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Fire Destroys Jesuit College In Manila, P. I.

Lives Saved But Damage To Buildings, Records and Equipment is Tremendous; Will Re-build

New York—A devastating fire, Saturday, destroyed the Ateneo de Manila, the college of the American Jesuits in the Philippines and plans for rebuilding will be started at once, according to the Rev. George J. Willman, S. J., director of the Jesuit Philippine Province, 501 East Fordham Road, this city.

Reconstruction of the burned buildings will require several hundred thousand dollars, Father Willman said. He had cable messages from the Very Rev. James T. G. Hayes, S. J., formerly of New York, now Superior in the Philippines, who supervises the 1,000 students of the Ateneo de Manila had taken temporary shelter in the College of San Jose, another Jesuit institution in Manila.

All Are Saved

The cable message also stated that the fire caused no loss of life. The faculty is composed of American Jesuits from New York and other eastern cities of the United States. All its members and all of the student body managed to get out safely before the college was destroyed.

St. Ignace church and the residence adjoining the college were saved, Father Hayes' message said, but St. Ignace's College, the most prominent Philippine institution of its kind for girls, was burned down. None of its 540 girls was injured. The Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, who supervise the institution, also escaped.

The cable messages related that the fire started in a small store a few blocks away from the college buildings and gained swift headway. The messages ended with an earnest plea for prayers.

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Bishop Expires



MOST REV. G. J. FINNIGAN

Most Rev. George J. Finnigan, Bishop of Helena, who died Sunday, was a native of Potsdam, N. Y., a member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, a former vice-president of Notre Dame University, and a chaplain in the World War.

Heart Disease Takes Bishop Finnigan at 47

Head of Helena, Montana, Diocese Was Formerly Vice-President of Notre Dame University

Helena, Mont. Most Rev. George J. Finnigan, C.S.C., D.D., died here Sunday of heart disease. He had been Bishop of the Diocese of Helena for five years. He was 47 years old.

Bishop George Joseph Finnigan was born in Potsdam, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1885, the son of John Henry and Louise Frances Canton Finnigan. He was educated at the University of Notre Dame, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Literature in 1910. Thereafter he attended the Gregorian University in Rome, where he received the M. D. in 1914 and three years later the degree of S. T. L. The year following he received an S. T. D. from Laval University in Quebec.

Bishop Finnigan was ordained as a priest in 1915 and spent three years as a member of the Holy Cross Mission Band. From 1919 to 1925 he was rector of Holy Cross seminary and, during 1925-26 served as vice president of Notre Dame University. He was the Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Holy Cross in America when he was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Helena, Mont., on May 18, 1927.

He was consecrated Bishop on Aug. 1, 1927. During the World War he was commissioned a First Lieutenant and served as a chaplain in the army in May, 1919, he was promoted to a Captain. He served with the 137th and 80th Field Artillery of the A. E. F. He was a member of the American Legion.

Bishop Finnigan paid a stop-over visit in Rochester two years ago following his attendance at the Notre Dame Army football game in New York City.

Schools Suffer When Subsidies Are Withdrawn

Santa Isabel, Fernando Poo, Spanish West Africa.—The suppression, decreed by the government, of the school subsidies, has dealt a death blow to the mission schools of this colony. The schools which in 18 different localities depend entirely upon the missionaries themselves are unable to find the financial support necessary to carry on so many works, and they will be obliged, therefore, to close many of them and send the students back to their villages, much to the detriment of religion, education and civilization in general.

His Excellency, Bishop Nicholas Gonzalez, Vicar Apostolic of Fernando Poo, has decided to keep the catechist schools open in order not to lose the precious fruits that have been realized so far.

Jesuit Fathers in India Carry on Apostolate Of Catholic Press by Remailing Periodicals

Kurseong, India.—The work of remailing Catholic newspapers, magazines and pamphlets to Hindu and Mohammedan editors, leaders and universities, carried on by the Rev. Paul Dent, S. J., and the Rev. Michael S. Lyons, S. J., at St. Mary's College, here, has resulted in an interesting and unusual development.

Recently a magazine for Hindu children, to show its appreciation of the literature sent to it regularly by the Catholic priests, printed Father Dent's picture and an account of his life. As a result, Father Dent received numerous letters from Hindu boys and girls asking his advice. One of these respondents wanted to know whether he should initiate Father Dent, that is, abandon the idea of becoming a lawyer, and become a "padri."

At the present time, Fathers Dent and Lyons remail about 15 packages of Catholic literature each week, and could use far more material if it were available, they say. They are remailing to universities and colleges, where the literature is placed in the libraries and on reading tables, and to a group of editors and prominent individuals, including Mahatma Gandhi. There are 350 colleges and 17 universities in the country.

