

Encyclical on Education Defended from Attacks By Non-Catholic Editor

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Chicago, March 7.—An answer to attacks on Pope Plus' encyclical on education is contained in the current issue of Truth and Light, a non-Catholic publication dedicated to religious freedom and tolerance...

Mr. Windle specifically cites the editorial which appeared in The New York Times on January 13, which declared that if the provisions of the encyclical were to be carried out "the very foundations of this Republic would be disturbed."

Mr. Windle, in his article, points out that the editor of the Times made the error of assuming that the encyclical to be a new doctrine of the Church, whereas it is its traditional attitude restated.

"American Catholics have always been taught that it is their duty not only to their children but to their God, to give them a religious education, and that this can be done properly only by sending their children, whenever possible, to Catholic schools."

"The New York Times, in the past, has defended the right of Catholics to maintain schools, but its editorial under discussion takes the illogical position that the Pope or the Church or the Bishops have no right to urge Catholics to send their children to their own schools."

"In reading the encyclical it is well to keep in mind that it is addressed to Catholics. The Pope emphasizes the claim of the Church that it is its duty to educate its children. The right of the parents to send their children to religious schools in preference to the public schools was challenged by the passage of the Oregon School Bill, but was upheld by the Supreme Court, which declared

Dansville Woman, Greatly Beloved, Buried Wednesday Dansville, March 7.—The funeral of Mrs. Frances Hoyer who died at the Highland Hospital, Rochester, Sunday morning was held Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Church and was very largely attended.

Mrs. Hoyer was born in Dansville, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Biek, about 55 years ago. In her girlhood days she gave evidence of having a beautiful soprano voice, and from then until her illness two years ago she sang in St. Mary's choir, weekdays as well as Sundays.

Several weeks ago Mrs. Hoyer was taken to the Highland Hospital for treatment, and there was a marked improvement in her condition when complications developed which resulted in death. Her remains were brought to the family home, 11 Elizabeth Street, Sunday afternoon. Each evening the Christian Mothers society met at the family home for prayers for their deceased member.

The regular solemn high Mass was celebrated by Rev. Jacob Rauber as celebrant. Rev. Eugene Golding of St. Boniface Church, Rochester, substituted. The adult and children's choir sang the Mass. These members of the Christian Mothers' society were honorary members: Mrs. Augustus Dick, Mrs. Barbara Milne, Mrs. John Erie, Mrs. Joseph Kraus, Mrs. Rose Klauke, Mrs. Rose Scherer, Mrs. Elizabeth Scherer.

The active members were Dr. Fred J. Schneider of Rochester, Messrs. Frank Stiegler, Augustus Dick, Fred Schwann, Bert C. Melhembach and James Smith.

Several friends and friends present were Dr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Schneider, Miss Nettie Schneider, Miss Marie Hoffman, Mrs. Lewis Melhembach, Mrs. Lewis Schneider, Mrs. Charles Schneider, Frank Embury, Mr. Joseph Shaffer and Joseph Schneider; Mrs. Anna Schneider of Geneva; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Leary of Orleans; Mr. Harold of Bloomfield, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Weller of Wellsville, and the Rev. Father of Wayland.

Archb'p Hickey To Give Series Lenten Sermons

The Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D.D., Archbishop of Viminacium, will preach a series of Lenten sermons in Holy Redeemer Church on Hudson Avenue every Wednesday evening beginning on Wednesday of next week. The Rev. F. William Stauder, rector of the church, makes this announcement with a great deal of happiness, and it will also bring happiness and pleasure to all his people.

Services will be held in Holy Redeemer Church at 7:45 every Wednesday evening during Lent. They will consist of recitation of the Rosary, sermon by Archbishop Hickey, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. A cordial invitation is extended to all people to attend.

Lenten services will also be held at 7:45 o'clock every Friday evening, when there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Daily Masses will be celebrated at 6, 7 and 8 o'clock. The school children will attend the 8 o'clock Mass, after which there will be a short instruction and Benediction. At 3 P. M. Fridays the Stations of the Cross will be recited for the children, and for all others who wish to attend Sunday Masses will be at 6:30, 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45, and Sunday evening services at 7:45, with short sermon and Benediction.

Mr. Windle pointed out that educators in general are in accord with the theory that religion should have a place in education, and that the Pope's suggestion is not by any means a revolutionary one. To have religion in the public schools' curricula, he added, would lead to complications; teachers would interpret texts, and in so doing inject into them their own faiths, with the result that parents would raise protests.

"In my mind," he continues, "the final solution that will be arrived at in this country will be for those groups that feel religious education is essential and necessary in the schools to follow the example set by Catholics and others and build and maintain their own schools; and for the public schools to be conducted for those children whose parents do not believe religious training in the schools is necessary or who believe it can be imparted effectively apart from the school curriculum."

"American Catholics are not the enemies of the public schools. No hostile critic can point to a single instance where Catholics in a position of authority did not wholeheartedly support the public schools. The idea that the Pope would like to see the public school system of America wrecked or that he asks that they be turned over to the Catholic Church to be conducted under its supervision, is no legitimate conclusion to be drawn from the declaration of principles in the encyclical."

