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"In vain will you find missions and build schools if you are not able to wield the offensive and defensive weapons of a loyal Catholic press."
—Pope Benedict XV.

"We earnestly recommend the Catholic Courier and Journal to our diocesan as worthy of their patronage, and we would urge all to be numbered among its subscribers."
—Bishop O'Hara.

Monsignor Bloomer, Ninety Years of Age, Dies at His Rectory

Sixty-three Years a Priest This Venerable Pastor Passes Peacefully from Life—Practically His Entire Priestly Life Was Spent in St. Patrick's Parish in the City of Elmira.

HIS FUNERAL, HELD FRIDAY MORNING, WAS GREAT TRIBUTE TO BELOVED PASTOR

Elmira, Nov. 13.—The Right Reverend Monsignor James J. Bloomer, V.F., LL.D., pastor of St. Patrick's Church in this city for more than 60 years, and one of the oldest and best beloved priests in the United States, died peacefully here early Tuesday morning at the great age of 90 years. He had been ill only a few days, and in spite of his age had been active and vigilant in mind and body. His body, guarded constantly by Knights of Columbus, and with throngs of sorrowing friends and parishioners praying around him, lay in state Thursday afternoon and all night in St. Patrick's Church. Thursday evening scores of priests united in chanting the office of the dead, and Friday morning his funeral—one of the largest and most imposing ever held in Elmira—was held in the church he loved so well, and where he had served for so many years at the altar of God.

Death came to the beloved priest peacefully, with his associate priests and few surviving relatives at his bedside. Those present were the Rev. Francis McCreone, administrator of St. Patrick's Church, the Rev. Leo Schwab, associate pastor and the Rev. Daniel Holland, assistant pastor. Mrs. Marie Connolly, home, a niece of Philadelphia, Miss Ann Connolly, and James Connolly, Jr., of this city, grand-niece and grand-nephew, and Mrs. Joseph O'Neil of New York, a cousin. Mrs. Katherine (Bloomer) Abbott, a niece, who resides in Indianapolis, Indiana, was notified of Monsignor J. J. Bloomer's serious condition and at the time of his death was en route to Elmira. Miss Mary Clark of Philadelphia, a relative by marriage, has also been at the rectory for several days.

The last rites of the church, the final absolution bearing a Plenary indulgence at the hour of death, and the Holy Viaticum were administered by the Rev. George J. Kiefer, chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital, a week ago when Monsignor Bloomer's condition gave every one hope.

Active to Last

Msgr. Bloomer was active to the last. Until two weeks before his death he celebrated Mass every day and showed an active interest in all things around him. Then, like a tired child, he lay down to rest and death drew over him, gently, the mystic covering of silence. He was a good priest, and a great one in many ways. All the 63 years of his sacerdotal life, and his death has saddened many hearts in Elmira. He had friends among all classes of people, and all Elmira know and loved him.

Born in Ireland

The career of this venerable priest reads in many ways like a romance. Born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1841, Msgr. Bloomer was four years old when his parents emigrated to the United States, settling in Philadelphia. He was educated in the public schools there and at the age of 21 qualified for entrance to St. Bonaventure's College and there began his ecclesiastical studies under the tutelage of the Franciscan



THE RT. REV. MSGR. JAMES J. BLOOMER, V.F., LL.D.

Mlle. Reine Claudel Gifted Daughter Of Ambassador

WASHINGTON.—Friends along diplomatic row have been remarking that Mlle. Reine Claudel, gifted daughter of the French ambassador, has many traits and accomplishments in common with her father. The young woman is an author of note in her own right, is talented, affable and very popular. Indeed it is doubtful if there is an abler younger member of the diplomatic group. She assists her father in entertaining and takes an active interest in church and social work in Washington.



REINE CLAUDEL

New Church Is Dedicated In Holy Land

Jerusalem, Nov. 13.—The Assumptionist Fathers of Jerusalem, whose magnificent Hospice of Notre Dame de France is so well known to pilgrims, have just had completed in which their new Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu on Mount Sion near the Holy Cenacle, was dedicated. The new Church, executed in Byzantine style, has six altars. The decoration, supervision, and the preparation and the arrangements of the services are all the work of the Rev. Stephen Boubet, of the Notre Dame de France Hospice.