Fathers Dent and Lyons have been told that the remailing plan is doing much to combat unfair representations of the Catholic Church which may appear in the Indian press, and which, until a few years ago, were not successfully challenged.

He hath riches sufficient who hath enough to be charitable.—Sir T. Browne.

Central Verein State Bodies Invite Priests

Rochester Committee Outlines Program of Addresses and Entertainment for Delegates Coming to Convention

Priests of the diocese have been invited by a special communication to attend the forthcoming 30th annual state convention of the Catholic Central Verein of America and the 13th annual state convention of the Catholic Women's Union, to take place on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 3, 4 and 5, at Rochester. Hotel Seneca will be headquarters.

Topics of current interest, subjects concerning social justice and its particular application to our times, subjects which the average man is discussing every day, these will provide the matter for addresses by men prominent in Catholic research work, and for discussion by the delegates.

State President to Speak

Dr. August G. Maron of Brooklyn, president of the state branch, who will deliver an address at the Sunday morning meeting, has written that the motto for the coming convention is "Men of Good Will. Prepare for Catholic Action!"

Plans have been completed by the Rochester branch, under the general chairmanship of Joseph T. Otto, president, to entertain the delegates with a variety of social and cultural work during the convention.

Delegates will arrive Saturday afternoon and evening, coming from all parts of New York State. Meetings that evening will include an executive session at hotel headquarters and a gathering of the Young Men's Section at the same place.

The public is invited to attend the sessions of the convention, which will be formally opened Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, in Columbus Civic Center ballroom, when Mr. Otto and Mayor Charles S. Owen will deliver addresses of welcome, to be followed by the presentation of the state banner, the annual message of the president, and appointment of committees. Delegates will then be escorted by the Knights of St. John First Regiment and Band, under the command of Colonel Frank H. Biel, to St. Joseph's church, where Schmitt Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 A. M. by His Excellency, Bishop O'Hern. The Rev. Joseph H. Gaffel, pastor of Holy Family Church, will preach the sermon.

Following dinner the delegates will conduct the committee meetings, during which time the visiting ladies will be driven on a sightseeing tour about the city, at the end of which they will arrive at Holy Family Hall, where lunch will be served.

Sunday evening there will be a mass meeting in Columbus Civic Center ballroom, when the principal address of the convention will be given.

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Cholera Plague Claims Irish Priests in China

Hongkong, China.—A despatch from Canton announces that Father Michael Saul, S. J., and Father McLaughlin, S. J., Irish Jesuit Fathers of the Sacred Heart College, Canton, have died victims of the cholera plague now raging in that city.

Father Michael Saul came to China two years ago. Though 46 years of age when he set himself to the study of the language, he had already made wonderful progress at it. He had a very special gift of infusing boys for which he was already well known during his years as a priest in Ireland, and he no sooner arrived here than he proved that Chinese boys, too, looked up to him with confidence. Whether in Hongkong, where he spent his first year, or in Canton, he was rarely to be seen without a following of six or eight boys many of whom could converse with him only in the most imperfect manner owing to language difficulties on both sides.

By a strange coincidence this Apostolate of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which was himself a victim of the plague in Rome, this day, June 21.

The most unhappy of all men is he who believes himself to be so.—Home.

Bishop O'Hern Authorizes Complete Survey Of Insurance Covering All Property In Diocese

Bishop Confers with Committee



DIOCESAN CHURCH COMMITTEE on insurance conferring with the Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, seated, left to right, Louis G. Hoek, chairman; Bishop O'Hern, and Thomas Sharr, President Underwriters' Board, standing. From left to right, Frank J. McManamy, Lester Fisher and Arthur L. Griffith.

Pacific Coast Woman Writes Book on Mass

Brings Out Publication Following Unsuccessful Attempt To Find Suitable Story on Mass In Book Store

San Francisco—Failure to find a suitable book on the Mass in local book stores as a gift for her six-year-old godchild prompted Louise Doran Ross, of Piedmont, to write "The Eternal Sacrifice." It was revealed this week, following publication of the book by the Catholic Educational Press, of Washington, D. C.

This vivid and immediate study of the Mass, now available in book form, was first presented to Catholics in this section as a serial in "The Monitor." As an N. C. W. C. serial, it was published in many other Catholic papers.

Mrs. Ross, the mother of four children, has made Catholic writing her hobby for many years. Many of her first works were published in "The Monitor," giving the authoress the encouragement needed to continue the long struggle to literary success.