Catholic Bowling League

The St. Boniface team holds tightly to the top place in the Catholic Bowling League, leading the Holy Redeemer Athletic Association team by two games when the season of March 2 was tabulated. The team standing on that date follows:

Table with 4 columns: Name, W, L, P.C. St. Boniface 48 13 .727, H. R. A. A. 46 20 .697, C. Y. M. A. 39 27 .591, St. Ambrose 38 28 .576, Kts. of St. Geo. 29 37 .439, St. Francis 28 38 .424, St. Andrew 21 45 .318, St. Salome 15 51 .227

National Catholic Alumni Federation To Meet April 25

New York, March 7.—The fourth convention of the National Catholic Alumni Federation will be held at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., on April 25, 26 and 27. Edward S. Dore, of this city, has announced for the executive committee of the Federation.

League of Nations Commission Named For Wailing Wall

Jerusalem, March 7.—The British High Commissioner has just made public an official announcement by the English Government that recognizing the importance of an early and final settlement of the rights and claims of Muslims and Jews at the Wailing Wall, it has submitted proposals to that end to the Council of the League of Nations, and that the Council has entrusted the settlement to a commission.

Spring Hill College Memorial Library Contract Is Let

Mobile, Ala., March 7.—Specifications for the new Thomas Byrnes Memorial Library which is to be built on the campus of Spring Hill College here, have been sent to contractors, according to an announcement by the Rev. Joseph M. Walsh, S.J., President of the college. The institution is celebrating its centennial this year.

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Catholic Women's Monthly Meeting Monday Evening Bishop Blesses Mission Church, 43d In The City

The regular monthly business meeting of the Catholic Women's Club will be held Monday evening, March 10th, at 8 o'clock at the Club House. At this meeting a nominating committee of seven members will be elected to select officers and directors of the Club for the year 1930-31. This slate will be presented for election at the annual meeting of the Club in April.

Hibernians Will Go To Cathedral On March the 16th

Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and of the Ladies' Auxiliary have been invited by the Rev. Charles F. Shay, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, to attend the 7:30 o'clock Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday, March 16, and receive Holy Communion in a body. They have accepted the invitation, and they extend a cordial invitation to all Irish people, men and women, to join them on that Sunday. It is expected that the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, will be the celebrant of the Mass.

On Sunday evening, March 16, the Hibernians and their Auxiliaries will attend vespers services in the Church of Our Mother of Sorrows, Mt. Read Blvd., and Latta Road, upon invitation of the rector of the church, the Rev. Daniel B. O'Rourke. There will be a sermon on St. Patrick that evening at 8 o'clock. A 100 per cent. attendance is requested for both these services.

Niagara Varsity Club Plans Dance At Seneca, April 21st

The Rochester Undergraduate Club of Niagara University will have its annual Easter Dance this year on the night of April 21, in the ballroom of the Hotel Seneca. Charles J. Welch, president of the club, is chairman of the committee in charge of the event, and he will be assisted by a large number of active young men. J. Gordon Farrell is chairman of the advertising committee; Martin T. Gullen, decorations; Charles Callahan, ballroom; William W. Reed, reception; Franklyn Penny, program; John J. McMahon, invitations.

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The new mission church of the Most Precious Blood, at Lexington Avenue and Stenson Street, was blessed last Sunday by the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester. This makes the 43d Catholic Church in the City of Rochester.

The Bishop and all others interested in the church and its work were made happy by the receipt of a cablegram from Cardinal Pacelli, Secretary of State at the Vatican, conveying the blessing of Pope Plus XI, as follows: "On the occasion of the dedication of the Church of Most Precious Blood the Holy Father sends his Apostolic blessing."

A number of priests were present at the dedication, including the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Nolan, Rev. Arthur A. Hughes, Rev. Francis X. Kunz, Rev. Charles R. Reynolds, Rev. George C. Vogt, Rev. Walter A. Peery, and Rev. Paul J. Gaffney. The Fathers of the Most Precious Blood, from Niles, O., will have charge of the church, and the Provincial of the Order, the Rev. Nicholas Santore, was present at the dedication of the Church, as well as the pastor, the Rev. Anthony Pece and his assistant, the Rev. Joseph Saraceno. These priests will engage in missionary work for the Italian people throughout the Diocese.

PERSONALS

John W. Hickey, cashier of the State Bank of Ontario, N. Y., was elected Chairman of Group Two of the New York State Bankers' Association, at a business meeting of that body in the Sagamore Saturday evening, and B. J. Shaw, Vice-President of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank and Trust Co., was elected Secretary of the Group.

Congratulations are being showered upon District Attorney and Mrs. William F. Love, on the birth to them last Sunday morning of a son, who is to be named William Francis Love, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Russell of Utica, N. Y., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. M. F. Sammons, and family, 314 Woodbine Ave. They are on their way home from visit with relatives in Cleveland, O., and in Detroit, Mich.

THE WHITE CAT Hiding 'neath the folds of Old Glory, Columbia, why can't you see, The White Cat with meaningless eyes, Absorbing the beauty from thee. He'll ne'er cross your path, But leaves for you to save; The land of the good and true, Soon the home of the slave. Then deaf to all your pleadings, When caresses you ne'er can bestow, Your glorious past no sequence, While your dove of peace flies low. REFRAIN Columbia, hike your Father's road, You'll ne'er be led astray; Where the Stripes lash the breeze, And the Stars light your way, Columbia hike your Father's road; There bravely heard his last say, While the Stripes lashed the breeze, And the Stars lit their way. NOTE The White Cat is concentrated wealth, and is meaningless like a soap bubble from too much inflation, ends in a blow-up. (Copyright, 1930) MICHAEL WOULFE O'SCANLAN.

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