Catholic Priest Successful In Producing Rubber

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Where education failed a Catholic priest has apparently succeeded in producing a synthetic rubber. According to the Dupont interests here, the Rev. J. A. Niedland, C. S. C., dean of science at the University of Notre Dame, after working for twenty-five years on the problem, has found a way of making rubber out of a combination of salt and acetylene. His discovery is expected to revolutionize the rubber industry. During the World War he discovered and perfected Lewite, which proved the deadliest of all poisons.

Select Library Of Irish Books For Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 13.—The life hobby of Francis O'Neil, retired Chicago police captain, has been to collect "collections" of Irish history and Irish music. Now, with the collection numbering 1,500 pieces, Captain O'Neil has presented it to the Lemoine library at the University of Notre Dame. The collection is made up of many beautiful, bound and illustrated books. A set of Shaw and Nodder's "National and Miscellaneous" published in 1790 runs from 50 to 700 brilliantly colored plates in each volume. A copy of Wood's "Gleanings and Dainties" has been made doubly interesting by extra illustrations. A first American edition of Thomas Moore's "Life of Sheridan" is also included.

Charity and devotion over all things and man's dependence and willingness to give and dedicate his life entirely to God. How show this better than by the destruction of the best material outside of human life? But the better the sacrifice, the more the spiritual disposition. St. Augustine proves this statement in his words: "The noble sacrifice is a holy sign of the invisible offering."

The first motive then to actuate the human heart was to glorify God by an act of adoration. Along with his most thanksgiving and petition. For why adore God unless at the same time you wish to show grateful thanks for benefits received and to supplicate their continuance? As to the final motive, atonement, or satisfaction, I suppose that if man had remained in the state of natural justice and had not forfeited it by the original transgression, disobedience, this quarter would have never existed. But man transgressed and in him his progeny to the end of time, and as a consequence sacrifices of atonement or reparation became obligatory.

Gifts Offered

These gifts were as perfect as possible. Inasmuch as they were more or less acceptable according to the interior disposition and the value of the gift, men selected and offered only the most precious gifts which they had. They considered their action exalted and holy. But despite the intention and selection it did not constitute a sacrifice. The mode and manner of offering were to be recognized. Some change or destruction of the gift was determined as a necessary condition for sacrifice. From Holy Writ we discover a destruction or dissolution appropriate to the nature of the sacrifice. Animals and birds were slain. Their blood poured out. Their horns were consumed. Their burnt by fire. Wine was diffused upon the ground. This was done with a purpose in view, namely, to represent by symbol God's absolute possession, au-

St. Patrick's Cathedral Radio Hour

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Talk No. 1

Subject: Sacrifice—Its real and true meaning, the significance and efficacy of the Mass sacrifices. God atonement and our duties.

In our introductory instruction upon the holy sacrifice of the Mass last Sunday we placed a foundation for our foundation, that is, we showed the leaves of the tree, but not the trunk. It is our hope is, despite the materialistic trend of this generation, that sufficient heaven remains to influence the Mass of mankind and to inspire it. Our hope becomes optimistic from the fact that an inner consciousness to recognize God and man's obligation to God cannot be suppressed. Even man devoid of the advantages of civilization and progress has discovered the possibility of driving against the road. For God has made possible an approach to Him through a consideration of the things of nature. They are held therefore inexcusable who do not advance from the natural to the supernatural causes of creation and a consequent submission to Him as their beginning and end. But with the advantages which surround us on all sides we will be held more culpable if we do not render adequate thanks to an all-loving God. God is the source of life, and we have developed this scientific invention, the radio, can be picked out of the air. All that is required is the will and a good heart to discover the truth. But if we have a little child with but three or four summers waiting their balmy breezes through golden locks of curly hair and upon sun-kissed flesh, can kneel at a darling mother's knee and lip God's blessing and praise, the existence of real theology, the knowledge of man, to whom God has been prodigal of life's years, ought to do proportionally as well. If he does not, he should be heartily ashamed.

God-Given Gifts

Oh! what a boon to man are his faculties and their expression through speech and action. Gladly they who suffer the loss of nature's God-given gifts can truly the state of deprivation. But even though they are impaired why should the Author of them remain silent and withhold his common courtesy demands that He be first. One of the most repulsive of creatures in this world is he who is silent when silence is anything but golden, and unexpressive when he should be expressive. Only he who has tied the cords of the heart and dried the milk of human kindness will refuse the recognition, a prayer, from his lips and the best gift which nature produces as a sacrifice to Him. May such a monstrously never disgrace the heart. But if perchance, the rare to think such ingratitude should arise, may we who have the sense and the strength dispel such tempta-

tion as quickly as did St. Michael the archangel, who put down Lucifer's rebellion against God in Heaven. From the heart of man there arises an expression of the gratitude which he feels for God. Any gift which God desires in the virtue of religion. For only religion will lead us to demonstrate this love in the proper way through the sacrifice and solemn act which we know as sacrifice.

