

### School Authorities Are Forbidden to Ask Religions of Teachers

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In signing the bill, Governor Roosevelt said: "For generations the Constitution adopted and maintained by the people of the State of New York has contained the following expression of a deep and fundamental American belief: "The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference, shall forever be allowed in this state to all mankind."

"This bill is a proper reminder of this great principle to every citizen of the state."

#### Text of the New Law

The complete text of the new law follows:

An act to amend the civil rights law, in relation to prohibiting inquiry concerning the religion or religious affiliations of persons seeking employment or official position in the public schools.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Chapter fourteen of the laws of nineteen hundred nine, entitled "An act relating to civil rights, constituting chapter six of the consolidated laws," is hereby amended by inserting therein a new section, to follow section forty, in the section forty-a, to read as follows:

Sec. 40-a. Inquiry concerning religion or religious affiliations of persons seeking employment or official position in public schools prohibited. No person, agency, bureau, corporation or association employed or maintained to obtain or aid in obtaining positions for teachers, principals, superintendents, or other employees or officers in the public schools of the State of New York, and no individual or individuals conducting or em-

ployed by or interested directly or indirectly in such an agency, bureau, corporation or association, and no school district, superintendent, principal or teacher of a public school or other official or employee of a board of education, shall directly or indirectly ask, indicate or transmit orally or in writing the religion or religious affiliation of any person seeking employment or official position in the public schools of the State of New York.

#### Penalties Imposed

Sec. 41. Penalty for violation. Any person who or any agency, bureau, corporation or association which shall violate any of the provisions of this act, or any officer or employee of such agency, bureau, corporation or association, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, to be recovered by the person aggrieved thereby or by any resident of this state in whom such person shall assign his cause of action, in any court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the plaintiff or the defendant shall reside; and such person and the manager or owner of each officer of such agency, bureau, corporation or association, as the case may be, shall also, for every such offense be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars, or shall be imprisoned not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 42. This act shall take effect immediately.

### Ireland's National Theater on Visit Here March 31st

The Abbey Theater Irish Players, said to be the finest group of players in the English-speaking world, is on a tour of the United States and Canada, and Rochester is included in its itinerary. The company will appear at the Lyceum Theater. The local management has selected from its extensive repertoire four plays that are among its best: "The White-headed Boy," by Lennox Robinson, Thursday evening, March 31st; "June and the Paycock," by Sean O'Casey, Friday evening, April 1st; "The Far-Off Hills," by Lennox Robinson, Saturday afternoon, April 2nd; and "The Playboy of the Western World," by J. M. Synge, Saturday evening, preceded by Lady Gregory's "The Rising of the Moon."

After celebrating its 21st anniversary in Dublin last June, the Abbey Theater management announced that the entire season would be spent in America and the National Theater of this is necessary because the Abbey Theater has never sent out a "second company" of players that have sustained in late years the foremost position in the English dramatic world will be seen here.

The company will be under the personal direction of the manager and director of the Abbey Theater, Mr. Lennox Robinson, who is perhaps the greatest of the younger Irish dramatists. He is author of "The White-headed Boy," "The Big House," "The Far-Off Hills," "The Lost Leader," and numerous other successful plays.

There are 14 players in the company, among them may be mentioned Mr. F. J. McCormick, who has been with the Abbey Theater since 1918. He is regarded as the Abbey's greatest tragic actor although at times his comedy parts outshine his tragedy. He is a most versatile player and has played 250 parts.

Miss Eileen Crowe is a charming, delightful actress who can play a beautiful, pleasant woman one day and an old hag the next. Many think that Mr. Barry Fitzgerald is the greatest comedian the Abbey Theater has developed. He is an actor of subtlety and distinction and touches nothing that he does not do with a sure hand. He came to New York to London for a season, but he returned to the Abbey in time to be included in the plans for the American tour.

Miss Maureen Delany is the one member of the company whom everybody loves. The New York Theater Guild has its Helen, the Abbey Theater has its Maureen Delany. She is best in comedy parts, has been in America before, having toured here in "The White-headed Boy."

Miss Mary Craig, Arthur Shields, Michael Dolan, Paddy Carroll, Denis O'Shea, Sheila Richards, and Kitty Curling are other members who add distinction to a great cast.

### Doing a Great Work for Children



A work of great importance to the Catholic Church in the Tropics has been begun with the inauguration of the Infants' Catholic Dispensary at Ponce, Porto Rico, the first of its kind in the West Indies. The building, embodying the most up-to-date ideas for such a structure, is especially adapted to resist cyclones and earthquakes. Inset: The Most Rev. Aloysius J. Willinger, C. S. R., Bishop of Ponce, whose many years of missionary service on the island have been distinguished by his solicitude for the poor and the sick.

### Easter

Easter Bells are ringing. What do they proclaim? All the world's in wonder, Harkening to His Name.

Christ, the Lord, is risen, His promises fulfilled; Earth resounds with gladness, And our hearts are thrilled.

He is truly risen! Sing aloud the strain; Join the Angel chorus In that glad refrain.

—Isabella A. M. Burke, Member Women's Club Poetry Group.

