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Believe It—NOT

Refuting Current Misstatement

Clearing Current Misunderstanding

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THE CONVERSION OF QUEEN ASTRID

WHAT DOES CHURCH REQUIRE IN CASE OF MIXED MARRIAGE OF A ROYAL COUPLE?

MARRIAGE NOT CONDITIONAL UPON CONVERSION OF NON-CATHOLIC

CIVIL CEREMONY REQUIRED BY LAW

FREELY SOUGHT INSTRUCTION

The full story of the betrothal, marriage and conversion of Queen Astrid, whose tragic death evoked world-wide sympathy for King Leopold and the Belgian people, is told for the first time by His Eminence Cardinal Van Roey, Archbishop of Malines, in a recent issue of La Revue Generale.

The Cardinal's article puts to rest many stories that went the rounds of the secular press at the time. But it also throws light on several questions that are of general interest to Catholics (a) that even in the case of mixed marriage of a royal couple the Catholic Church will not allow a non-Catholic religious ceremony; (b) that she will allow a civil ceremony in countries where this is required by law; (c) that the non-Catholic party must give the solemn promises required by Canon Law.

A summary translation therefore of the article will be of interest to the readers of the CATHOLIC COURIER both for these reasons and because of the complete and touching circumstances now revealed. It will be noticed that the Queen had already been married two years when she asked for a priest to explain to her the doctrines of the Catholic Church, and that two years more elapsed before she became a Catholic.

Translation

It was early in September, 1926 at La[illegible] Castle that Cardinal Van Roey learnt from Queen Elizabeth of the projected marriage of the Duke of Brabant heir to the Belgian throne.

As Princess Astrid was a Lutheran a dispensation reserved to the Holy See was required to celebrate the marriage (Code of Canon Law Canon 1060-1063). Undertakings were required concerning the baptism and Catholic education of the children. However, no difficulty arose over this matter which at first sight would appear to be a delicate one. The King of the Belgians affirmed his intention "to respect scrupulously the decrees of our holy Church in this regard"; the Swedish royal family fell in with his views and the Princess, who from the beginning declared that she had no prejudice against the Catholic Church solemnly promised:

(1) To have baptized and educated in the Catholic religion all the children of either sex who should be born of the marriage.

(2) Always to allow her husband and children freedom in the practice of their faith.

Question Not Raised

Her parents, the Cardinal declares, stated that they had no objection to the conversion of the Princess if later she should be desirous of embracing Catholicism. The question of conversion was not raised either at the time of the be-

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YOUTH GROUPS DEALT BLOW BY NAZIS

Arrests, Violence Mark End of 3-Year Effort To Undermine Faith

Amsterdam (NC)—Their three-year-long effort to undermine the faith and courage of Catholic Youth groups having failed completely despite constant pressure and the use of many means of persecution and discrimination, the Nazi authorities in Germany once more have reverted to brutal violence in their attempt to crush the valiant champions of religious freedom according to information reaching here.

The leaders of Catholic Youth who have consistently opposed the totalitarian claims of the dictatorial German regime once more are bearing the brunt of the attack. With characteristic suddenness some 150 clerical and lay leaders of Catholic Youth in Berlin and the Rhineland, with Monsignor Ludwig Wolker of Duesseldorf at their head were arrested last week and accused of "subversive communistic affiliations."

Fathers Heindricks and Rosser in the Rhineland and Duesseldorf areas, both Catholic Youth leaders, had been arrested a few days previously the police charging a search of their homes had resulted in the finding of incriminating documents showing communications with communistic organizations. To anyone familiar with the exemplary allegiance of the Catholic Youth groups to the Fatherland, and to Catholic principles which are directly opposed to communistic doctrines, the charges of the Nazi authorities appear ridiculous.

Intended As Death Blow

The recent arrests are the latest blow in a long drawn out campaign which aims at the destruction of the Independent Catholic associations. Preceding these latest measures, obviously intended as a death blow, came the suppression of the powerful Catholic Youth weekly Michael and the enforced cessation of all activities at the Catholic Youth headquarters at Duesseldorf.

