

Flower Show to Have Poster Contest For Children of Schools

A National Flower and Garden Show Poster Contest open to the pupils in the public, private and parochial schools of nine New York State counties was announced yesterday by George B. Hart, chairman of the local executive committee.

The poster which shall be judged the best of all those submitted will be reproduced and displayed with the name of the artist in all sections of the country where the show is announced. Other selected posters will be displayed locally.

This contest will be open to children in the public, private and parochial schools of the following counties: Albany, Orleans, Genesee, Westchester, Hamilton, Yates, Ontario, Seneca and Wayne.

Entrants will be divided into two classes. Class A will consist of contestants who are not less than fifteen and not more than twenty years of age. Class B will consist of contestants who are less than fifteen years of age.

Prizes will be identical for both classes. They are as follows: First Prize—\$10.00, Second Prize—\$5.00, Third Prize—\$3.00. There will be five additional prizes in each class of \$1.00 for Honorable Mention.

Announcements of the contest, together with the rules and regulations pertaining thereto, have been sent to the schools in all of the nine eligible counties.

Disappointment and discouragement are two different things.

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QUEEN OF BEAUTY STATUE ON SAGUENAY

By REV. WILLIAM A. DOHERTY, C.S.S.R. The following article has been written exclusively for the Catholic Courier, diocesan newspaper, by Father Doherty, Rector of St. Joseph's Church in connection with the Novena of Wednesdays in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help now being conducted in preparation for the Feast of the Annunciation.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL Help. Day-time was serenely changing to twilight. The lengthening shadows were deftly stealing the gold and scarlet of the dying sun, robbing the day of its glories. Tired eyes were watching this outrage, yet were too languid to protest. Perhaps they deemed themselves amply compensated for the loss, since the evening shared with them its delicious peace and tranquil hours. All day they had been gazing at verdant beauties and gorgeous landscapes. Surfeited with the grandeur of God's artistry they are willing, now, to forfeit the pleasures of sight for the enjoyment of well-earned repose.

Those eyes that had watched the advance of the evening shadows bowed to the passengers on board a steamer. Now at twilight it was turning from the majestic waters of the St. Lawrence into the darkling blue of the far-famed Saguenay. These passengers had settled down for a quiet chat on deck before retiring. They had been thrilled with all that had come forth from the magic lap of Nature and were content to think that she had nothing more to display. They were mistaken. Their eyes were suddenly alive again, bursting with unusual expectancy. The sheen of the moon was upon the waters, its glint up on the high-hung tapestries that edged this historic stream.

Ever An Inspiration. The beauty of that scene was imbued with enchanting powers. Not a soul could have preserved a prosaic, unpractical calm under such a spell. The scene was a poem of silver splendor, irresistibly enchanting. Perhaps many poems have been written about it, but the best could not compare with that which is written on each soul that night. It is an immortal masterpiece that will forever be an inspiration to the hearts that cherish it, an inspiration that will ever urge them to the nobler ambitions of life and prompt them always to gaze upward to the Infinite Beauty that alone can satiate the yearning of their souls.

There is another reason why the beauty of that delightful scene will be for them a cherished memory. They know that all created beauty is but the reflection of the Eternal Beauty whom we call God. The most perfect reflection of that Beauty is God's own Mother. Pinnacled on one of the highest cliffs and surrounded by the entrancing grandeur of the Saguenay River stands a mammoth statue of the Queen of Beauty, Mary Immaculate. It is the history of this statue that tempted me to write about it. It may inspire others as it inspired me. It may even urge all of us to repair the defects in our devotion to our Queen. It will surely teach us promptness in fulfilling the promises we make to Her when the clutch of want grips our hearts, or when we are seized with the intense desire of some favor from Her Hand.

In Pioneer Days. It is difficult for us of this Modern era to realize the hazards that accompanied travelers of many generations ago. In the far regions of Canada the only way to reach a destination north of old Quebec was to travel on snow-shoes over the mountain or else drive a sleigh over the frozen St. Lawrence and up the Saguenay. Many tales are told of adventurers who traveled these regions in the past.

One of the eminent pioneers of the old days was a certain Charles Robitaille, a representative of a Quebec business house. His life was replete with adventures on the frozen waters but there is one story in particular that concerns us now. On one of his trips he set out with his team of horses and cariole for a town called Chicoutimi. After traveling some miles he came in sight of a smaller town which was one of his stopping places. Warmth, food, rest were waiting for him there. Eagerly he pushed on, but suddenly his progress was halted. His horses had disappeared from sight, his team and himself plunged into the icy waters. Miraculously he extricated himself and clung to the jagged edges of the ice. His peril was extreme.

Not a soul was near him, not a being within the range of his pitiful cries. Without hope of human assistance his heart cried out in unison with his lips for Divine help. Mingled with those fervent prayers were vows—vows that he intended so keep. He vowed that if he were spared that awful death that seemed imminent he would erect a statue of the Virgin Mother of God

CATHOLICS URGED TO GIVE EXAMPLE OF UNITY BY U. S. PAPAL DELEGATE

(Continued from Page 1) show his paternal love. In the ecclesiastical colleges of Rome there are students from many nations, also from those nations whose population is predominantly non-Catholic. In the College of the Propaganda alone, more than thirty nations are represented. The parents, friends, fellow-countrymen, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, of these students are received in audience by the Holy Father, and always by his paternal words he shows his appreciation and love for those outside the fold.

