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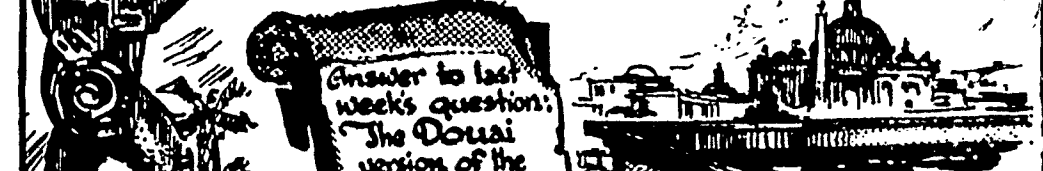
Twenty Priests have made the arduous journey—occupying two days—up the 12,000 feet peak of the Aberdare mountains in Kenya, Africa, carrying pieces of iron & bags of cement to build a Cross on the Summit.



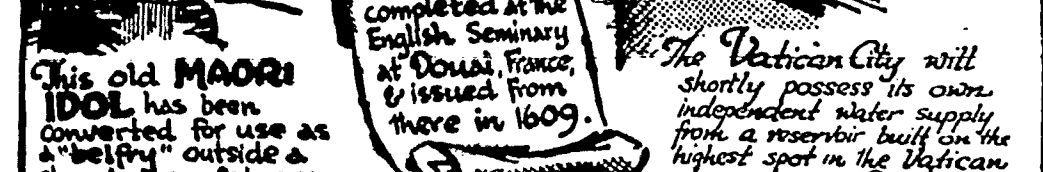
The late ABBOT CHARLES OF ST. LEO, FLORIDA, WAS APPOINTED POSTMASTER OF THE TOWN IN THE PRESIDENCY OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT, WHOSE FRIEND HE WAS.



This old MAORI IDOL has been converted for use as a "belfry" outside a church near Rotorua, New Zealand.



The Vatican City will shortly possess its own independent water supply from a reservoir built on the highest spot in the Vatican gardens.



Answer to last week's question: The Douai version of the Bible was completed at the English Seminary at Douai, France, & issued from there in 1609.

SODAL TALK

Did you know that you have a heavy date for Monday evening January 30? If you didn't get out your date book and in capitals and red pencil mark down "Monday Sodality Union Meeting at the Columbus Civic Center at eight o'clock promptly. At this meeting the heads of the various union committees are to be announced and work will begin at once on planning ideas for programs. At present the officers are racking their brains and testing their initiative bump to get some ideas for Monday meeting to give you. We hope that we shall be satisfactorily successful.

Speaking of study clubs, St. Carmel Sodality has had its first study club meeting. Miss Helen Ginter was the speaker. The Sodality is planning to spend the next few months in the study of the historical background, the liturgy, the vestments, etc., months may profitably be spent in this study.

Immaculate Conception committees have been organized. We expect great news from them soon.

Mea culpa, mea culpa. I made a grave mistake last week. It really was careless of me not to obtain more exact news. I said that Miss Audrey Baklin was in charge of St. Peter and Paul Communion Breakfast. She quite naturally wants the credit for such a fine time and splendid work to go to the person who was as we might say, "the power behind the throne." Thus we want to congratulate Miss Bernadine Zenkel on her splendid program and the success which followed the time and effort spent in preparation.

Blessed Sacrament had great doings Tuesday evening but too late to go into print. News will be in our next issue. Mothers and friends of the Sodality were invited to attend.

February is the month also of Catholic Literature. One poster I have seen reads "Make reading Catholic Literature a Habit not an Event." Another is "A Vital Necessity for Today's Catholic—The Catholic Newspaper!" Draw your own conclusions.

February 12 marks the anniversary of the coronation of Pius XI. I thought you might be interested in knowing.

For a final word—The month of January is almost over. It is the end of the first month of the year. How are your New Year's Resolutions? In fact? Are they standing the strain? Over the radio the report was announced that 73 persons New Year's resolutions were still unbroken. That is material for Ripley or else they are fooling us and made no resolutions. To that astoundingly logical conclusion I add a period and end the sentence, also the workday well to the Chant of the Church.

Warsaw—The ribbon and insignia of the Order of the White Eagle, the highest State distinction in Poland, has just been conferred upon His Eminence Augustus Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland. The decoration has been conferred because of the prelate's notable services to his country.

Lanzhou, Shansi Province, China—Gregorian Chant has been known in China for more than six centuries having been introduced when the first missionaries went there to preach the teachings of Christ. John da Montecorvino in his first letter from Pekin in 1305 says that he was able to form a boys' choir, bringing together a group of boys from six to eleven years old whom he instructed and baptized. Missionaries today, in China, repeat that the Chinese are well to the Chant of the Church.

Among the bequests in the will of Charles J. Burke were the following: St. Mary's Boys' Orphan Asylum, \$5,000; St. Patrick's Girls' Orphan Asylum, \$5,000; St. Mary's Hospital, \$5,000; and St. Bernard's Seminary, \$5,000.

The Rev. John H. Butler, former assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception Church and former pastor of St. Theresa's Church, Stanley, died July 28, 1892, in St. Mary's Hospital after a long illness.