Educated in Public School

With the exception of one year at the Dominican Convent in San Rafael and one year at Presentation Convent Berkeley, Mrs. Ross was educated entirely in public schools and at the University of California. Mrs. Ross attended public schools because there was no parochial school in the town in which she was raised. It was while a teacher in a public school that she began her first serious attempts at writing.

Her Catholic friends and associates elected her to work as their field of Catholic endeavor. Mrs. Ross confined her participation in Catholic organizations to parish guilds, and devoted her spare time to a study of Church history and liturgy. She is now reaping the benefits, and finds satisfaction in the work.

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Radio Speaker Assails False Emotional Life

New York.—A markish sentimentality which, fundamentally, is "sympathy without charity, pity without love," and an attitude of emotional sophistication, "too often a product of jaded appetites," are two false concepts of our emotional life too prevalent today, the Rev. Joseph A. Daly, Professor of Psychology at St. Aloysius, the Patron of Youth, who was himself a victim of the plague in Rome, this day, June 21.

The most unhappy of all men is he who believes himself to be so.—Home.

Rochester Diocese Is Pioneering With Diocesan Insurance Plan

Immense Task Undertaken by Underwriters Board of Rochester Covers Survey of Churches, Rectories, Schools, Hospitals, Convents, Orphan Asylums and Seminaries

WORK, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN FALL, ATTRACTING NATIONAL INTEREST

With the assistance of a committee known as the Diocesan Church Committee named by the Underwriters' Board of Rochester, N. Y., Inc., a complete survey of the insurance covering all Roman Catholic property in the Diocese of Rochester, is being made, and bids fair to be completed early this fall.

This task is an immense one, as it comprises 225 pieces of property, valued at more than \$25,000,000 in twelve counties, covering an area of 8,000 square miles, and includes churches, rectories, schools, hospitals, convents, orphan asylums and seminaries.

The Most Reverend John Francis O'Hern, Bishop of Rochester Diocese, under whose authority the survey is being conducted by the Underwriters' Board, has expressed himself as being exceedingly delighted at the way the plan is working out. He predicts that in five years' time the Diocese in the United States will follow the same plan, of which the Diocese of Rochester is the pioneer.

News of Plan Spreading

As a matter of fact, since the approval of the Diocesan Insurance has been placed in the hands of the Underwriters Board of Rochester, the news has spread nationwide, and daily, at the office of the Underwriters' Board in the Commercial Building, inquiries are coming in from all over the country asking for details of the plan. At the very least, (Continued on Page Five)

James Cardinal Gibbons

—BENEDICT ELDERS, Editor, The Record, Louisville Diocese

Inspired by the occasion of the unveiling of the statue of Cardinal Gibbons, Sunday, in Washington, the gift of the Knights of Columbus of America to the American people, Benedict Elders, editor of The Record, official newspaper of the Diocese of Louisville, and past president of the Catholic Press Association of the U. S., has written the following appreciation of Cardinal Gibbons:

He was not the first, as he is not the last; but that will be his title. Something other may be carved upon his tomb; but that has been written where the Moving Finger writes and having writ moves on.

This great nation loved him. The whole American people cherished him with an affection that he did not know. For what he did, and for what he was. In nothing did he fail them, in nothing overreach them, in nothing disappoint them, through all the changing years.

Simple of nature, kind of heart, prudent of tongue, and clear of life is an open book of gracious deeds and golden memories, with eighty-seven chapters, and not a line or word put down in passion or in hate, or in spite, or in charity. He knew what not to say.

No giant was he, thundering his

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Change Is Made In Niagara U. Head

Philadelphia.—Appointment of the Rev. Joseph Noonan of Germantown, Pa., as president of Niagara University, Niagara, N. Y., has just been announced at the Eastern headquarters of the Vincentian Fathers. Now connected with St. John's College, Brooklyn, the Rev. Father Noonan succeeds the Rev. J. J. O'Byrne, who goes to St. John's Church, Brooklyn.

Communists Planning Aggressive Campaign Of Atheism in All Parts of England, Soon

London.—An avalanche of atheistic propaganda is to be let loose on England in the near future, according to reports from Moscow. One report says the task of disseminating large quantities of anti-religious literature is to be entrusted to leaders of the British communist movement, and that a National Atheist Congress is being planned for London.

A Moscow message to the Sunday Dispatch says that a department of the Communist headquarters here has been deputed to work "on the religious front."