"The words he utters are not mere conventional phrases of interest and compliment, but are prompted by that spiritual generosity which waves aside all barriers and hursts forth in terms of comfort and help in the difficulties by which they are beset. How far from the truth are those who think of the Pope merely as a captain of a vast army, in reality he is a Father, feeling the same affection and love for all his children, both within and without the fold, showing, perhaps, more anxiety for the latter because of his longing to provide them with all the means of sanctity given by Christ to His Church.

More Charity and More Prayer. "The thought of the Holy Father in regard to those outside the Church may be summed up in two points: more charity and more prayer. "More charity on our part towards these unfortunate children who are struggling to attain their end, deprived of that richness of the Sacraments and of those strong aids contained in the full deposit of faith. Often they make sublime sacrifices, generous renunciations of affection, of friends, sometimes even of parents, in order to enter the Church.

"More prayer on their part, and also on ours, that they may soon attain to the full light of the truth towards which they are groping. "Conversion is the result of the work of God in the soul and is effected by the united action of God and man. It is a miracle of grace and he who desires it for himself or for others must, above all, call upon the help of Almighty God. We must appreciate this fact here in this country where such miracles of grace are so old-fashioned, half a million of the Catholics now in the United States having received this grace, and every year witnessing numerous repetitions.

The mind of the Holy Father toward non-Catholics was revealed in an impressive manner in an audience given to a group of lay students who had presented to His Holiness a program of studies to be undertaken in the course of the scholastic year and at which it was my good fortune to be present. Part of the program referred to the study of Church History in relation to the reunion of separated Christians. The Holy Father warmly recommended this study, adding:

"The study of Church History shows that those who have separated themselves from the Church, remaining as though fragments of Christianity, conserve something, more or less, of the doctrine of Christ in the situation created after their separation, even as something of the material rock remains in the boulders which have detached themselves from the eternal Alps.

Mutual Understanding Necessary. "In order to reunite these separated groups into one Church, we must first have mutual understanding and love. We must have mutual understanding, for it is safe to say that if the work of reunion has failed so many times in the past, it is due in great part to the fact that either side did not understand the other. The wall of prejudice erected between the two parts must be torn down. It is like the incredible errors and equivocations which are sustained among the separated brethren of the Oriental churches and which they set up against the Catholic Church.

"Catholics sometimes fail in a right appreciation of those groping outside the Church. We fall sometimes in fraternal charity because we fail to understand the other side. Fragments of a gold-bearing rock always remain golden. The venerable Oriental churches concern many ancient holy practices so as to merit not only respect but the sympathy of all."

"The words of Pius XI constitute a program which he who has the spread of religion at heart must make his own. By delving directly into the souls of our separated brethren, souls redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, we shall discover spiritual treasures which the divine hand has freely lavished. These treasures but await to be brought to the light, to the supernatural light of Truth.

Necessary Means. "A book or pamphlet which treats of God, of the faith of our fathers, of the Catholic religion, of a rebuilding of a lost faith, are valuable aids, but of themselves are insufficient. In order that these souls searching for the light may find the true Church and that unity and sanctity with which Jesus Christ endowed her as her mark, it is most necessary that that unity and that sanctity shine resplendent in the lives of her members. The unity and sanctity of the Church must be reflected in our lives, for the eyes of those searching for the light are fixed upon us as representatives of that Church. We are the light-bearers; it is a grave responsibility. "More Charity and more Prayer. Let us strive to bind ourselves more closely with the bonds of Christian charity; let us pray more incessantly.

COORDINATION OF BOY WORK EFFORT SOUGHT

(Continued from Page 1) aration of a Catholic Youth Leaders Handbook with suitable bibliographies, this was declared to be a pressing need. The Director of the Bureau, the Rev. Vincent Mooney, C.S.C., was asked by the leaders to draft a brief outline of such a handbook and to submit it to prominent workers in the movement for suggestions as to final form and content. The leaders also urged that discussion of the youth movement be made a prominent part of conventions of Catholic organizations, especially the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women.

As evidence of the Catholic Church's concern for the welfare of youth, it was pointed out that in his Encyclical Letter on the Christian Education of Youth, His Holiness Pope Pius XI emphasized the need of guarding the youth not only through the development of the schools, but also "in whatever other environment he may happen to be." It was also recalled that His Excellency, the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, addressing the convention of the National Council of Catholic Women in St. Paul, last October, urged that organization to make the youth movement one of its principal concerns. The address delivered by the Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Milwaukee, at the same meeting, urging "the need of the youth apostolate," the address of the Most Rev. Bernard J. Schill, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, to the convention of the National Council of Catholic Men, explaining the organization and work of the C.Y.O. and other pronouncements of members of the Hierarchy were recalled.

Those present at this week's conference felt that much good could be gained from the further exchange of views regarding matters presented for discussion, and acted to reassemble here on March 9 for another meeting. Father Mooney presided at this week's meeting, and the Rev. Michael J. Reedy, Assistant General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, was present.

Noted Leaders Attend. Among those present were: the Rev. Killian Henrick, O.M. Cap., Director General of the Catholic Boys Brigade, the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., of the Sodality of Our Lady, the Rev. Louis Aetna, Director of the Propagation of the Faith in the Archdiocese of Baltimore; the Rev. Paul Hanly Furfury, of the Catholic University of America; the Rev. Thomas Carey, O.P., of the Holy Name Society, Victor Rider, president of the New York State Council of Social Work and a member of the Catholic Committee on Scouting; John Conway, Director of the Boy Life Bureau of the Knights of Columbus; Gerald O'Neill, of Stamford, Conn., prominent educa-

ly that God by His grace may complete the work we have cooperated to begin, and that He may infuse in these select souls the light of His Divine Truth.

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