It will be remembered that Monsignor Jakob Clemens general secretary of the German Catholic Youth Association was arrested three months ago because he and Monsignor Wolker as the association's president, had steadfastly refused to dissolve the organization and consent to its amalgamation with the State Youth groups. They persisted in this refusal and said they would continue to do so as long as sufficient guarantees were not given for the elimination of pagan influences in the State Youth groups. They insisted also that the religious requirements of Catholic boys and girls be safeguarded.

His Eminence Charles Joseph Cardinal Schulte Archbishop of Cologne when informed of the wholesale arrests immediately telegraphed a protest to Chancellor Adolf Hitler calling attention to the fact that the integrity of the Catholic Youth groups was pledged by Germany in the Concordat with the Holy See. He has received no reply.

The names of those arrested in

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Crusaders End Drive In Deluge of Orders

Driving down to the finish line in a brilliant climax to a spectacular campaign, the embattled legions of Crusaders in the CATHOLIC COURIER'S subscription drive flooded headquarters with a deluge of last-minute entries as the bells of midnight tolled out the final deadline.

From every section of the diocese came scores of subscriptions in the last minute rush which provided the answer of the Crusaders to the final rally call sounded by class leaders over the weekend.

So tremendous was this response that the 15,000 boys and girls enlisted in the CATHOLIC COURIER'S Students Catholic Press Crusade will not be able to announce a complete report of all prize winners for several weeks.

While the COURIER staff is busy tabulating the returns, plans went forward to insure publication of the winners of the essay and poster contests in next week's issue.

Six judges have been named to decide the winning essays submitted by the Crusaders. They are the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, managing editor of the COURIER, the Rev. Charles J. Mahoney, associate superintendent of schools and four nuns representing the teaching orders of St. Joseph, Notre Dame, Our Lady of Mercy and St. Francis.

From the scores of top-notch posters submitted by the campaigners, a committee of three will select the winners. This commiteee includes Simon H. Reynolds of Reynolds Signs, Inc., Carl Peters, well-known Rochester artist and Howard W. Klippert, manager of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

As the tremendous task of counting the returns got underway with the submission of the fifth and final school reports last night, the big question was whether or not the goal of 10,000 subscriptions had been reached.

Added to this were numerous other vital questions including:

Which school ranked first in the entire diocese?

Which division turned in the best report?

Did the boys outdistance the girls or vica versa?

Which Crusader obtained the greatest number of subscriptions?

Which classroom proved the best in the campaign?

How did the various deaneries compare in subscription percentages?

How and when will the formal awards be made?

These and all other questions will be answered in an early issue. In addition there'll be future announcements of vital interest to every Crusader and every other Catholic in the Rochester diocese.

The latest returns saw schools near the bottom of the list forge to the front, some even outdistancing institutions which had held the lead during the greater part of the Crusade.

The barometer of individual returns rose rapidly so that the identity of the king and queen of the Crusade is veiled in the future.

Thus the CATHOLIC COURIER couples its sincere thanks to the Crusaders with an admonition to stand by for further and most important announcements.

INTEREST HIGH IN DIOCESE FOR STUDY

Response To Discussion Club Plan In Deaneries Spurs Movement

Wholehearted participation of pastors and priests in a Lenten program for Discussion Study Clubs and enthusiastic response of the laity have given vigorous impetus to the Discussion Study Club movement throughout the Diocese. Leaders of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine sponsoring the movement with the approbation of Archbishop Mooney, have been encouraged by the attendance at the first series of deanery meetings just held.

At all meetings announcement was made of the series of radio talks being on "The Ceremonies of the Mass," the subject topic assigned for study clubs. The Rev. Dr. William J. Mahoney, C. M., regent of Rochester Division, Niagara University is giving the radio lectures over station WHAM, Sundays, 12:15 to 12:30 p. m. Attention has also been called to the reference reading appearing each week on page 8 of the CATHOLIC COURIER.

The first series of Deanery meetings ended on Feb. 14 with an assemblage of leaders and potential leaders in the Knights of Columbus hall at Dansville called together on invitation of the Rev. Leo C. Hofschneider, pastor of St. Mary's Church.

