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The *Catholic* World Over

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teaching school in Tucson. They solved the problem of giving the Indians and Mexicans religious instruction in their Catholic faith by sending six sisters out to the settlements. Due to the missionary zeal of these Daughters of St. Vincent the faith of these poor exiles will be presreved.

A dispatch from India reveals that an Educational Committee, appointed by the State of Travancore to make suggestions for the improvement of education, has declared itself in favor of religious instruction in education. Moreover it emphatically declares that religion can never be divorced from education. It has strongly urged that religious instruction be given in the schools. It even has the moral courage to state that a lack of moral instruction has resulted in a lessening of the number of schools and colleges Would that the report of this committee could be placed in the hands of some of our modern educators as well as the defenders of non-religious education for our American Public School System. They might learn something from it.

Postmaster General Farley came away from Rome in amazement, as he says, at the knowledge of affairs in the United States possessed by Pope Pius. In this first visit of his to the Old World, Mr. Farley's private audience with the Holy Father was the culminating pleasure of a long series of pleasant events. Mr. Farley declared that the Holy Father had followed developments in America with a sure scrutiny that is nothing less than amazing in one who is thousands of miles away from the scene where the events are transpiring. Mr. Farley said that this was a high tribute to the Pope's paternal solicitude for all his children no matter where they live. The Pope, through Mr. Farley, sent sincere wishes to Mr. Roosevelt that his health would be preserved for the good of the United States and the entire world.

A Prague dispatch discloses that the Rev. Paul Sibesta is again off for the Belgian Congo. Father Sibesta is a noted Czech Catholic missionary and an expert ethnologist. This is not his first trip to Africa. His previous journeys to the Dark Continent have been scientifically most successful and he has conducted a series of lectures in Prague on his experiences with the formerly unknown kind of Congo pygmy, the Bambutti. After completing preparations for his trip in Brussels, the explorer priest will leave directly for Africa to continue his studies on the Bambutti tribe.

SPECIAL MASS FOR SKIERS

Montreal — (NCWC) — A special Mass for skiers has just been celebrated at the Church of Val Morin. A Mass for this purpose is rather unusual, although "snowshoe" Masses are a custom here, many such having been sung in the Church of St. Louis. Blessing of the skis preceded the Mass.

Lead in Press Month Observance

February being set aside as Catholic Press Month, religious and lay leaders are exhorting Catholics throughout the country to enlarge and intensify their practical interest in the development and support of Catholic publications. Prominent in this work are: (right) His Excellency the Most Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh and Episcopal Chairman of the Press Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference; (below, left) Richard Reid, Editor of "The Bulletin," of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia and President of the Catholic Press Association, and (lower, right) Charles H. Ridder of the "Catholic News" of New York, Chairman of the special Catholic Press Month Committee of the C. P. A.

FIRST OBSERVANCE OF CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH IN DIOCESE BEGINS SUNDAY

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Superintendent of Catholic Schools, and the co-operation of pastors and teachers in the various schools of the diocese. Suitable prizes for boys and girls will be awarded meritorious essays.

Prizes To Be Awarded

The subject of the essay contest will be "The Life of St. Francis de Sales, Patron Saint of the Catholic Press." A board of judges will determine the winners and prizes will be awarded during the Catholic Press Exhibit.

In addition there will be a Catholic Courier Poster Contest, in which students of Mechanics Institute Lettering and Poster Design Class will produce posters on subjects assigned. Judges will include Charles C. Horn, Clifford M Ulp, and Howard W Klippert, manager, Catholic Courier.

Catholic Courier newsboys will take a prominent part in Catholic Press Month observance They will go among their friends seeking new subscriptions and explaining the value of reading the diocesan newspaper each week.

Interest in the Catholic Press has been growing steadily the last few years and with the reorganization of the Catholic Courier as a diocesan newspaper, the number of its readers has grown remarkably. During the campaign recently conducted by Charles A. Tucker, thousands have been added to the subscription rolls and the number is growing.

