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Catholic Facts But Little Known

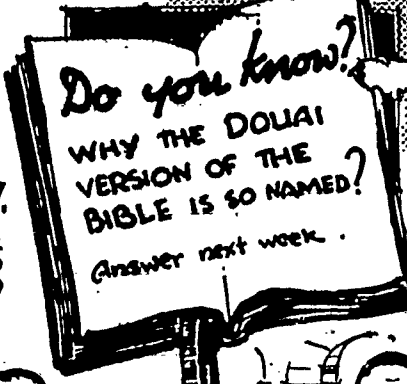
By M. J. MURRAY



SPANISH WOMEN make pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat in the Pyrenees every December to pray for the gift of children.



JAMES F. DONNELLY, MUTE A DEAF-MUTE EDITOR OF A CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER FOR DEAF-MUTES IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HE FOUNDED 32 YEARS AGO.



The REPUBLIC OF HAITI IN THE WEST INDIES IS ALMOST ENTIRELY CATHOLIC.



The custom of giving an ENGAGEMENT RING was adopted by the early Christians from the Romans & has continued to our day.



It was not until the early middle ages that the clergy shaved off the beard, which for centuries had been worn by priests & laymen alike. From the twelfth century onwards the rule was generally enforced in the West.

SODAL TALK

Many people on seeing Cecil de Millo's gigantic production "The Sign of the Cross," were surprised at the parallel conditions of Rome under Nero in the early days of Christianity and American life of the last few years. Did you ever try to draw the parallel between the world into which Christ Himself came and...

operation there could be no Sodalty. Father Mooney spoke of the Sodalty ideals and organization and the significance of Unity week. Miss Lillian Howard sang Bach-Gounod's "Ave Maria" and "Lord, teach me how to pray." She was accompanied by Mrs. Sally Wilton. The Catholic Action song added to the zest of the meeting.

Back Through the Years
A Glimpse Through the Files of The Catholic Courier and Journal
June 18, 1892
At the commencement exercises of the University of Rochester Joseph P. O'Hara delivered a well written oration on the "Oxford Movement," discussing the causes and results of this great movement which brought so many into the Catholic Church.

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BUSINESS REVIEW COLUMNS

Three Hundred Children Attired as Missioners In Foreign Lands Appear in Colorful Pageant

New York — A mission pageant, rich in color and medieval splendor, was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral here, Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the New York branch of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and 300 children, all in costume, most of them as monks, nuns and other boys, participated. Six thousand people were in the cathedral. The occasion was the annual "Foreign Mission Sunday" in the Archdiocese of New York.

His Eminence, Cardinal Hayes, presided on his throne, and in the procession and recessional eight pages in scarlet garb held up his long train. The Cardinal stood at his throne, perhaps the most interested spectator of all, with a paternal smile as the long procession of girls and boys passed from the sanctuary down the centre aisle to the Fifth Avenue door, turned and walked up the right side aisle back into the sanctuary.

Pontifical benediction was given by the Most Rev. John J. Dunn, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, chairman of the New York branch and irremovable rector of the Church of the Annunciation. The service was planned by Bishop Dunn and the Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell, director of the branch.

The Rt. Rev. Magr. William A. Quinn, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, who preached the sermon, lauded Cardinal Hayes for asking the faithful in his recent pastoral letter, to give, even if there was a depression, "the crusts that fell from their tables" toward the support of the foreign missions.

The Rt. Rev. Magr. Michael J. Lahey, rector of the Cathedral, made a brief address of welcome. Another prelate in the sanctuary was Bishop Ernest Ceppo, formerly of Corinto, Italy, and now retired and residing in this city.

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Electoral League Formed in Brazil By Catholic Groups

Rio de Janeiro.—The Catholics of Brazil have learned a lesson from the recent events in Spain and faced with the responsibility of voting in the adoption of new Brazilian constitution next March, have organized a Brazilian Catholic Electoral League, composed of men and women.