Despite a heavy snowfall and severe weather which prevented representatives from Hornell and other parishes from being present, there were 60 leaders in attendance at the Dansville meeting. Leaders were present from St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parishes, Dansville; Holy Name, Groveland; Holy Angels, Nunda, and St. Joseph's, Wayland.

GENEVA MEETING

The series of meetings outside the See city began with a meeting held at St. Francis de Sales parish hall, Geneva. Presiding was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, dean, who announced the purpose of the meeting was to present in theory and practice the procedure of the discussion study club. He emphasized the value of study clubs as an opportunity for the laity to acquire the habit of expressing themselves in regard to their religion.

Msgr. Lee presented the Rev. John M. Duffy, Diocesan Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Pastors, priests and parishioners from Geneva, Penn Yan, East and West Bloomfield, Waterloo and Seneca Falls attended despite near zero temperatures. Miss Miriam Marks, secretary for the National Center of the Confraternity presented the simplified plan of co-operative study and discussion to be directed from a well-planned outline by a leader who is also learning with the group.

On the following afternoon the student body of DeSales High School were told of the wide-spread development of religious study groups in the United States, Canada and Europe. The Rev. Edward K. Ball, principal of DeSales High School, challenged the seniors to evidence their interest in the movement by attendance at a lead-

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MEXICAN BISHOPS SEND PLEA TO PRELATES OF U. S., SPAIN, BRITAIN AND LATIN AMERICA

Letter Signed by All Members of Hierarchy Asks Special Prayers for Relief from Persecution; Instances of Oppression Cited

By CHARLES BETICO

(Mexico City Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Mexico City—The Mexican Hierarchy has addressed a letter to the Episcopacies of the United States, England, Spain, Latin America and the Philippines, appealing for prayers for the relief of the persecuted Catholics of this country.

Signed by all the Archbishops and Bishops, including His Excellency the Most Rev. Leopoldo Ruiz y Flores, exiled Apostolic Delegate to Mexico, the message recites the deplorable position of the Church in Mexico and gives numerous instances of unrelenting persecution.

While it is addressed to the Bishops of other countries, it is noteworthy that the letter contains no expression, either directly or indirectly, which could be construed as a wish for foreign intervention.

The letter asks that special prayers be said after all Masses in all churches during the month of March for the relief of suffering Mexican Catholics. The Bishops voice "from the uttermost depths of our souls" their gratitude for the prayers and protests of the Hierarchies of the various countries they address. Particularly they thank the American Bishops in the following words.

"In a special manner we are most appreciative of what you, the Prelates of the United States, have done so clearly and effectively to ease our sufferings both through the public prayers that you have ordered, your generous donations, and also what you have contributed in making public to the entire world the persecution that the faithful in Mexico are suffering."

Text of Bishops' Letter

"To the Episcopacies of the United States, England, Spain, Central and South America, the Antilles and the Philippines.

"Venerable and dearly beloved Brothers in Jesus Christ.

"It is not merely to call our situation to your attention that we address you, since you know well the difficult position in which the Church in Mexico finds itself, for we are aware of that which on various occasions you have ordered done in order to seek from Our Lord the remedy for our evils.

"We have been profoundly moved by the various letters and declarations made particularly by the venerable American Episcopacy, the very beautiful protest against the persecution which we suffer published by the venerable English Episcopacy, the various letters of our venerable brothers the Prelates of the Mother Country and of Latin America, as well as those of Their Excellencies the Most Reverend Prelates of the Antilles and the Philippine Islands.

"In a special manner we are most appreciative of what you, the Prelates of the United States, have done so clearly and so effectively to ease our sufferings both through the public prayers that you have ordered, your generous donations, and also what you have contributed in making public to the entire world the persecution that the faithful in Mexico are suffering.

"All these facts have come to demonstrate once more the union and solidarity of the Catholic Church the most intimate that can exist since it springs spontaneously from the bond of charity through which we form the Mystical Body of Christ the visible head of which on earth is the common father of all, the Sovereign Pontiff.