Loyal readers of the Catholic Courier are asked to interest themselves in the Catholic Press Month Observance and to interest every friend. The effectiveness and usefulness of the diocesan newspaper depends upon the reader interest and the extent of that interest.

The editorial staff of the Catholic Courier now includes the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, managing editor; the Rev. Eugene B. Hudson, associate editor, and Thomas H. O'Connor, news editor Several special writers contribute from time to time and correspondents are co-operating in various points of the diocese. The aim of the editorial department is to produce each week an increasingly interesting Catholic newspaper, and as far as possible, one that represents every portion of the diocese.

Business interests of the Catholic Courier are being handled by Howard W. Klippert, manager, and all loyal friends of the newspaper are being urged to co-operate with advertisers emphasizing the value to them of placing their business messages in the paper and showing appreciation for the financial support they are giving your diocesan newspaper.

EPISCOPAL CHAIRMAN SOUNDS CALL FOR CATHOLIC PRESS ADVANCE

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ions of the day. These are commonly pagan.

It is not at all a difficult matter to make the mind of a Catholic man or woman inhospitable to the Faith. Secular schools often do it for our young people, when developing boys and girls are subjected, out of social considerations and sometimes for years, to a scholastic atmosphere which anaesthetizes the sense of the supernatural. But more than anything else, this feeding of the mind through secular newspapers, magazines and books, sets up a conflict in which the Faith is hard put to it to survive.

Wrong Place to Economize

It is important, if the Faith is to be made a vigorous quality in a Catholic family, that Catholic newspapers and periodicals should find a welcome. Not only should they come to it regularly through the mails, but they should be read by its members, as a kind of mental antidote to the papers and magazines and books with which Catholic minds are too often and too intensively employed. Much of the hostile criticism of Catholic publications which is directed by casual readers at the journalistic faults of editors and contributors is, I am persuaded, an expression of the distaste of a Catholic mind gone a little sour through a too constant diet of a secular sort.

The financial difficulties of diocesan weeklies and of our other Catholic papers, as well as the trials which our magazines are made to endure, is an arraignment of the faith of our people. Instead of beginning our economies by giving up the Catholic publications that come to our homes, we should regard the Catholic paper as the last of the things by which we curtail expenses.

Incidentally, it is good to remember that paying for the publication is really as important as subscribing for it. The Catholic paper, like nearly all other Catholic enterprises, is pretty constantly embarrassed by the narrowness of its financial resources. Unless its subscribers, and its advertisers, pay it what they owe it, it is doomed.

But these are unpleasant things to write about. Our concern is with the Catholic paper as an implement of the Faith, and as an institution whose excellence and vigor we must build up by constant support and constructive criticism. To be displeased and angry is not very helpful, unless one remains with the group, and is stimulated by discontent to work for better things.

Ways to Help Catholic Press

The admirable courage of our publications, all of them struggling in the most untoward conditions they have ever known, should stimulate our people to give what assistance they can. The most obvious help will come from patronizing those who use our Catholic papers for advertising, and from paid subscriptions. We cannot listen to counsels of despair, throw up our hands, and sink. We must somehow, and chiefly by prayer and sacrifice, save what we can of the implements which we have received from those who have gone before us in the Faith.

Almost alone today the Catholic paper, devoted to advancing the interests of the Mystical Body of Christ in this world, can speak out, clear and unafraid, on the real merits of public affairs. The daily journals of the country which have the largest circulations are slowly coming into the control of a very small group of men who actually make public opinion by shaping the news and controlling editorial comment upon it. If you will assume, on the one hand, minds in their readers that are easily made and unmade, and on the other an astute selfishness campaigning for its own ends through the papers it owns, you have a potential danger whose magnitude cannot easily be exaggerated. Newspapers may make wars more easily than governments, and newspapers may dictate the nature of public policies which government must enact. To confirm this statement you need only watch these newspapers at their work. The confident air of accurate knowledge and judgment which they assume could only result from the quality of omniscience supported by the gift of infallibility.