This slogan "on the religious front" is used over a series of articles in the Daily Worker, communist organ published here. The paper states that: "The provisional committee of the British section of the Proletarian Freethinkers' International (otherwise the International League of Militant Atheists) is preparing to have ready for issue shortly a manifesto which will state its aims and objects and call for adherents. It is called a manifesto because it is not a mere declaration of intent, but a concrete program of action. It will be launched and officials appointed."

The character of the campaign is manifest from the declaration in the Daily Worker that: "While the name 'atheist' would suit us very well for the theoretical side of our work, the name 'atheist' seems best fitted to denote our practical militant attitude towards religion, the churches, and the priests, as part of the front-line defenses of the capitalist-imperialist social order." It strikes the note of aggressiveness we wish to impart to the struggle.

The Catholic World Over

The first summer school at the Catholic Chinese Mission in San Francisco has just been terminated. One hundred and thirty children, ranging from 12 to 16 years of age, attended the sessions.

When the French Catholic Press meets at Rheims next November, a special effort will be made to interest the entire world in the important Catholic movement. A special day has been set aside for this purpose.

The Rev. Joseph P. Donovan, C. M., of Kenrick Seminary, chaplain and professor of ethics at Webster College, has been elected to the Legion of Mary of Dublin, Ireland. This is the highest gift at the disposal of the Legion of Mary.

The X-ray equipment in St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Petersburg, Fla., which was in operation since November 1 last is among the most powerful of its type and is the fourth installation of its kind to be made anywhere in the world, it is said.

The consecration of the Most Rev. P. J. Monahan, Bishop-elect of Calgary, took place at St. Mary's Cathedral, North Bay, Ont., August 10.

The social service work undertaken in Manila, P. I., by St. Paul's Hospital under the direction of Mary-Knoll Sisters from the United States, is producing gratifying results, of a spiritual as well as of a material order.

Activities of the senior students of Marywood College, who have just completed a semester in Latin American history, have won the attention of the Presidents of two countries in Latin America. The International Relations Club of the college

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WANTED! Some Lusty Noise Makers

We need several thousand readers who are willing to help us make a noise in the world.

Not just any noise, mind you, but a very special kind.

To be exact, we want a noise that will reach the ears of those who advertise in this newspaper.

We want a noise that will din in their ears the fact that the Catholic people of the Rochester Diocese are actively supporting their diocesan newspaper.

So, then, the next time you patronize an advertiser, don't keep it a secret. Say (or, better, shout) to him that you came in because he advertised in the

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Consecration Plans Made For Magr. McFadden

Bishop Schedules to Offer For Auxiliary Bishop, Later Plans Consecration in Diocese of Cleveland

Cleveland.—The Most Rev. Joseph Schrembs, D.D., Bishop of Cleveland, who will celebrate the consecration ceremony of his auxiliary bishop, Magr. McFadden, in the cathedral of the diocese and chairman of the national board of The National Bulletin, will be assisted on the occasion by the Most Rev. Thomas G. O'Reilly, D.D., Bishop of Detroit, and the Most Rev. John T. McManamy, D.D., Bishop of Buffalo.

Magr. McFadden was elected to St. John's cathedral on Thursday, Sept. 5. Bishop-elect McFadden selected this date because it commemorates in the Church calendar the birthday anniversary of the Mother of God, and also commemorates the twenty anniversary of the installation of Bishop Schrembs as Bishop of Cleveland.

Archbishop McManamy will preside at the consecration, and Bishop Schrembs upon the occasion of his anniversary of installation. Magr. McFadden will be assisted by the Most Rev. Thomas G. O'Reilly, D.D., Bishop of Detroit, and the Most Rev. John T. McManamy, D.D., Bishop of Buffalo.

Fr. Corbett Retires As Sacred Heart Messenger Editor

New York.—The Rev. John Corbett, S. J., the well-known, able preacher, has severed his connection with the Messenger of the Sacred Heart, of which he had been editor for many years. He will be succeeded by the Rev. Father Stephen O'Connell, S. J., formerly head of Psychology at Woodstock College.

Swiss Missioner Taken by Outlaws

Rome.—A despatch from Padua reports the capture of Father John Kutter, a Swiss missioner, in the mountains of the Dolomites. The telegram says only the fact that he was taken by outlaws. Father Kutter belongs in the Swiss Missions of St. Bernard, Switzerland.

Second Retreat For Priests Starts Monday, Aug. 26

The annual retreat for priests, now in progress, will be followed by a second retreat of priests of the diocese, which will be held at St. Vincent Seminary from Monday, August 22, to Friday, August 26. This second retreat will be conducted by the Rev. Father Patrick J. McManamy, D.D., Bishop of Buffalo, and will be held at the Seminary, St. Vincent, N. Y.