Persecution Shown Continuing

"Persecution has not disappeared, for the Church is not enjoying the protection of civil laws which should be afforded her. In other words the Church does not have in Mexico that legal existence that is her right by natural and divine law. In effect, according to the Constitution in force, there is no

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COMMUNISM ISSUE STIRS MEXICO

Mexico City—Reviewing a parade of 13,000 workers who carried red and black "strike flags" and sang the "Internationale," President Lazaro Cardenas, on Sunday, Feb. 9, declared that he found "no reason to believe that a Communist movement exists in Mexico."

The President made the statement, it is said, evidently with his tongue in his cheek, for the benefit of his North American supporters.

His denial followed on the heels of the one issued by the Mexican Government on Feb. 3.

Denies Cuartel Move

Apparently alarmed at the determined opposition the Mexican people are evidencing against Communism, Foreign Minister Hay issued a denial of the report that Communist General Cuartel, recently expelled from Uruguay, was being moved to Mexico.

"For motives of public good, national security, and constitutional order," Minister Hay stated, "undesirable elements including individuals belonging to groups or sects that attack the institutions of the Republic, such as militant Communists, will not be permitted entry into our territory."

The Mexican Communist Party immediately made a disconcerting move. It issued a statement attacking Hay as being out of step, so far as Communism is concerned, with President Cardenas. It declared that Minister Hay's statement "is incompatible with the progressive, democratic and advanced policy of President Cardenas."

This was followed closely by a "Gold Shirts" manifesto saying that Hay's statement was evidently meant merely for consumption abroad.

For Those Abroad

The "Gold Shirts" statement was an ironical expression of thanks to the Foreign Minister for "his declarations against Communism," but warned it "nevertheless must be regarded as a statement for those abroad." The Gold Shirts also expressed the wish that other high officials of the Mexican Government would "go on record to

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CITES CATHOLIC PLAN FOR RACE DEALINGS

Philadelphia (NC)—Integral Catholicism, the complete and wholly consistent practice of the Faith in dealings with all men without exception was proposed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, Pa., at the meeting of the Conference Committee on Negro Welfare here Wednesday, as the only possible program for Catholics to endorse in the relations between the white and colored races.

"The only solution," said Msgr. Corrigan, "is the Catholic solution which will recognize no discriminations." Msgr. Corrigan's remarks were prompted by reports discussed at the meeting concerning the activities of various lay groups in different cities in promoting interracial charity.

Stress was likewise laid in the discussions upon the number and variety of new activities that were opening up in behalf of the Negro's spiritual welfare particularly in the northern cities. These it was brought out included articles for the Catholic press and periodicals combating misinformation and presenting the Negro Catholic in [illegible] light, syndicated material to the same end, cooperation of clerical and lay writers in the preparation of material, formation of lay groups sponsoring the work of local churches among the Negroes, promotion of the devotion to Blessed Martin de Porres, saintly Dominican lay Brother of the colored race, instruction of colored youth in the principles of Catholic Action by attendance at social science courses, letters to the legislatures setting forth the claims of Colored Catholics for consideration, several broadcasts over local stations presented in dialogue or dramatic form, talks in seminaries and colleges and collection of factual information.

Members of the committee were guests of the Rev. Clement A. Roach, C. S. Sp., pastor of St. Peter Claver's church in this city. The committee membership consists of the clergy and now numbers 22. There is no formal organization. The Very Rev. Francis A. Walsh, O. S. B., Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine acts as chairman and the Rev. John LaFarge, S. J., associate editor of America as secretary. The committee's aim is to arouse particularly among Catholics an understanding and helpful attitude towards all those who are engaged in spiritual work for the Negro.

Lenten Regulations To Be Issued Sunday

Annual letter of the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester, announcing the beginning of the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday Feb. 26 will be read at all the Masses on Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb. 23.

Lenten regulations regarding the law of fasting and abstinence will be set forth.

Announcement of the annual collection for the Negro and Indian Missions to be taken up the first Sunday of Lent will also be made.

MAYOR CALLS EDITOR FOR STRIKE INQUIRY

Brooklyn (NC)—Patrick F. Scanlan, nationally-known managing editor of The Brooklyn Tablet is one of four persons named by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia to investigate the reason for conditions surrounding the May's department store strike here and to report to him.

