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"KWELLIN OF THE EMPERORS"
In the Midsummer issue of The FIELD AFAR, the Rev. John Romanello, M.M., of New Rochelle, N. Y., missioner in the Maryknoll Wuchow field, South China, tells of "Kwellin of the Emperors." The following extract is taken from his account of this ancient Imperial City.

"Kwellin, an ancient and beautiful city, is situated in the northeastern part of Kwangsi Province. It lies in a wide plain on the Fu River, surrounded by picturesque mountains that proclaim its glory. Some of these rugged peaks naturally form part of its mouldering stone wall, which was built before the time of Christ. In former days Kwellin was the city of the Emperor in South China. The Royal Palace was in the center of the city, enclosed by a stone wall; and this enclosure, called the Imperial City, stands to this day, though its former splendor passed away with the coming of the Republic.

Adam Schall from Peking, Lucas Te'n, a mandarin of court, was a descendant of the first Christians of Father Ricci in Nanking; and Thom as Kiu was the Governor of Kwangsi Province. It is recorded in history that the Governor was a devout Catholic, and helped Father Xavier Kofler build a chapel, where the ceremonies of the Church were carried out in great splendor and majesty. Now no traces of the chapel remain, but there is a street near the South Gate which is called 'Prayer Hall Road,' and some people say that the chapel was there, but of course it is only a guess.

"And thus, filled with the thoughts of those Christians of long ago, and conscious that we are following, in the footsteps of Father Xavier Kofler and other heroic missioners, we who have but recently arrived in this old mission field look forward to the coming of a second Spring."

A BISHOP'S HEROISM
Rome.—The secret act of sublime heroism on the part of Bishop Van Hooek of Ranchi, India, is made known at his death, which took place at Calcutta April 30. The General of the Society of Jesus reveals that His Excellency returned to Europe for treatment for cancer, was informed by his doctor that cure was impossible and that his death must take place within a year. Hiding this fact from all except his superiors, Bishop Van Hooek returned gaily to India in order that he might pass away at his post of duty.

Bishop Van Hooek was born at Antwerp April 17, 1870. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1889 and was ordained in India in 1903. In 1909 he began work in Ranchi and was named Bishop of Patna July 20, 1920. He was transferred back to Ranchi as Bishop of that Diocese February 16, 1928.

For a long time he had been suffering from a throat infection and June 1932 returned to Belgium with the hope of gaining relief. He underwent a long painful X-ray treatment at Brussels and returned to India last fall, his priests and people welcoming him joyfully in the belief that he had been permanently cured. Back in India he continued to suffer until his death last Sunday, April 30.

Ranchi is important as the centre of the Chota Nagpur movement of conversions.—(Fides)

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Sail For Mission Lands



Eight newly ordained priests of the Society of the Divine Word, Techy, W. are en route to the missions in foreign countries. Two will go to the Philippines, three to China, one to India, one to England and one to South America. They appear in the photograph above, front row, left to right: Rev. C. Schaefer, SVD, Rev. Wm. Vuellner, SVD, Rev. Wm. Bauer, SVD, Rev. L. Rushman, SVD. Middle row, left to right: Rev. R. Jaeger, SVD, Rev. C. Weber, SVD, Rev. H. Laak, SVD. Rear row, left to right: Rev. L. Bunzel, SVD, Rev. H. Marusa, SVD, Rev. G. Kerlin, SVD, Rev. P. Gusto, SVD. Photograph below shows the Jesuit Scholastics of Woodstock College, Md., who are en route to the missions of the Philippine Islands. They are, seated, left to right: Philip H. O'Neill, S. J.; William S. Masterson, S. J.; Thomas T. Tuite, S. J. Standing, left to right: John J. McKenney, S. J.; Joseph H. Bittner, S. J.; Thomas Socks, S. J.; Gerard F. Knoepfel, S. J., and Joseph J. Parrell, S. J.

BISHOPS AFFIRM FREEDOM OF YOUTH GROUPS

Indian Girls Wear Native Costumes In 'Tekakwitha' Play

The drama "Tekakwitha" was recently performed under unusual circumstances at Holy Rosary Mission, South Dakota. All of the players were Indian girls, and they were garbed, not in costumes obtained from a costumer, but in rare old buckskin suits treasured as heirlooms by the members of the older generation of their race.

