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By FREDERICK J. MIE President of Rochester Diocesan Council N. C. C. M.

Some new phases of Catholic Educational Problems are treated in a book recently published by the Rev. Raymond J. C. Prindiville, C.S.P., entitled "A Study of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine."

Many interesting facts are given about the work of the Confraternity which in carrying religious instruction to children not in Catholic schools Father Prindiville estimates upon the basis of the Catholic population as published in the official Catholic Directory, that there are approximately 4,047,000 Catholic children of school age in the country. The number registered in Catholic schools indicates that 1,777,000 receive their education in some other than Catholic institutions.

Effort is being made in every diocese to reach the children who are unfortunate enough to be located where Catholic schools are not available. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine trains catechists who undertake regular religious instruction and conduct catechetical schools on Sundays and evenings. In some places correspondence study courses and various other emergency measures are used, but they do not offer a complete solution of the problem. The effectiveness of these emergency measures would be greatly increased by coordination through the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. This column noted only a few weeks ago the effectiveness with which the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is organized in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, where in the small mining villages there are no Catholic schools and where over 600 catechists give weekly instruction.

Catechetical instruction is the only way to bring religious instruction to the children. Father Prindiville's book contains a history of the Confraternity, describes its organization and how it works in natural practice. Detailed plans for parish organizations are suggested, and programs outlined for an eight year course in religious instruction by catechists for public school children.

This book is a timely publication. Many small, and in fact, many large, Catholic parishes are finding it extremely difficult to maintain their schools, under the standards required by the various States, under present economic conditions, and most Catholics who support and believe in the parochial schools have been viewing with alarm press notices appearing occasionally in the past few months, stating that Catholic schools have been closed because of lack of funds. More parishes will find themselves in this situation unless economic conditions improve, and unless a systematic class of catechetical instruction in religion can be arranged for such children forced to attend public schools. The danger to the Church is obvious. The situation probably is not as gloomy as it appears.

In Winnipeg, Canada, where the Catholic schools have been closed, they have been reopened, following the presentation to the Archbishop of Winnipeg of an urgent petition signed by over 10,000 Catholics in Winnipeg, which the Catholic people of that diocese pledged themselves to renewed sacrifice in order that their children might have the benefit of a religious education. The schools were opened conditionally upon each parish being able to support its own school.

Catholic Laymen and Laywomen should gladly respond to every call to service made upon them to assist in catechetical work, whether under the banner of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine or under any plan worked out by the Bishop and Priests of the diocese to bring religious instruction to the children outside the parochial schools.

ADVANCE TEACHER'S CAUSE London—The cause of Teresa Higginson, Liverpool school teacher whose piety has attracted world wide notice, has been completed in Liverpool and will be submitted to the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

It matters little how we are judged by men, and especially by men who judge of matters before they understand them.

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Enters Convent



Miss Dorothy Callaghan, coach, captain and star of the St. Dominic's Church Sodality Basketball team of San Francisco, who recently left for the Dominican Convent at San Rafael to become a nun. Miss Callaghan was one of the best known athletes of the Catholic School Girls' League of the San Francisco Archdiocese. (Coleman photo.)

Children to Witness "Huckleberry Finn" At Eastman Theater

The fourth of a series of stage plays for juvenile audiences will be presented at the Eastman Theatre Saturday afternoon when Mark Twain's famous story of youthful adventure on the Mississippi, "Huckleberry Finn," will be the attraction. The plays are being presented under the sponsorship of the Educational Division of the Women's Committee of the Civic Music Association, with Mrs. Harold Olsson as chairman.

The Children's Theatre Company of New York, which presents these plays is a group of adult Broadway actors specializing in stage productions for youthful audiences. Because of its universal appeal it is expected that at least half of the audience for "Huckleberry Finn" will be composed of grownups. The performance begins at 3 P. M.

Dramatic Moments In Catholic Life

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Through the fifty-five years of the Rochester Regiment, its chief has faithfully adhered to the principles of the great order, Knights of St. John. The Knights of St. John in Rochester are a semi-military organization with commanders affiliated with ten of our Catholic churches. The order confers two benefits upon its members in addition to the religious and social aspects: one a sick benefit which secures the invalid Knight, who by illness or injury, becomes incapacitated to work and the other, a widow and orphan benefit, paid to the family of a deceased Knight.