What Sacrifice Means

Now by sacrifice we mean a visible gift offered to God by an authorized person, and wholly or partially destroyed, or changed in token of God's supreme power and dominion over us and our utter dependence on Him. The gift must be visible and correspond to the object in view. It must be selected with due regard thereto. Visible creation's noblest gift is human life. But only in one case was it permitted to offer precious substance. Jesus Christ, according to the will of His eternal Father, presented His mortal life upon the cross as the most perfect gift to every other individual God did not nor does not wish, human life to be sacrificed. He accepted in place of His blood the interior offering of the heart and its symbolic expression. Consequently as a rational creature was substituted for human life and offered in its stead. The records of all developed religions, while demonstrating this principle, unfortunately do testify that in some instances human sacrifices were made. The ancient Greeks, Egyptians and other pagan nations are typical examples of such orgiastic rites. But outside of the scattered samples, previous to Christ's advent, the offerings were lambs, heifers, doves, bread, wine, oil, salt and incense.

He was able to alter the composition of such a way as to form an oil besides the gas. That oil was determined to be divinized acetylene in 1921, and this is the material from which the new synthetic rubber will be made. In 1923, while working with Father Newland, Dr. R. H. Work, research engineer with the chemistry department at Notre Dame, treated this compound with a vulcanizing agent and obtained a highly elastic material, somewhat resembling rubber. At this stage, the du Pont Company saw the possibilities of divinized acetylene as a material from which to synthesize rubber, and at once made arrangements with Father Newland, whereby they might take over the development of the substance.

Priest of Notre Dame Invented the New Synthetic Rubber Announced by du Pont

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 13.—The synthetic rubber, to be known as Duprene, for which the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company has already begun the erection of a factory to manufacture, is the result of discoveries made by Father Julius A. Newland, C. S. C., professor of chemistry at Notre Dame. The du Pont Company, which recently announced the new product, developed the product by arrangement with Father Newland, who for 14 years has been working on the compound. The synthetic rubber was discovered by the substance.

English Erect Statue to Pope Of Their Nation

London, Nov. 13.—A statue of Nicholas Breakspear, the only Englishman who ever became Pope (Adrian IV), was recently unveiled by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Bourne at Abbot's Langley. Pope Adrian's birthplace in Hertfordshire. At the same time, the Cardinal inaugurated a new parish, and thus after a lapse of 400 years the Church returns to the village which is historic for all English Catholics. German priests are responsible for the revival of the Faith there. In his sermon after the Mass, the Cardinal said that the re-establishment of the Faith at Abbot's Langley by German instead of English priests is not inappropriate, because it exemplifies the Church's universality and because it was English missionaries—St. Boniface being the chief among them—who took the Faith to Germany. Later, in 1920, after the Treaty in 1920,

Bishop O'Hern's Tribute To Monsignor J. J. Bloomer

The following message was sent to Elmira newspapers by Bishop O'Hern of Rochester who was in Washington, D. C., at the time of Msgr. Bloomer's death: Just learned of death of Monsignor Bloomer this morning and hasten to express through the press to the people of Elmira of every creed and nationality my deep sense of personal loss of a noble priest of the diocese, also the profound loss to the Church of the United States. He was a giant in physique; a great spiritual leader and the highest type of the Catholic priesthood. He was honored by the Supreme Pontiff who made him a domestic prelate, and I feel sure that he will be honored by the citizens of Elmira in his passing, as he will be by the most solemn services of the Church. I am planning to be in Elmira Friday morning to pontificate at the funeral services. Please extend my deep and sincere sympathy to his immediate relatives and to the beloved people of St. Patrick's congregation, while praying Almighty God to give them strength and courage to bear up in this hour of trial and sorrow.

—BISHOP O'HERN.