The parts in the play were assigned to twenty-seven grown girls while the Indian band at the Mission, led by Jig Bluehorse, furnished the War Dance and other music. Theme, dress and music, all three combined to put the girls at their ease, and the performance was truly creditable. The part of Tekakwitha was well presented by Winnie Whiteface. The occasion once more revealed the Indian gift of dramatic expression and likewise his delight to demonstrate his histrionic abilities. C. V. Service.

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community of faith and because of its mission, full rights of association for the ecclesiastical youth organizations and the right of education, in the sense of physical, mental and professional promotion of its members. Because the present government has promised recognition of the special task of the ecclesiastical youth organizations and of their importance for the State, to leave them free in organizing themselves and in the accomplishment of their mission, one must expect that, in consequence of the formal recognition of the Catholic youth organizations as national youth groups, the chance to live and the freedom of activity will be fully preserved for them and also their indirect disturbance and destruction by irresponsible elements will be prevented by the State.

After having declared it as "unbearable" that Catholic youth groups be treated as of lesser right than others or be compelled to join other organizations alien to their own ideals, the Bishops' resolution states explicitly that the properties of ecclesiastical youth groups must be protected and their rights be safeguarded in all the schools so that official solicitation for only one preferred organization cannot in any way infringe upon their equal rights. This statement must be understood in the light of a recent incident in Prussia whereby attendance of all pupils at school festivities must be strictly enforced.

The Bishops' resolution, which bears the print of real courage and of a holy conviction, concludes by saying that Catholic youth will contribute with all their strength to upholding the Church's endeavor in this field of Catholic Action especially to awaken the religious forces which are necessary to build up a living Christianity, and that it will remain faithful to its leaders as they have been appointed by the Bishops. All youth groups are expected to keep up a spirit of sacrifice and to meet fully their financial obligations. They will willingly contribute to the common task of the nation's youth, in true brotherly love for all their brothers and sisters.

Resolution Text Printed
The Catholic press of Germany carries the text of this resolution prominently to call attention to its extraordinary importance. About its timeliness there can be no doubt in view of the unification of all youth organizations of Germany into one body which has now taken place under the leadership of Baldur von Schirach, a National Socialist. As far as is known at the moment, a central board attached to Herr von Schirach will consist of seven members, one of whom will be the representative of the Catholic youth groups. Mgr. Wolke has been selected for that office, the latter Herr von Schirach has

CHARITY VIRTUE EXTOLLED BY MSGR. HART

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life but after death. The Holy Father has urged Catholic Action and we have before us today a picture of what the Holy Father wants in Catholic Action."

All Will Profit
The L.C.B.A. he stated are here to work not only for themselves but for God. All will profit in a personal way as well as an organization. Throughout the United States, he said, priests look to the L. C. B. A. for the help they need and know that the training they receive has fitted them for the duties of parish welfare.

Monsignor Hart told the delegates that he wanted them to feel that that Catholics and non-Catholics of Rochester extend to them a real welcome.

Bishop Gibbons was attended at the Mass by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay and the Rev. Joseph H. G. fell as chaplains.

Assisting Bishop McFadden who celebrated the Mass at the faldston were Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Boppel, chancellor; deacon, the Rt. Rev. H. MacNell of Cleveland; subdeacon, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, master of ceremonies, the Rev. Joseph E. Grady, second master, Donald Lux, thurifer, Joseph Sullivan, cross bearer, Bernard Drew, acolyte, Patrick Flynn, Walter Fisher, bookbearer, Joseph Cirrione, candlebearer, Alovasius Klingler, nitre bearer, Joseph Haffey, gremial bearer, Walter Carron; train bearer, Raymond Schoneleker.

In the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Brophy, the Rev. Francis Walter A. Foery, Edward T. Meagher, F. J. Hoelen, Charles R. Reynolds, Gerard C. Lambert, John Randall and Lawrence Ryan.

Music was furnished by the Cathedral mens' choir.

A large convoy of motor buses brought the delegates to the Columbus Civic Center where the business sessions were opened with Supreme President, Miss Kate Mahoney of Troy, presiding.

Mayor Percival D. Oviatt welcomed the delegates in the name of the city of Rochester. He said that he had observed this organization and was aware of the wonderful progress being made by the L. C. B. A. He expressed the hope that their stay in Rochester would be a most pleasant one.

Bishop Gibbons Heard
The opening address was given by Bishop Gibbons, supreme spiritual adviser. All through the depression, Bishop Gibbons said, the L. C. B. A. has continued to flourish. He praised the excellent manner in which this group of women handled finances and conducted the business of their organization. The healthy condition of the association he said was due to the integrity, honesty and charity of its leaders who are most capable business women.

