

GENEVA

By JOHN TOOLE
Students of De Sales High School are participating with enthusiasm in the contest on "Why a Catholic Newspaper" sponsored by the "Catholic Courier."

In observance of the Lenten season the Sodality of Our Lady held its first spiritual meeting of Lent on Friday evening, February 16, in the Study Hall.

The meeting was opened with a prayer and the singing of the Sodality Hymn, followed by Roll Call and the Minutes of the last meeting. A talk commemorating the Coronation of Pius XI was given by Fred Toole; Jane Ferris spoke on Penance. It was decided by unanimous approval to refer the matter of penalizing delinquent socialists to the Rev. Edward T. Hall, director of the Sodality. The meeting closed with a general prayer after one half hour in mental prayer conducted by the Rev. John Guy.

A large delegation of Socialists is planning to attend the Sodality convention to be held in Buffalo on March 11; they will make the trip in a specially chartered railroad car.

Gertrude Davis, 34, mortared a pipe in the State Essay Contest at Washington, conducted by the Gorgas Memorial Institute.

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CATHOLICISM TRIUMPHANT IN SPAIN

(Continued from Page 1) From its School of Journalism have gone out young men who are forging to the front and are even founding vigorous Catholic papers in the provinces. El Debate has organized the Agencia Logos which serves non-Catholic as well as Catholic papers.

Besides improvement in the Catholic press, there has been a marked improvement as well as an increase in the number of Catholic periodicals. Frequent youth congresses and meetings of other Catholic Action groups have produced a great effect not only upon members but upon the public in general. In many instances these meetings have taken on the appearance of a popular mission.

Conferences organized in remote parishes have study clubs and works of piety and culture included in their activities. In many places the socialist people's congresses have either disappeared or are losing influence since youth is being weaned away from the anti-Catholic syndical movement. Since many of these youths have joined the Confederation of Catholic Students, the position of Catholic students in all the Universities has been fortified to the extent that more students from staunch Catholic families are entering the State institutions of higher learning.

The Federation of Friends of Education, referred to popularly as the FAE, and the Fathers of Families, have played important roles in the religious-political contests of the last few years. Of utmost importance has been the former's defense of the Catholic school and sane methods of Christian education before the Ministry of Public Instruction. The Federation publishes the best pedagogical review in Spain; it maintains headquarters to direct and to give information regarding private schools and teachers; it makes available to teachers and religious courses in education and the art of teaching; it has distributed millions of leaflets and pamphlets on the subject of education. The second organization, composed of Catholic parents, naturally has been engaged in the defense of the rights of parents and its voice has been heard on all matters of government pertaining to public education. While the FAE has been engaged in increasing the number and improving the quality of Catholic teachers, the Fathers of Families have multiplied the number of Catholic schools and have aided the Bishops and pastors in organizing catechists and schools of religion wherever necessary.

The prelate, with the collaboration of these and other Catholic Action institutions, have succeeded in multiplying the centers of religious education everywhere. In cathedrals, parish churches, private chapels, even in homes—catechism classes have been established. It can be said truthfully that no child of Catholic parents lacks opportunity for receiving adequate religious instruction. The Most Rev. Francisco Irastorza, Bishop of Orihuela, has instituted in his diocese a system of religious education that has served as a model for other dioceses. Directly under the direction of the Bishop is a group called the "Crusaders of Education." They have seen to it that no school conducted by Religious, notwithstanding the attempt of the State to substitute laic schools, has ceased operation. As a matter of fact the number of Catholic schools has increased. The substitution for Religious in secondary schools having proved a complete failure, the government has renounced all intention of interfering with Religious as teachers in primary schools, although this substitution was to have occurred on January 1.

Fortalling any move on the part of the government, the Crusaders of Education were ready to step into the schools and as "laymen" within the law, to carry on the school work without interruption. As a result of their organization and collaboration, Catholic schools have been started in remote parishes and districts. Heretofore religious education in these districts was given by indifferent or even agnostic teachers in State schools, cut down to a minimum or even omitted entirely from the curriculum.

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Missioner Known Here Now In India



Among the four missionaries of the Congregation of the Holy Cross recently arrived in the Orient from the Foreign Mission Seminary in Washington was the Rev. Charles Young, C.S.C. (on left) who celebrated his first solemn Mass in St. Mary's Orphan Asylum chapel here. Father Young is a graduate of St. Mary's. The photograph taken upon their arrival in Lucknow, India, shows the missionaries with the Most Rev. Timothy Crowley, C.S.C. (center). Also in the photograph are: Rev. Joseph Voorde of South Bend, Ind.; Rev. John Harrington, of Eureka, Utah; and Brother John Heim of Pittsburgh, Pa. (N.C.W.C. Files photo.)

