, is a beneficiary in the sum of \$10,000 in the will of the late Captain Payson of San Mateo, Cal., according to the terms of the will, just probated.

The will also provides generous bequests for several Catholic institutions, as follows: The Catholic Orphan Asylum, and St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum for Boys in Marin Co., \$58,400 each; St. Matthew's Church and St. John's Cemetery, both in San Mateo, \$21,000 each; and \$13,140 each to the Sisters of the Holy Souls, St. Francis' Technical School, St. Patrick's Shelter for Men, Little Sisters of the Poor, Sisters of Mercy, College of Notre Dame, St. Mary's College, St. Ignace's College, San Francisco College for Women and Sisters of the Holy Family.

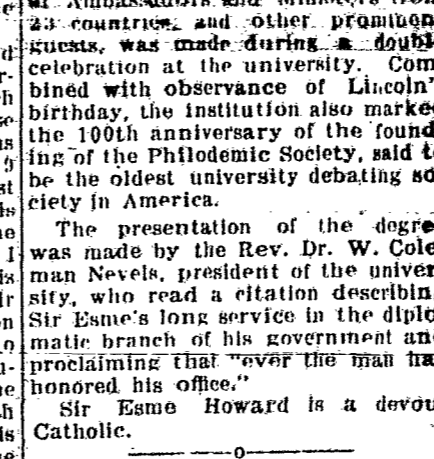
Other Generous Bequests San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Petition for the probate of the will of the late Mrs. Mary T. Emerson, widow of Billy Emerson, famous minstrel, was filed in the Superior Court yesterday.

Catholic charities remembered will receive: Little Sisters of the Poor, \$50,000; St. Patrick's Shelter for Men, \$50,000; St. Vincent de Paul Conference, \$50,000 and St. Joseph's Hospital, \$50,000.

The estate of Adolph B. Spreckles has just finished distributing a charity bequest of \$100,000. Of this amount, \$5,000 is bequeathed to the Catholic Orphan Asylum of San Francisco.

### Sir Esme Howard Receives Degree From Georgetown

Washington, Feb. 21.—Sir Esme Howard, dean of the Diplomatic Corps at Washington, and retiring



SIR ESME HOWARD

Ambassador of Great Britain received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws for conspicuous services in promoting "peace and concord" during exercises at Georgetown University on February 12.

The presentation, in the presence of Ambassadors and Ministers from 23 countries, and other prominent guests, was made during a double celebration at the university. Combined with observance of Lincoln's birthday, the institution also marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Philodemic Society, said to be the oldest university debating society in America.

The presentation of the degree was made by the Rev. Dr. W. Coleman Nevels, president of the university, who read a citation describing Sir Esme's long service in the diplomatic branch of his government and proclaiming that "never the man has honored his office."

Sir Esme Howard is a devout Catholic.

### Soviet City Shuts All of Its Churches With Godless Parade

Authorities in Chita, Eastern Siberia, Act After 10,000 Persons, Carrying Torches, March In Anti-God Demonstration—Atheist Paper Clamors For Similar Action In Other Cities.

### ENGLISH CLERGY JOIN IN PROTESTS; NEW YORK ASSEMBLY IS ASKED TO ACT

Moscow, Feb. 21.—Ten thousand persons, carrying lighted torches, marched in an anti-God demonstration in the city of Chita, Eastern Siberia, this week, with the weather eight degrees below zero. At the end of the parade the Soviet authorities ordered every church in the city closed.

Similar action for other cities of Russia is demanded in an article in "The Godless One," the official organ of the Moscow Godless League, published in this city. The article asks for the immediate closing of every church left in the city of Moscow and throughout the great province of Moscow, which is bigger than Scotland.

Calls for War on Religion The Soviet capital, says "The Godless One," must not lag behind the provinces in the war on religion. Such important centers as Odessa, Kaluga and Podolsk, it says, have now closed all mosques, synagogues and churches, and the Soviet's sacred capital cities—Moscow, Leningrad and Kharkov—must at once follow suit.

Workers' meetings, it asserts, have already branded universal closing of houses of worship. The spectacle of forlorn and abandoned churches would not be healthy and urging the calling of workers' meetings to find cultural uses for such places. For instance, as the great Cathedral of Our Saviour in Moscow, perhaps Russia's biggest church.

It is suggested that the cathedral be made into an anti-God museum, as was done with St. Isaac's, Peter the Great's cathedral in Leningrad and from which the famous bells have been removed after a film recorded their sound as a "historical and scientific document."

English Clergy Protest London, Feb. 21.—Mass meetings of Anglican people are being held all over England, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, following the example just set by Pope Pius XI, has called upon all Anglican churches to take in prayer on March 16 for freedom of worship in Russia.

"We all know," said the Archbishop, "that during that week multitudes of our fellow-Christians throughout the world, at the bidding of His Holiness the Pope, will be joining in our prayers."

Unless the situation in Russia improves, the Archbishop said, we must be found for all the so-called churches, saying that the spectacle of forlorn and abandoned

### Maryknoll Missioners Work Among 17,000,000 Pagans in Foreign Fields

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, Feb. 21.—The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, with headquarters at Maryknoll, N. Y., has issued a general report of the past year's activities which shows that, in its five fields of the Orient, the missioners are at work among more than 17,000,000 pagans. The total number of Catholics in these fields is 25,560.

The increase in the number of Catholics during the year was three thousand. While there is nothing spectacular in this figure, it is gratifying when present conditions in China are taken into account, and denotes steady progress. The most striking increase was in the Maryknoll Wuchow field of eastern Kwangsi Province, South China. The report of the preceding year showed 322 Catholics in this needy sector, where Maryknollers had only recently begun pioneer labors. This year's report shows for the Wuchow Mission 722 Catholics, a gain of more than 100 per cent.

New Mission Schools In the three mission fields of South China, in Manchuria, and in Korea, a considerable amount of building has been done. New mission schools have been opened, and those already existing brought up to a higher standard. Special attention has been given to catechetical training courses, to the curriculum of the language schools for the new missioners, and to dispensary work.

The past year witnessed the erection of the Kaying Mission of Kwangtung Province, South China, as a Prefecture Apostolic. This is the third of the Society's mission fields to be ecclesiastically established.

### G. K. Chesterton To Be Lecturer At Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Ind., Feb. 21.—Announcement is authorized by officials of the University of Notre Dame that Gilbert Keith Chesterton, famous British journalist and author, has accepted an invitation extended by the University to give two courses of lectures at Notre Dame, beginning in mid-April and extending to June, at which time Mr. Chesterton will deliver the commencement address at the University. On this occasion an honorary LL.D. degree will be conferred upon him. The lecture courses, one in English literature and the other in English history, are to be regular college courses leading to credits.

Mr. Chesterton will be accompanied to Notre Dame by Mrs. Chesterton and his secretary.

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Meet the HIERARCHY



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