The only sad note in the enjoyment, Bishop Gibbons declared, of the convention was the absence of Bishop O'Hern upon whose invitation he said, the convention had assembled here.

Special trains brought delegates from various sections of the country on Sunday. All day Monday was given for supreme officers in Columbus ballroom by the Rochester Advisory Senate. Tuesday evening the Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania delegation held a reception for supreme officers.

Sightseeing trips and other entertainment functions were arranged for the visitors who were highly pleased with the city. Visitors also expressed great admiration for the Columbus Civic Center and its various accommodations for convention sessions.

The Most Rev. Emmet M. Walsh, Bishop of Charleston, addressed the convention on Wednesday and praised the organization and charity of the L.C.B.A.

Bishop Walsh said further: "Christian traditional morality is undergoing a severe test in these times. A subtle, systematic and insistent setting aside of Christian ideals is evidenced in the themes of motion pictures, on the stage and in the lives of heroes and heroines of modern books.

"Great need of America today is a new spiritual outlook on the part of American business and industry."

An address was also given by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester. Priests present on the stage were: the Rev. John F. Cherry of Brooklyn and the Rev. Albert Regenberg, O.M.C., of Syracuse.

Honor badges were awarded for getting new members during the year to the various representatives of the branches.

Business sessions were to continue today and on Friday delegates were to attend a solemn memorial Mass for the late Bishop O'Hern in St. Patrick's Cathedral at 8 o'clock.

Berlin.—(NCWC) — Two former managers of the German Free Thinkers (Atheist) Association, Max Siewers, and Hermann Grahl, are said to have embezzled an amount of 700,000 Marks (about \$200,000).

QUESTION BOX

Send questions you desire answered to the Question Box Editor, Catholic Courier, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y.

Q. "If the Church teaches that non-Catholics can validly baptize, why are converts to the Church generally baptized conditionally?"
A. Because the ministers of the various sects do not everywhere follow a uniform method of Baptism and some unfortunately believe Baptism is merely an empty ceremony and has no efficacy in the Divine plan of salvation.

Q. Please explain why Catholics are so devoted to the Rosary."
A. Because the Rosary, by keeping vividly before us the principal scenes of our Redemption, helps us to realize God's infinite mercy and, at the same time, to be grateful to the Mother of our Saviour for the part which she plays in our salvation.

Q. "What mysteries of the Rosary should be said on the various days of the week?"
A. While the mysteries of the Rosary are not fixed for special days, those who recite the Rosary every day usually assign the joyful mysteries to Monday and Thursday, the sorrowful to Tuesday and Friday, and the glorious to Wednesday and Saturday. On Sundays, from Advent to Lent, the joyful mysteries are said; during Lent, the sorrowful; from Easter to Advent, the glorious. There is no obligation to follow this order.

Q. "Do the marriage laws of the Church permit a man to marry his deceased wife's sister?"
A. As there exists the diriment impediment of affinity (relationship contracted by the union), there can be no valid marriage between the man and his sister-in-law without a dispensation. As this impediment is of ecclesiastical origin, the Church can dispense from it. Sometimes it is allowed to provide care for the bereaved children.

Q. "What is a Monsignor and what is his office?"
A. The term "Monsignor" is a mode of addressing any prelate of the Church, whether he be an Archbishop, a Bishop, or even a mere

Redemptorist Father Will Conduct Novena At St. Anne's Church

The solemn annual novena in honor of St. Anne will be held at St. Anne's Church, Brighton Park off Mt. Hope Avenue, for nine evenings beginning Monday evening, July 17, at 8 p. m.

The Rev. Thomas Raynor, C.S.S.R., formerly of St. Joseph's Church, this city will preach the novena services which will consist of sermon, prayers, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the sacred relic of St. Anne.

Motorists attending the novena will find special parking facilities provided by the Rev. George Schmitt, pastor.

We must bear arms against the vice which especially wages war against us, and not beat a retreat until, by God's help, we have gained the victory.

chaplain or domestic chamberlain of the Holy Father. It is a title of respect and frequently certain priests not actually assisting the Pope are given an honorary office which entitles them to be called "Monsignor" and to wear the robes of those who actually hold the titular office in Rome.

Q. "What is the meaning of the crosses printed in the "Ordinary of the Mass" during the Canon?"
A. Those crosses indicate where the priest makes the Sign of the Cross over the bread and wine before the Consecration and over the Body and Blood after the Consecration.

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