Other members of the committee are Christopher C. Mollenhauer, the Rev. John Howard Melish and Rosalie Loew Whitney. The Mayor has assigned to the committee a Deputy Commissioner of Accounts who has power of subpoena.

The trouble which the committee is to investigate is that which has developed since last August, when a strike was called in the large department store. Since then there has been industrial warfare. More than a hundred arrests have been made of strike pickets, and a heavy police guard has been maintained outside the premises week after week. Norman Thomas, former Socialist candidate for President, was among those recently arrested in this connection. The employes maintain that they are the victims of exploitation and police oppression. The employer contends that those on strike represent but a minority and are Communist led. The blocking of the sidewalk and numerous disorders have greatly inconvenienced the general public. Moreover some serious charges have been made by some people against city officials.

IOWA PRIEST NAMED BISHOP OF NASHVILLE

Washington (NC)—The Rev. William L. Adrian, pastor of St. Bridget's Church, Victor, Ia., and formerly Vice President of St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Ia., has been appointed Bishop of Nashville according to word received here from Vatican City. He succeeds to the See left vacant by the death of the Most Rev. Alphonse J. Smith.

With the appointment of Bishop-elect Adrian every See in the United States is now filled, a rare occurrence.

The consecration of Bishop-elect Adrian will most likely take place in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport.

Bishop-elect Adrian is the first native priest of the Diocese of Davenport to be raised to the ranks of the Episcopate. He was appointed pastor of the parish at Victor by the Most Rev. Henry P. Rohlman, Bishop of Davenport on January 10, 1935. He was one of a large group of educators who by persistent and efficient labor were largely instrumental in the development of St. Ambrose College from a small institution of learning to one of the leading Catholic liberal art colleges of the midwest.

YEAR IN PENITENTIARY FOR IMPERSONATOR OF RELIGIOUS CANVASSER

Buffalo, N. Y. (NC)—Emory J. Mason convicted of petit larceny and of impersonating a Franciscan Brother was sentenced to one year in the Erie County Penitentiary today by Judge Joseph R. McCann of Lackawanna.

Mason who also uses several aliases, was apprehended by the Buffalo police and turned over to the Lackawanna authorities on the complaint that he had tried to sell a rosary, supposedly blessed at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D. C., to a woman in [illegible]. He also solicited a [illegible] to the Crusaders Almanac, representing himself as Brother Thomas and claimed to be working for the Commissariat of the Holy Land in Washington.

Several other complaints were received about his activities in the Buffalo area.

Upon receipt of information about Mason and a picture of him, the Rev. Edward J. Berger, Editor of the Catholic Union and Times, official organ of the Diocese of Buffalo, notified the Buffalo police who sent Mason's description and copies of the photograph to all [illegible] and surrounding cities and towns. He was picked up Friday and sentenced Saturday morning.

SPAIN LEFTISTS HAVE EDGE IN EARLY RETURNS

Madrid (NC-Cable)—In Sunday's elections the Leftists triumphed in Madrid, Barcelona, all Catalonia, Andalucia and Bilbao. The Leftist alone have a slight majority.

Gil Robles, leader of the Right, can count on at least 120 Deputies. The Rightists and Centrists according to present returns have 210. The Leftist apparently have 224. There are 42 posts almost all in Rightists or Centrist districts, still to be heard from. Definite returns will probably be in by Thursday.

Several persons have been killed and there have been other incidents of violence. The Government in general is acting strongly in an effort to maintain order.

Fr. Vaughn Last of Line Dies in England at 62

London (NC)—The Rev. Dr. Herbert Vaughan last of the long and famous clerical line of Vaughans in the Catholic Church in England died here early Sunday morning. He underwent an operation on the brain recently. He was 62 years old.

Dr. Vaughan health had been failing for some time. Last year he retired from active work as Superior of the Catholic Missionary Society which he founded and as Rector of the Mission House, Brondesbury Park.

FAIRER ONTARIO SCHOOL TAX PLAN IS PROMISED

Toronto (NC)—The end of a controversy lasting more than a quarter of a century is promised by the Ontario Government's aim to revise the tax concerning school tax as levied on corporations of the province.