BRUCE, SCANLAN AND SHEED VOICE CATHOLIC PRESS EXHIBIT APPROVAL

(Continued from Page 1) can only be kept in contact with the intellectual activity of the whole body by means of the written word; and the first and absolutely essential link is the Catholic weekly. If it fails in that duty, then it is of no value for the larger needs of the Church. "It is because such a conference as this shows that the students and organizations who sponsor it are fully alive to the possibilities of Catholic Action in the field of the mind, that we who publish welcome it with such deep satisfaction."

Yours sincerely, F. J. SHEED.

From Mr. Bruce: "Heartiest congratulations on the splendid cooperation of the 'Catholic Courier' through your Catholic Press Exhibit, which you are planning for February 22 to 26.

"Our Catholic people as a rule do not understand the tremendous discouragements and the terrific difficulties of the Catholic periodical publishing business. It has been my privilege to know much about these discouragements over a lifetime of publishing work. "In the first place, our Catholic people so frequently have such peculiar ideas of what constitutes news and what a Catholic paper should do for its Catholic clientele. So frequently Catholic readers do not appreciate that the Catholic editor spends a lifetime trying to serve the Catholic reader by 100% publication, and yet the support which is given the Catholic press is so frequently only a matter of superficial courtesy.

"The fact that your paper is the official newspaper of the Rochester diocese means that, after all, it is the mouthpiece of your Bishop and it is an attempt to convey to your good people the spirit of the Church in all its great teaching mission. The Catholic Courier becomes the great connecting point between the people of your Diocese and the Catholic Church. After all, the great service of the Holy Father himself to his Catholics is presented by the 'Catholic Courier' in each weekly issue of your splendid paper.

"You are to be congratulated that you have planned this Catholic Press Exhibit. The Catholics of your Diocese ought to extend to your Bishop and yourself the courtesy of an interesting support of your Exhibit. After all, these exhibits are a losing venture unless the Catholics of the community just give you the courtesy of the ordinary passing interest. If they will merely understand the spirit which is behind your Exhibit and the great sacrifice to which you have gone to prepare this work for your people, a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. The Catholic who takes no interest in your Catholic Press Exhibit does not allow the 'Catholic Courier' to weld the great link of Catholic interest in the Catholic Church. The Catholic who thinks he is above your Press Exhibit is simply missing the spirit of the Church and does not understand that you are rendering him a personal service to which he must rise but to which you cannot force him. After all, we can lead a horse to the trough, but we can't force him to eat or drink.

"With the heartiest congratulations to the 'Catholic Courier' for its splendid service to the Catholics of your Diocese, I am Very cordially yours, FRANK BRUCE, Publisher."

MASSES IN U. S. TO BE SAID FOR BELGIUM KING

(Continued from Page 1) Denis Joseph O'Connell of Richmond, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Hugh T. Henry of the Catholic University Faculty.

Cardinal Gibbons placed the Doctor's gown upon King Albert, and Bishop Shaahan delivered an address of welcome in which he lauded the King. The degree Doctor of Laws was then conferred upon King Albert, the Cardinal placing the academic hood about his shoulders. Cardinal Gibbons then delivered an address, to which the King of the Belgians replied.

That same day, King Albert, Queen Elizabeth and Crown Prince Leopold went to Trinity College, which is near the campus of the Catholic University, where honorary degrees were conferred upon both the King and Queen. King Albert received the degree Doctor of Laws and Queen Elizabeth received the degree Doctor of Letters.

Crown Prince Leopold, who succeeds his father as King of the Belgians is known for his cordial support of the Catholic missions of the Belgian Congo. Last year, Prince Leopold made a tour of the Congo, studying agricultural development. Arrived at Masamba, at the very mouth of the Congo River, he began by examining the plantation of the Scheut Fathers. At Kisantu, he became so enamored of the famous botanical gardens of Brother Gillet, S.J. that he changed his program and delayed his departure for a day. At Leopoldville and at every point farther in the interior of the Congo he sought out the missionaries and spent hours in conversation with them.

(By NCWC News Service) New York, Feb. 20.—A solemn requiem Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, this city, for King Albert I of Belgium. It was announced by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Lavella, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New York and rector of the Cathedral. The time of the Mass had not been set yesterday.