### Catholic Anthropological Conference Will Be Held in Washington

Washington, Mar. 25.—The Status of Woman in World Culture, the very Rev. Michael J. Walsh, C.S.C., of The Catholic University, and the vice president of the anthropological conference which will be held at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, Mar. 29, is open to all who are interested in anthropology. The Catholic Anthropological Conference is the only Catholic society of its kind in the world. Europe has a Catholic Anthropological Journal, "Anthropos," and at Catholic Institutes for missionaries, the "Seminario di Ethnologia religiosa," but America has only that centered at The Catholic University.

### Catholic Daughters of Elmira Plan Variety of Future Events

Elmira, Mar. 25.—Court St. Rita, Catholic Daughters of America, is planning to hold a big initiation of new candidates in June for the initiation of all who joined the Court during the recent membership drive. The Court will sponsor a delightful social affair for visiting ladies at the state convention of the Knights of Columbus, to be held in Elmira in May. These and other matters were discussed at the March meeting, recently held, of the Court. Mrs. Charles O'Donnell, Grand Regent, gave an interesting account of the growth of the organization, and told how it attained a membership of 200,000 since its organization in 1903. There are approximately 10,000 members in the junior order at the present time, she said. It was reported that the sewing circle of the Court is co-operating splendidly with Miss Mary Fitzgerald, director of Catholic Charities in Elmira. Mrs. Frances Crowe and Mrs. Thomas A. Malone made a report on the Washington birthday supper banquet. Part of the proceeds will be used for kitchen equipment. Mrs. Joseph Blash told of the Girl Scout work in Catholic parishes, and reported the organization of two new troops in St. Casimir's parish. Two troops in St. Patrick's parish are under the direction of Mrs. John O'Dell and the leadership of Misses Marjorie Kiefer and Regina Quinnan. Organization of a troop in St. John's parish has been sponsored by Mrs. Harry Elias, Miss Grace Miller acting as leader. A second troop in St. Anthony's parish, sponsored by Miss Mary Newsome, has been organized with the co-operation of the pastor, the Rev. A. J. Richard, and Miss Ella M. Peoples, Girl Scout executive.

### Geneva Woman Dies, Aged 97

Geneva, Mar. 25.—Mrs. Patrick Kane, aged 97 years, died at her home, 32 Center Street, last Saturday. Her funeral was held Tuesday morning in St. Francis de Sales Church, and it was attended by many friends. Mrs. Kane was one of the oldest residents in this part of the state. She was a well-beloved woman, and her long life was filled with kindly acts and neighborly deeds that endeared her to the hearts of many people. She leaves two daughters, Miss Winifred Kane of Geneva and Mrs. Margaret Cleary of Ithaca; three granddaughters, Mrs. J. Emmett O'Brien and Mrs. Eugene J. Freher, both of Rochester, and Mrs. J. R. Goodwin of Irondequoit, and three grandsons, the Rev. Patrick Cleary of Korex and John and James Cleary of Ithaca.

### PENN YAN

GEORGE H. OWENS Penn Yan, Mar. 25.—George H. Owens, aged 46, died Saturday at his home, 176 Seneca Street. He leaves his widow, Maude, two daughters, Mrs. John Inboden of Palisade, N. J., and Miss Margaret Owens of Penn Yan; one son, Albert of Penn Yan; two brothers, Arthur Owen of Torrey, and Stephen of Penn Yan. Funeral services were held for Mr. Owens in St. Michael's Church Monday at 8 o'clock. Mr. Owens was a well respected resident of this community, and his death will be mourned by many friends.

### CANANDAIGUA

MRS. BRIDGET WHITE Canandaigua, Mar. 25.—Funeral services were held in St. Mary's Church, Monday morning for Mrs. Bridget White, aged 77, who died Saturday morning. She is survived by two daughters, Miss Margaret and Nellie White of Rochester; a sister, Sister Malachy of Rochester, and a brother, Thomas Rafferty, of this city. Mrs. White was greatly beloved by her family and friends, and her death brought sorrow to the hearts of many people.

### MOUNT MORRIS

MICHAEL HARRINGTON Mount Morris, Mar. 25.—Michael Harrington, aged 69, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mahoney in Leicester on the 16th. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Patrick Mahoney, and three brothers, Peter of Leicester, Jeremiah of Hudson and Dennis Harrington of Westport. Funeral services were held in St. Patrick's Church Friday morning at 10 o'clock and they were attended by many friends.

### Kansas Doctor Gives Hospital to Nuns

Wichita, Kas., Mar. 25.—The Sisters of St. Joseph will take over the Halstead Hospital, here, one of the largest and best known institutions of its kind in the southwest. The hospital is a gift to them from its founder and owner, Dr. Arthur E. Hertzler. The closing of the deal is expected soon, the chancery office of the diocese announced. In his statement, Dr. Hertzler said that the workings of the income tax make it necessary for him to turn the hospital over to a strictly charitable organization, such as the Sisters of St. Joseph are.

### GENEVA

KATHERINE SMEAD Geneva, Mar. 25.—Funeral services for Katherine Smead, who died in Canandaigua, were held Monday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Stephen's Church. She leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smead, four sisters, Mrs. Mary Gerland, Winifred Estlin, Mrs. K. E. Riggs, 143 Nursery Avenue, Brockport, and Sister M. Amara de Sales of Pittsford, and one brother, William T. Smead, Seneca Castle. Miss Smead was a woman of lovable character, and her death is mourned by many friends.

**LYCEUM** COMING THUR. FRI SAT. EVES. MATINEE SAT. MARCH 31 - APRIL 1-2.  
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