Official representatives of more than 400 Catholic organizations, some Archbishops and Bishops, priests from every diocese and a great contingent of laymen responded to a call from His Eminence Sebastian Cardinal Leme da Silveira Cintra, Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro, for concerted Catholic action in this critical epoch in Brazilian affairs.

The league is above all politics and above all parties; it is limited to an examination of the directions and tendencies of the moor and institutions which will be prominent in drafting the constitution, and keeping the Catholic electorate informed with regard to individuals or groups who will fall to respect the rights of the Church.

Although only of recent origin, the league has agencies and representatives not only in the capital and large cities, but also in the smallest village and islands.

Dowager Empress Of Japan Generous To Catholic Institutes

(Fides Service)
Fukuoka, Japan — Her Majesty the Dowager Empress of Japan recently sent generous gifts to the Catholic leper asylums at Biwasaki, near Kumamoto, and Gotemba, near Tokyo. The first of these asylums is in charge of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. The second, which was founded by priests of the Paris Foreign Mission Society, is unique in the fact that it has no special personnel to care for the lepers. The less severely afflicted patients act as nurses for those who cannot help themselves. The lepers also keep the houses in spotless condition, do all the kitchen work, care for the gardens, and perform all the other duties which would otherwise be performed by religious or lay personnel. The director of Gotemba is Father Iwasaki, a member of a refined Japanese family, who volunteered for the work of love after the death of Father Drouart de Lerey in 1930.

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TEACH PAGAN PUPILS

Patna, India—Six primary schools for pagan children are now being conducted by Jesuit Fathers within a limited radius here. The schools are designed for first, second and third grade boys and girls.

Through these schools the Jesuit Fathers hope to reach an ever increasing number of pagan children, Hindus and Mohammedans, and imbue them with Christian ideas before their young minds are warped by their pagan surroundings.

The missionaries also hope to create by means of such schools an attitude of friendliness on the part of the adult population, confidence in the Fathers, and an atmosphere in which a concerted drive for conversions may be possible.

The work to be accomplished by these village schools in the Patna Mission, the missionaries say, presents many grave problems for it means setting out to win caste Hindus and Mohammedans, always a trying task.

OUR FIRST MISSION DUTY

Our Church is Catholic, universal. Its Mother's eyes scan every corner of the world, search out the hidden depths of the jungle for straying souls, watch the progress of missionaries among the Chinese and not less interestedly the development of Catholic civilization among the Sioux.

The Church sees human souls that we do not and cannot see, and understands national conditions as no other organization in the world could ever hope to do.

Hence, officially, the Holy Father established the Society for the Propagation of the Faith as the great Catholic mission-aid society.

He felt there should be some tremendous organization close to the ideals and aims of the universal Church and actuated with the same universal spirit of Catholicity.

He made that society further the mission everywhere. No little chapel was to be too small for its attention.

If we would be victorious over our enemies and make great progress in virtue, we must begin once for all with a firm resolution and great courage.

May He Who is pleased to give us health also grant that I may use it in His service.—St. Francis Xavier.

Raise your eyes and contemplate Jesus Christ on the Cross, and you will see how trifling are all your sufferings.

It is no common honor that is conferred on the mouth that receives the Body of the Lord.—St. John Chrysostom.

Do not let a day pass without doing some good during it.

CITIZENS AID SCHOOL

St. Louis City—A drive, sponsored by 50 business and professional men, has been inaugurated to raise \$10,000 so that Trinity College, here, conducted by the Marist Order will not be forced to close its doors.

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CONDITIONS IN CHINA

Conditions in China, as recorded this past year, would give the idea that the whole country is so war-torn and upset as to prevent all progress. In spite of its trials, China is constantly developing; and Western influences are today strong and evident, especially in the great centers.

Ten years ago, Canton was a maze of winding alleys; today it has sixty miles of paved streets, some of them over a hundred feet wide. China now has some 32,000 miles of highway, and 38,000 more are projected.

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