Dioceses Will Raise Total of \$600,000 for Catholic University

Ninety-two Prelates Accept Positions as Sponsors and Will Aid in Great and Needed Work—Regional Conferences of Hierarchy Were Held in Various Places in America

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE UNIVERSITY WILL BE RECITED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS

Washington, Nov. 13.—Ninety-two prelates have accepted membership on the three Hierarchical Committees sponsoring the Catholic University of American development program, according to announcement made today by the heads of the three committees, the personnel of which was completed at the conclusion of the series of regional conferences held during the last several weeks in various sections of the country. To date the Ordinaries of sixty-one dioceses have accepted collection "targets" totalling from \$460,750 to \$596,000. The Bishops of other dioceses have also declared the intention of striving for increased results from the annual collection this year.

A special prayer on behalf of the university has been announced and will be used during the next several weeks up to and including the day of the collection, November 29. The first step will be under the direction of the Special Committee on the National Celebration of Catholic University Day, to be observed the first Sunday in Advent—November 29—in all the parishes throughout the United States with the aim of increasing interest in the University and increasing the results of the annual collection in behalf of the University to at least \$600,000 this year. This committee is headed by the Rt. Rev. James O'Reilly, Bishop of Scranton, as chairman, and the Rt. Rev. Andrew J. Brennan, Bishop of Richmond, as vice-chairman.

Egypt's Envoy To our Country Catholic Pasha

Washington, Nov. 13.—Egypt's Catholic Pasha and the only Catholic member of the diplomatic corps of that ancient kingdom, Scouris Sidarous Pasha, has arrived in Washington to assume the post of Minister to the United States. Immediately after presenting his credentials, upon arriving in Washington, the Pasha made a call at the Apostolic Delegation and paid his respects to His Excellency the Most Rev. Pietro Pissinatti-Biondi. Despite the fact that there are only about a million Christians in Egypt, which numbers 14,000,000 Moslems among her citizens, the former are not discriminated against, the Pasha said, and the institutions of the Catholic Church in Cairo, Alexandria and elsewhere in the kingdom are highly respected. The Catholic population of Egypt is small, the Pasha said, but he hopes it will grow rapidly within the next few decades.

Notre Dame Five Will Play Four Eastern Teams

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 13.—Four eastern teams, Army, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Syracuse, will be met by Notre Dame's 1931-32 basketball team. The schedule stacks up as the most difficult the Irish ever have undertaken, and embraces 20 games. It includes: Army at Notre Dame; Feb. 6—Notre Dame at Pittsburgh; Feb. 10—Syracuse at Notre Dame; Mar. 4—Notre Dame at Marquette; Mar. 11—Butler at Notre Dame.

May Make Georgia Coach the Governor

ATLANTA.—They are talking of making Harry Mehre governor of Georgia, on a colony or something. His remarkable success as coach of the Georgia football team which has defeated Yale three years in succession has carried him to the pinnacle of sports acclaim down here in Dixie. He hails from Indiana and learned his football in the Knute Rockne AF. Athens they believe he is the peer of his famous teacher.

Chinese Reds Set Priest Free As Death Nears

Anking, China, Nov. 13.—Attired in a tattered Chinese laborer's outfit and but a shadow of his former self, Father Hidalgo, S.J., turned up at the Anking mission recently after 16 months captivity by Communist bandits. His captors feared that he would die on their hands and dreading the possible consequences set him free. Hoping to gain something by the release the Reds had sent a messenger to the superiors of the Anking Vicariate, Anhwei, saying that they were ready to release Father Hidalgo on the delivery of medical supplies to the value of 3,000 dollars. Before the ransom could reach them the Reds, alarmed at Father Hidalgo's sickly state, set him free. Notwithstanding his wasted condition Father Hidalgo, when received by his fellow missionaries, was bright and cheerful and said that he believed Father Avito would be freed soon. Father Avito and Father Hidalgo were taken prisoners by the Communists May 1, 1930.

College Paper Suppressed

Amherst, Mass., Nov. 13.—"Lord Jeff," allegedly humorous magazine of Amherst College, was suppressed by the authorities following the publication of an article ridiculing a monastery, a convent and an orphan asylum.

Columbus Civic Centre Open to Public Nov. 20

The Columbus Civic Centre, newly remodeled, epic and span in every part, will be thrown open to the public next Friday, November 20th, from 4 P. M. until midnight. The Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, president of the board of managers, extends a cordial invitation to all people—men, women and children—to visit the Centre on this day and see for themselves the wonderful opportunities offered there for health, recreation and entertainment. Special programs will be presented in the various departments for Friday evening, and an extra fine dinner will be served in the dining rooms by Miss Mary Sullivan, manager. It is hoped that many thousands of people will visit the building on the 20th, and everybody will be cordially welcomed.



Has Great Team