Until now Catholics have suffered in this division of taxes under the dual system of education in vogue in Ontario. Taxes levied on corporations have gone to the non-Catholic school boards, thus making the tax on individual Catholics higher than that paid by non-Catholics in the same town.

At the opening of the provincial Legislature this week Lieutenant-Governor H. A. Bruce announced that part of the government's program in the present session is the amendment legislation so as to provide a more equitable distribution of taxes levied for educational purposes."

World Catholic Press Exhibition Opens May 12

Rome—(NC)—The inauguration of the World Exhibition of the Catholic Press has been fixed for May 12, the Feast of SS. Achille and Nereus, the name-day of the Holy Father. The Exhibition will remain open for six months.

The Exhibition commemorates the Seventy-fifth anniversary of Osservatore Romano and is offered in homage to the Holy Father. It will be opened during the Congress of the International Union of the Catholic Press. Other important gatherings will be convened at Rome while the Exhibition continues.

Against Movie Censorship Through Legalizing Lists

New York (NC)—"Any extension of censorship powers already [illegible] which might be applied to [illegible] or classification of [illegible] either for children [illegible] is opposed in a resolution adopted by the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures, holding its twelfth annual conference here.

The resolution also indorsed "the consistent refusal of the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures to accept any form of censorship of the motion picture, direct or indirect or any form of film control but that of free selection as exercised by the individual."

The resolution was said here to be directed especially against a bill regarding performances for children now before the New York State Legislature. Wilton A. Barrett, executive secretary of the board, said the power for legally appointed censors to interfere in selection and classification of films would be the "most dangerous form of censorship," and that the board would oppose the legalization of even its own "selected lists."

Exiled Mexican Sisters Found School in U. S.

Fresno, Calif. (NC)—Mexican nuns belonging to the Campania de Maria, who came here in 1926 following exile from their native land have established a new home.

Six hundred Mexican children in Fresno and vicinity are now being instructed by them in Christian doctrine, bible history, manual arts, singing and domestic work.

The 11 nuns also teach the children in the Fresno State Hospital tubercular ward.

Study Club Meetings

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

GENEVA—St. Francis de Sales School
[illegible] 8:00 p. m. For Leaders Only

AUBURN—Holy Family School
[illegible] 24 (Monday) 8:00 p. m. For Leaders Only

ITHACA—Immaculate Conception Hall
[illegible] 25 (Tuesday) 8:00 p. m. For Leaders Only

ELMIRA—SS. Peter and Paul's School
[illegible] 26 (Wednesday) 8:00 p. m. For Leaders Only

HORNELL—St. Ann's School
February 27 (Thursday) 8:00 p. m. General

ROCHESTER—Columbus Civic Center
February 28 (Friday) 8:30 p. m. For Chairmen Only

Missionaries Are Sent To Dominican Republic

Quebec (NC)—The Rev. Auguste Cadoux, M. S. C., has left Quebec for the new mission of Sanchez in the Dominican Republic.

Father Cadoux is accompanied by three lay-brothers: Brothers Cleophas Laverdiere of St. Michel-de-Bellechasse, Sylvio Plourde of Rimouski, and Albert Plourde of Kamouraska.

Catholic Employers' League Notes 10th Year In Belgium

By Rev. Anthony Coppens

(Belgium Correspondent, N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)

Antwerp—The Catholic Employers' League has just observed the tenth anniversary of its establishment.

Advocated by Father Rutten, founder of the Christian organizations for workers, the League was designed to serve employers in the same way as the groups for workers were designed to combat the danger of socialism among their ranks.

Today approximately 2,000 business establishments are associated with the League. It has four diocesan groups, located in Brugge, Ghent, Malines, and Liege. The League deals with all social and economic questions. It has a Compensation Office which has 9,000 employers who are responsible for 54,000 workmen. Every year 15,000,000 francs are paid to 17,000 workmen entitled to a bonus because of large families.

Many of the resolutions adopted at the annual congresses of the League have been seriously considered by the Government and enacted into law. The various committees of the League are consulted from time to time by officials of the Government.

The League is not a confessional organization, welcoming into its ranks all employers desirous of carrying out its aims.