

Five Teams Named For The National Basketball Meet

Chicago, Mar. 11.—Five of the 32 invitations to compete in the ninth annual National Catholic Basketball tournament at Loyola University, Chicago, from March 16 to 20, have been extended to teams in Minnesota, New York, Tennessee and West Virginia. It was announced today.

Father Ryan High School of Nashville, Tenn.; St. Mary's High School of Bird Island, Minn., and Augustinians Academy of Carthage, N. Y.; De La Salle High School of Minneapolis, Minn., defending champion, and St. Joseph's High School of Huntington, W. Va., have been named. Father Ryan High, third-place winner in the 1931 tournament, has the most imposing record received by tournament officials this year. The Tennesseeans have won 22 games and lost one, scoring 110 points to their opponents 485. Pete Curly, 211 points, was named forward-most player, and Willie Gray guard, are the only 1931 veterans on the team. But Nashville sports reporters rate the team higher than last year.

St. Mary's of Bird Island, a consistent winner in their district for the last two years, will make its first appearance in the national tournament. The alumni handed them their only defeat in 12 games this year. There are only 30 boys enrolled in the school.

Augustinians High School, voted the best coached team in the most recent year, returns with a record of 39 victories and one defeat. The 39 victories are rated as the classiest team in Northwestern New York. A no-district tournament is being held in their territory. The officials felt they were qualified to take part.

State champions in tournaments affiliated with the league meet will compete next week in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa.

Niagara Club Annual Dance Plans Complete

Niagara University, March 11.—Practically all plans connected with the Rochester Undergraduate Club dance of Niagara University to be held during the Easter season in Rochester, have been cleared up according to word received from J. Gordon Farrell, president of the club and chairman of the dance. It has been definitely decided to hold the spring promenade on March 31, Easter Saturday evening, at the Roof Garden of the Hotel Sagamore. Say Smith, one of Rochester's most popular music maestros, has signed to play his music into the affair, and this fact should prove to be a huge attraction to numerous dance lovers in and around Rochester.

For the past few years the Rochester Easter dance has proven to be one of the outstanding social attractions of the Easter season, and continues to be a very popular affair. The first night of the open season after Lent, it has found instant favor with a large number of dancers in the vicinity of Rochester.

The active committee in charge of the affair includes Alden G. Stein, chairman; Frank C. Gervasi, William B. Gulligan, Donald J. Woods, J. Robert Murray, Peter J. Patafi, Peter J. Terreri, John G. Hill, Albert W. Whelan, John W. Kammer, Michael J. La Joppa, Carl De Sando, William J. Burns, of Canandaigua, Frederick W. Kuhner, of Leroy, and J. Edward Murray of Auburn.

Catholic Bowling League

Table with columns for team names (e.g., St. Boniface, St. Francis, St. Andrews) and bowling scores for various players.

More Than Three Million In Charitable Work Spent by St. Vincent De Paul Society

Annual Report of Superior Council Lists Total Expenditures in Year at \$3,331,290.26—Important Activities Were Carried Out.

New York, March 11.—The amount of relief distributed by the Superior Council of the United States of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the year ending September 30, 1931, is placed at \$3,331,290.26 in a report sent by George J. Gillespie, president of the American Superior Council, to M. Henri de Verges, president of the Council General of the Society, with headquarters in Paris.

Of this amount \$2,770,904.01 was spent for conference work, while the remainder—\$560,386.25—was expended for special works. The report states that 22,927 families, representing 380,236 persons, were assisted; that situations were procured for 3,562; 3,709 persons brought back to their religious duties; 2,121,195 religious books, articles, papers, and secular readings were distributed to the poor, the sick in hospitals, and the inmates of prisons; 2,450 baptisms arranged and 3,524 irregular marriages validated.

The report points out that all the conferences work is not included in the report, but notes "with pleasure" that the number of missing reports is lower than in former years. The number of conferences reporting is placed at 1,718. The report also asserts that several hundred conferences have been organized in the year.

Special Work Done The report is divided into three parts: a general summary of the organization of the society; report of the conferences; and report of the Special Works.

The report says: "The report of the Particular Councils deals solely with Special Works carried on separate and apart from the activities of the Conference members participated. 'Not all of the Particular Councils maintain these Special Works, but they are practically limited to the larger cities where the Society is well organized and the funds necessary for their administration are available.

Divisions of Report "Following are the several divisions of our report: The organization of the Society in the United States, 15; Superior Council, 1; Metropolitan Central Councils, 9; Diocesan Central Councils, 8; Particular Councils, 86; Approximate number of Conferences, 1,850; Approximate number of Active Members, 25,000.

Reports of Conferences: Number of conferences reporting, 1,718; Active members, 23,207; honorary members, 5,043; subscribers, 5,837; families assisted, 22,927; persons in families, 380,236; visits to families, 628,932; visits to institutions, 44,527; situations procured, 3,562; transportation to other cities, 1,561; irregular marriages validated, 3,524; baptisms arranged, 2,450; children induced to attend parochial schools, 3,447; children induced to attend Sunday Schools, 7,019; persons brought back to their religious duties, 2,121,195.