Among Rochesterians who signed up to attend the Catholic Summer School at New London, Conn., were: Miss Emily Gaffney, Miss Elizabeth M. Flynn, Miss Bessie Moore, Miss Julia and Miss Louise O'Connor, Miss Anna Maloney, Mrs. T. J. Devine, Miss Richmond, Miss Rigney, William C. Barry and James M. E. O'Grady.

August 6, 1892 The Young Ladies Sodality of Our Lady of Lourdes connected with the French Church celebrated the name-day of their pastor, the Rev. A. Notbaert, with a handsome easy chair. Father R. Foster and Father Deby from Belgium who were visiting Father Notbaert were present for the occasion.

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Home Again

Tribute to the modest, but great Very Rev. James A. Walsh, founder of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society at Maryknoll is paid in the following editorial which appeared in a recent issue of the Hartford Transcript, official organ of the Hartford diocese, which editorial was learned in from the pen of Monsignor Duggan, Vicar General of the Hartford Diocese:

"The Maryknoll Missionary Fathers are preparing to open a house of studies in New England. To some this seems like a circuitous way home. The American foreign missionary movement, which stands as one of the greatest Catholic works of our generation, had its first beginnings in Boston. The seeds sown there were hardly recognized by the plant—Father James Anthony Walsh was then and there prepared for the work as David was prepared to conquer the enemies of the Chosen People.

"In the middle eighties, when St. John's Seminary was under the direction of the venerable Father Hogan—the 'Ab' as he was known among the Seminarians,—the life of Theophane Venard was read at spiritual reading. Late from Harvard, Mr. Walsh listened. The seed was sown and we are beholding the harvest. And what a harvest from Boston to New York, to Scranton, to Cincinnati, to San Francisco to Los Angeles, to Seattle, to Honolulu, to Hongkong, to Rome, to Washington, then back to Boston!

"The Superior of the Maryknoll Fathers has paid high tribute to the late Father Andre of the Society of St. Sulpice, who, when teaching theology at Brighton, was tireless in his support of the missionary movement. He encouraged the future Founder and stood by him resolutely to the end. In those formative days, he prayed and gave counsel. It is no hazard to declare that he and Theophane Venard are heavenly patrons of the great cause.

"As a silent witness to these marvels, the writer has been moved to wonder and to recall that the Almighty moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." Was it Father Andre that suggested the reading of 'The Life of Theophane Venard, the Boy Missionary Martyr'? Father Hogan attended the spiritual reading and frequently interrupted to develop some thought suggested by the simple narrative. Mr. Walsh, the seminarian, was absorbed and buried in undemonstrative attention.

Soon after his ordination he organized the missionary movement in Boston. 'The Field Afar' was established to give divulgation to his plans. New York was looking on, and took its initiative from Boston. The faithfulness of his home archdiocese have been the loyal and munificent supporters of the missionary founder. Now that he is to have a permanent foundation among them they will receive him and his co-workers with open arms. We predict generous support and the development of many vocations. All this in forty years! From Boston through the country to San Francisco, across the Pacific to China, and around to Rome, then back to Boston, a marvelous work for one lifetime. The seeds sown in the eighties have borne abundant fruit!

"The writer entered the Brighton Seminary on the same day with Father Walsh. The seeds that were there sown fell—so far as he was concerned—on stony ground. In the soul of the young Harvard graduate they took deep root. Father Hogan, Father Andre, Theophane Venard have a share in the historic planting. Have they ceased their efforts now that they are translated to the kingdom of perfect love?

"Right here the pen refuses to be set aside. The last time I visited Maryknoll, Father Walsh was absent. A very gracious member of his missionary family volunteered to

guide us through the seminary. As we passed along a noble corridor adorned with missionary tokens and personages who had labored notably in support of mission work, we paused before the framed portrait of a venerable priest. The brother of 'Theophane Venard,' volunteered our salute.

"Indeed," I answered, "When we knew him in Boston we used to call him the Abbe Hogan."

"Years ago the Transcript ventured the opinion that the three greatest works of the Catholic Church in America in our time are, the founding of the Catholic University, the building of the Catholic Encyclopedia, and the establishment of the Maryknoll Missionary Society."

"The reader may change the order if it so chooses. The writer would change the order now. It is too early to name the American churchman who, in our generation, has achieved most and merited most. Modesty and humility were virtues carefully inculcated in the Brighton of the early nineties."

Cathedral of The Woods

The Walls are tapestried with young fresh leaves. The hedges send up incense, row on row. In organ-leaf of boughs the wood-birds choir. The praises of the dead who sleep below.

Through pillared aisles of trees the sunbeams gild. The altar's carpet at the long day's close; Mosses and last year's leaves are altar cloth. Beneath, the Relics every altar knows.

In silent nave no worshipper is nigh. And all the prayer is prayed by growing things. Bees in the hearts of flowers that fringe the sod. And all a prayer the whirring of soft wings.

Burned-out the tapers at Our Lady's feet. Spent, like the lives of three who loved Her Son; Behold, O Mother, these, thy martyred ones! Behold thy Mother, Isaac, Rene, John! —Mabel A. Farnum In the Aureville Pilgrim.

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