The qualifications required for membership are that a man be a practical Catholic of sound mind and of fifty years. Every applicant is required to have the signature of his pastor to his application as a guarantee that he possesses the first qualification before his application can be considered by a commander. The order is Catholic, semi-military, civic, social, insurance and benevolent.

The military feature is considered by the Knights, the backbone of the order. The uniform, which was adopted in 1878 is maintained after the Knights of the Crusades and has become such an integral part of the order that the Holy Father has granted special indulgence prayers for the wearing of the uniform. The military rank is always welcomed at important Church functions and always makes a grandiose showing. The advantages of the military side of the Knights are pointed out as having a beneficial influence especially upon young men. The military exercises beget obedience to authority, which is pointed out as the very foundation of discipline. Discipline is acquired, which is decidedly helpful to the young men in every walk of life, since a manly bearing and physical development necessarily accompany such training as the military organization gives the membership.

The Knights of St. John are received into membership in the first degree of the order and may take the second and third degrees voluntarily. The local Regiment has a very efficient degree team which has conferred degrees on several hundred of the members. The fourth degree of the order is conferred only on members of the military rank. The fifth degree recently instituted in the order, is a degree of merit for Knights who have served the requisite number of years in the military branch and have rendered impressive church services usually in the Cathedral of the diocese.

That the Rochester Regiment has lived up to the high standard set by the founders of the Knights of St. John, is proved by the high regard and respect in which the Regiment is held by the clergy and laity alike in the city of Rochester. Early activities of the Rochester Regiment show attendance at church services, coronation layings, funeral services, prize drills, field masses and civic parades are noted in the recording of the activities during the early part of its career. (Continued Next Week)

Sodality to Give Card Party For Redecoration Fund

The Apostolic Committee of the Sodality of Our Lady, SS. Peter & Paul's Church will conduct a card party in the school hall on Brown Street, January 31 at 8:15 P. M. The proceeds of this party are to be used to defray part of the expenses of redecorating the school hall.

Miss Eva Heuer is Chairman of the Committee assisted by the following members: Prizes, Ann M. Overhaus, Lillian Kramer, Rosemary Zenkel, Checking, Marian Heuel, Cards, Ellen and Mary McInerney, Candy Booth, Audrey Bazin and Catherine Weitzer. Publicity, Ann Brennan.

Redo, Pinochle and Bridge will be played. There will be a prize for each table. For those who do not care to play cards Jig-Saw puzzles will be provided. Admission will be 75c each.

Historical Sketch of the 1st N. Y. Regiment of the Knights of St. John Commanderies and Auxiliaries

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(Continued from last week)

The need for real Christian Knighthood today is more urgent than ever. The evils that threaten to overwhelm society, now demand more courage and strict adherence to the teachings of Christ, Catholics with a firmness of faith must strive to emulate the Knights of old in their zeal of defense and in the spread of the Catholic religion. The force of good example is the all powerful weapon of the Knights of today; "Words move but example draws" is the saying of an observing philosopher. The life of a sincere practical Catholic is a most eloquent sermon. He is the true missionary.

The Knights of St. John have a noble, beautiful and traditional background of zeal and service which should be a constant inspiration to the Knights of today. In organizing nationally to oppose the growing evils of the age, the society is following in the footsteps of earlier knighthood and is emulating itself to aiding the poor and to caring for the weak among its members. One of the glories of the order, that have gone, is that when not engaged in active warfare, the Knights of St. John devoted their efforts to similar works of charity.

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Rummage Sale to Be Held for Unemployed At 284 State Street

Women of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Flower City Park, will conduct a rummage sale at 284 State Street, Friday and Saturday, January 20 and 21, for the benefit of the unemployed of the parish. Donations received indicate bargains for all who visit the sale, the women in charge state.

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Alhambra to Be Guests of Philco Radio Distributor

Frank M. Beaucourt, President of Beaucourt-Mitchell, Inc., Philco radio distributor, will be host to his fellow members in a "Mystery Evening" to be held in Philco Radio Hall, 333 Broadway, Thursday evening, January 16.

Mr. Beaucourt will be assisted by Master of the Choir Daniel T. Brennan in arranging entertainment features for the Alhambra members. The Philco orchestra will furnish music. Several novelties are being planned.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Alhambra, Grand Commander Daniel J. O'Neil will receive into the Alhambra about twenty new members. Arrangements will be made of the coming "Ore-Timers" meeting to be held in February.