Opportunity at Hand

Surely, in the presence of such a condition, it is the obvious duty of good citizens to support a press in which real conflicts of opinion point to a wholesome independence, and where standards of Christian justice and Christian morals are acknowledged and applied in judgments upon human conduct, in the individual and in the mass.

Catholic Press Month offers an opportunity to all who are interested in these things to break a lance in their defense. I embrace this opportunity to invite Catholic prelates to address their own dioceses during the year in the interests of Catholic publications originating in them, and Catholic men and women everywhere, to help, as they can, and where they can, to support and invigorate the Catholic Press.

Earthquakes Destroy Mission Chapels of Father Kilian of India, Visitor Here

All of the primitive chapels but one built in the mission sector of the Rev. John Kilian, S. J., American Jesuit among the Santal tribes in Patna diocese, India, were believed destroyed completely by the recent earthquake, Father Kilian said Monday on a visit to Rochester. Father Kilian was interviewed by Catholic Courier in the diocesan offices, Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Although a full beard protected his face, Father Kilian did not relish the zero weather he found in Rochester. He has been a missionary in India for ten years and while there seldom wore shoes only when saying Mass.

He entered the work among the Santals about three years ago and had many interesting stories to tell of those people whom he described as unusually clean in habits. In traveling about the country (he covers 20 to 30 miles daily on foot in his labors) he has had many unusual experiences in saying Mass. First he used an inverted rope bed upon which to place the altar stone and later a mud ledge by the side of the road. In the beginning the natives leaned on his shoulders as he was saying the Holy Mass and on several occasions, cattle passed between him and the altar as he turned for the "Dominus Vobiscum."

Father Kilian gave a humorous description of the native "speakeasy" which is a large "toddy" palm, climbed by the natives to get the cocoanut juice which provides intoxicating potency when fermented.

Progress is being made among the Santals, he said, with an impressive number of converts enrolled in the Catholic faith with prospects of many more. Some of the natives who had previously been "priests" of the devil worship and others who had been converted to the Protestant sects and were ordained ministers of the Protestant religion, have become fervent Catholics and are now employed as catechists, among their people, he related.

With the cost of a jungle chapel running into a sum of about $135, Father Kilian sees the need for help and co-operation of those in the United States if he is to rebuild his mission sector. Two headquarters are needed in the vast territory he covers which includes 240,000 pagans. His mission is one of those staffed by American Jesuits under the Most Rev. Bernard J. Sullivan, Bishop of Patna.

Stricken himself by malaria and ordered to the United States for his health, Father Kilian sees, too, a need for medical mission aid, especially for quinine supplies.

He is a native of Toledo, Ohio, and after visiting friends in various parts of the country hopes to return in April to his field. While in Rochester, Father Kilian visited with Archbishop Mooney to talk over mission conditions in India.

4 Nuns' Bodies Taken From Canal By Diver

Watertown, N. Y.—(NCWC)—The bodies of four nuns, members of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and that of the driver of the automobile in which they plunged into the Northern New York Utilities power canal at Black River, were recovered Monday by George Fisher, diver, of Ogdensburg.

Those who met death in the accident were Sister Gabriel, principal of Augustinian Academy, Carthage, and Sisters Angela, Christina and Alphonsus, members of the staff, and Martin O'Keefe, of Carthage.

Marks on the highway indicated that the sedan in which they were riding skidded on the slippery road. There had previously been two fatal accidents at the same scene.

SEEK TERCENTENARY STAMP

Milwaukee, Wis.—(NCWC) — The Doon County Historical Society is seeking to have the United States Government mark the tercentary of Jean Nicolet, pioneer Catholic explorer of the West, with a postage stamp issue commemorating his discoveries in the West.

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