The Rev. Camiel A. Verder Meulen, C.S.S.C., pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church on Pleasant Street, has arranged for a Mass for King Albert on Tuesday at 9 o'clock at which Belgian-Americans, many former subjects of the King, will attend.

Dr. Ellingwood Sees State Advanced in Education Field

Geneva.—More progress has been made by the state in Education than in any other field, said Dr. Ellingwood, state regional director of the Y. M. C. A., in his talk on "Modern Youth and the Problems Facing It" before the student body of De Sales High School, on Monday, February 12, in the school study hall. The improvements that have been made in the effort to give people the opportunity to develop themselves are wonderful, Dr. Ellingwood said. It is of extreme importance that people be able to accomplish something, emphasized the speaker, for even though their intentions are well founded, if they can't do anything, they will be of no use to themselves or others. To be a good citizen in the home, community or State, he continued, they must have some knowledge of affairs, and sufficiently well-informed background so that they will not be misled by any matter that may arise. One of the first duties of citizens is to train the mind to be accurate.

Every adult regrets that he missed the advantages that are those of students in high school today, Dr. Ellingwood said; and it is the students' duty to seize these opportunities to train the mind in an unusual way, so that they may be able to face with a sound judgment the problems and struggles as well as the joys of a life that isn't simple. The talk was arranged through the courtesy of William G. Warr, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., and Lee A. Taylor, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Fr. Straub Named To Auburn City Play Commission

Auburn.—Rev. Frederick G. Straub, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, who has taken a major part in the promotion of amateur athletics in Auburn during the past year, particularly in the organization of a Catholic Church Basketball League, has been appointed member of the City Recreation Commission by Mayor Kirk Bowen.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

- Sunday, February 25.—St. Tarasius. Monday, February 26.—St. Pothus. Tuesday, February 27.—St. Leander. Wednesday, February 28.—St. Romanus and Lupinus. Thursday, March 1.—St. David. Friday, March 2.—St. Simplicius. Saturday, March 3.—St. Cune-gunde.

Archbishop Mooney To Urge Support Of Diocesan Paper

(Continued from Page 1) edge of the Press Exhibit which has already attracted far more interesting displays than was expected when announcement of such an enterprise was made, will be a replica of a Chinese kiosk or open summer pavilion, an attraction at the recent Mission Exhibit in New York which has been brought to Rochester by representatives of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of Maryknoll.

Mission literature calling attention to the work of the Church in foreign lands will be given emphasis by the kiosk decorated in flaming red colors. This unusual feature of the Exhibit was brought to Rochester by special motor truck from Maryknoll near Ossining, N. Y., in charge of Brother Andrew and Brother Fidelis.

All Are Welcome

A complete description of the Exhibit cannot be given as this is written. It will have to be seen to be appreciated in its entirety. An invitation is cordially extended to all Catholics and non-Catholics to view the Exhibit running until Monday. There is no charge for admission. Winners in the Catholic school essay contest will be announced during the Exhibit. Successful candidates in the Catholic High School editorial contest will be announced as will winners of the Mechanics Institute poster contest. Posters entered in the last named contest will be displayed at the Exhibit.

The reason for all the excellent volunteer effort furnished by those participating in the various features of Catholic Press Month Observance will be released Sunday and to be printed in full in this newspaper, next week. In next week's issue there will also be accorded full recognition for all who have lent their assistance so willingly to the project.

It is believed that the Catholic Press Month Observance program in this diocese will have the effect of bringing to a complete realization the idea expressed in the slogan "A Catholic Paper in Every Catholic Home."

Knights of Columbus Degrees Exemplified By Auburn's Council

Auburn.—Second degree ceremonies of Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus, were conducted Thursday evening, Feb. 22, at the K. of C. Home in Genesee Street. A special degree team, headed by James E. Lanigan of Fulton, chairman of the Central New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus presided. Stephen M. Murray of New Haven, Conn., Field Secretary of the Columbian Squires, paid a special visit to Auburn over the week-end. On Saturday he met with the officers of the Knights of Columbus at which time he was welcomed to Auburn by Grand Knight Raymond L. Wall. Mr. Murray addressed the members of the St. Alphonsus Circle No. 112 of the Columbian Squires Sunday evening.

A class of members was initiated into the first degree last Thursday evening at the Knights of Columbus Home. The degree team was composed of John J. Leo, past grand knight of the local council; T. Joseph Coffey, Frederick Woods, Francis Cuddy and Tobias J. McLaughlin. Gerald Conroy presided at the organ.

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