Elimination Contests Continued, Semi-Pro Catholic Parish Games

Sunday afternoon the St. Michael's Holy Apostles, Cathedral and Blessed Sacrament teams won their games in the semi-pro parish basketball elimination contests at the Columbus Civic Center. Monday night the Blessed Sacrament team defeated the Cathedral and St. Michael's won from Holy Apostles.

In the Sunday games St. Michael's defeated the St. Francis team, 35 to 24; Holy Apostles won from St. Theresa, 49 to 24; Cathedral defeated St. Mary's, 31 to 22; Blessed Sacrament took the game from St. Carmel, 23 to 22. In the Monday games, Blessed Sacrament won from the Cathedral, 28 to 27, and St. Michael's defeated Holy Apostles, 27 to 19. The games were filled with thrills, and until the last moment of play in some of them the winners were in doubt. Sunday afternoon basketball games will be played at the Columbus Civic Center.

Table showing basketball scores for St. Mary's Stars and St. Theresa's Grammars.

Honored WILLIAM J. BERGER, JR., of Cleveland, O., who has just been named general chairman of the 18th national convention of Phi Kappa Psi, a national Catholic college fraternity. The convention will be held in Cleveland, O., August 14, 15 and 16.

The Divine Humanism

(Prepared by Cardinal Hayes Literature Committee for N. C. W. Features)

In proof of the statement that there is no real conflict between Humanism and religion we might point to most of the great literatures of the world; we might cite a letter recently addressed by a publisher to this Committee recommending to its particular attention a work on the Greek drama, on the ground that the chief hope of the classics now lies with the Catholic Church; or we might, as we now intend to do, dwell on two recent examples of Catholic humanism.

One of these is entitled "The Cheerful Ascetic, and Other Essays," by James J. Daly, S.J. (Milwaukee: Bruce Publishing Co.), is the first volume in the Science and Culture series, of which the general editor is Joseph Husslein, S.J., while "The Bow in the Clouds," by E. I. Watkin (New York: Macmillan), is the fourth of the series entitled Essays in Order, both obviously part of a general tendency on the part of Catholic literatures to demonstrate how glorious is the union between religion and learning.

We are particularly happy to welcome Father Daly's book because it gives us an opportunity to call attention to literary gifts of an exceptionally high order, gifts that would be wisely heralded if their author were a professor at a secular instead of at a Catholic university.

On Sir Thomas Moore There is an appropriateness in the fact that out of the eleven essays here collected three are in praise of that great humanist, Sir Thomas More, the appropriateness deriving from the fact that there is something quite "Moorean" about Father Daly himself, at least as he is here revealed. This resemblance lies chiefly in his felicitous turn of phrase, his quiet humor, his epigrammatic style, the ease with which he ranges through the wide field of letters, skillfully allusions like flowers.

Besides the essays on More, that in the Spanish legend, Francis de Cardona, the subject of the title essay, is an example of Father Daly's ability to bring high spirituality within the average ken. Kinship of soul has helped to make miniature masterpieces of his portraits of those great Catholic hymns, Charles Waterton, Sir John Day, Lord Charles Russell, and Jerry Keimer, while the essays on Yent's Emerson owe much of their luscious quality to a fiery antipathy to the paganism of the one and the intolerance of the other, an antipathy, however, in which there is nothing mean nor base which enables him to recognize in Emerson "a certain high excellence," and in Yent's a measure of genius.

This book is clearly an example of "the most humane letters," of which we have all too few. Mr. Watkin's work belongs more definitely to the domain of philosophy than to that of literature, but it is none the less humane.

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New Jersey Governor is Speaker At Communion Breakfast, New York

New York, Mar. 11.—Leaving the Lindbergh kidnaping case, which has occupied his entire time for several days past, Governor A. Harry Moore of the State of New Jersey, came to this city to give the principal address at the annual Communion breakfast of the Order of St. Basil, held Sunday at the Hotel Astor. The event was attended by 1,400 members, employees of the Railway Express Agency, who had previously attended Mass and received Holy Communion in a body in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Laville, rector of the Cathedral, welcomed the members of the society to the Cathedral and asked them to pray for the safe return of the Lindbergh baby.

Speaking at the breakfast, and commenting on the disproportionate increase in crime and insanity as compared with the increase in population in New Jersey, Governor Moore declared that people had so far lost their faith in God that many boys had grown up with "the great ambition to go to the 'big house' to get the sublime degree of master, crook."

"This generation has gotten away from the God of our fathers," he said. "We must not forget that when Christopher Columbus came to these shores he planted not only the flag of Spain but the cross of Christ. George Washington, great as he was and still is, who epitomized the soul of America, in times of discord got down on his knees and prayed to the God you believe in."

Judge Klinead, in introducing the Governor, said: "New Jersey wants our present Governor for the next three years, because he is a great Governor and an honest man, but if the nation wants him I say that the people of New Jersey will surrender him."

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