Following the entertainment features, Luncheon will be served.

Eustace Auxiliary Officers Installed By Supreme President

Installation of the Ladies Auxiliary 43, St. Eustace, Knights of St. John, was held at the regular meeting Wednesday, January 11. Supreme President, Mrs. Teresa Ganster installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Louis J. Vollmer, C. S. B.; Past President, Mrs. Margaret O'Grady; President, Mrs. Margaret Kalb; First Vice-President, Mrs. Anna McHale; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Anna Brundage; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Tallie; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Louise Bach; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Bach; Messenger, Mrs. Cora Verhoeven; Sentinel, Mrs. Ruth Orlivinsky; Guard, Mrs. Augusta Brewer.

Trustees, Mrs. Helen DeKoller, Mrs. Barbara DeJenroth, Mrs. Ida Engler; Representatives to the District Auxiliary, Mrs. Margaret O'Grady; Mrs. Barbara DeJenroth; Messengers: Misses Louise Link, Mrs. Ruby Hoffmeyer. Delegates to the National Council Catholic Women, Mrs. Margaret Kalb; Alternate, Mrs. Margaret O'Grady. Supreme President, Mrs. Teresa Ganster and President, Mrs. Margaret Kalb were each presented with a gold piece. Luncheon was served.

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The card party held on Tuesday evening, January 16, was successful both socially and financially. Mrs. Edward J. Lucas, General Chairman, extends thanks to her committee for arrangements; Mrs. Louis A. Schmitt, Mrs. J. J. O'Connor, Miss Alice Kirk, Mrs. E. J. O'Connor, Mrs. A. Langlois, Mrs. Wm. J. O'Connor, Mrs. Teresa Ganster, Mrs. M. J. Reynolds, and Mrs. Jean F. Brennan, and also the general committee, who helped to make this party a success.

On Monday, January 16, at a meeting of the auxiliary organizations in the Auburn Diocese, Mrs. Mary Meagher was elected to succeed Mrs. John Long as President of the Auburn Diocesan Council of the N. C. W.

Arrangements have been made for the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rochester Diocesan Council of the N. C. W. to be held in Auburn on Saturday, January 28. Mass at 9 a. m. at Holy Family Church will be celebrated by the Very Rev. John A. Conway, Dean of Auburn. The district meeting will be followed by a luncheon. Watch for further particulars as to speakers and other details. Any woman who is interested in the cause of Catholic Women are cordially invited to attend.

At the meeting of the Catholic Women's Federation, held at St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening, January 17, members were privileged to have as their guest, Mrs. Mary Lohr of Brooklyn, New York.

St. John Knights Bowling League

Thursday night of last week was a night of great activity in the Bowling of St. John Knights at St. Joseph's alley, who recently took the night St. Michael's team into camp for two games thereby breaking the long standing record of St. Michael's with St. Joseph's. The scores of Charlie Steier of St. Michael's, however, are worth mention. He rolled 337, 234, 174 for a total of 745, and won the high single honor held for several weeks by Emil Bekert of St. Joseph's.

Three top end bowlers were staged between St. Peter and Paul and St. Joseph's bowlers, which ended in three wins for the latter team.

At St. George's alley, St. Joseph's again broke away from a losing streak and won three from St. Bernard's. St. George's team, still trying out new men, as evidenced from the new faces appearing each week, won three from St. Bernard's.

Other double-century hitters included: E. Bach, Jr., 241; V. Walter, 168; Ehrmann, 200; all of St. George team.

C. Bauer, 218; St. Maurillien, H. Ritz, 214; W. Dick, 243; J. Dick, 205; P. Dell, 224, all of St. Joseph's.

Table with 4 columns: Team, Wins, Losses, P.O. St. Boniface 21, 1, 102; St. Michael 28, 7, 106; St. George 22, 8, 107; St. Joseph 21, 10, 103; St. Peter and Paul 14, 22, 100; St. Maurillien 3, 27, 107; Cathedral 7, 19, 104; St. Bernard 5, 24, 100.

The two leading bowlers are: C. Steier, Commandery 40, 187-29; J. Karsch, Commandery 40, 186-2; H. Ritz, Commandery 25, 182-12; W. Beber, Commandery 25, 178-21; F. Iselhardt, Commandery 41, 174-5.

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