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ST. PATRICK'S DAY MEMORIALS
AN ANGLI-SAXON WRITES A WILL
MONSIEUR RYAN ON "FALLEN AWAY" AT THE ALTAR
SOME COMMON HISTORICAL ILLUSTRATIONS
By REV. OWEN B. MCGUIRE, D. D.

The approach of Saint Patrick's Day and the memory of the panegyrics we used to hear on that occasion when we were boys, recall two things that I have read recently.

One of these is a last will and testament made by some gentleman up there in New England by which he left a sum of money to found a bursary for the education of a student in perpetuity at Yale University. He bequeathed the gift however with one condition. The student must always be an Anglo-Saxon just how the Board of Trustees are to determine who is and who is not an Anglo-Saxon he did not explain. It reminds me of a sermon preached here in Rochester about thirty years ago and as is the custom with sermons that are a bit sensational and light shy of the Gospel was published in the press on a Monday morning. The preacher gave an appreciation of the Anglo-Saxon race that enter our American melting pot. "The Irish he said are a fine race I like them and I only regret that they are not Anglo-Saxons." Of course, if they were Anglo-Saxons they would not be Irish. But the preacher did not think of that. What he really meant to say as a student from the context was that he regretted that they were Catholic. For instance they were good Baptists the sole impediment to his bequeathed education would be that they were Catholics. The New Englander I do not recall just what he said. (No Catholic need apply. Nor Jew.)

Of Same Race
That last will seems to be doubtful. Believe it or not, there is over there in England an association calling itself Israhel with a string of additional epithets which claims that the English people are descended from the lost tribes of Israel. How numerous they are I don't know. But they are wealthy and powerful. At one of a thousand-dollar-a-year dinners in the London Times a few pages of discussion in praise of their contention. If they have proved it the Israhelites and the Anglo-Saxons are of the same race and the Board of Trustees will have that among their difficulties in trying to decide as to whether an applicant for the

TIMELINESS OF PONTIFF'S PRAYER SEEN IN INDUSTRIALISM'S PERIL TO NATIVES

Deplorable Conditions in Mission Lands Cited By Fides Service; Influence of 'Watch Towers' Sect Seen Communistic in Effect

Rome—(NC)—The citation by Fides Service here of the dangers to natives brought by industrialism emphasizes the timeliness of the Holy Father's missionary intention for March.

TAKES NCWC PLAN BACK TO LITHUANIA

Bishop, Known Here, to Pattern Catholic Action After U. S. Program

Washington (NC) Organization of Catholic Action in Lithuania to correspond as far as possible to the organization of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in the United States will be recommended by the Most Rev. Theophil Matulionis, Apostolic Administrator of Lithuania upon his return to that country, he revealed here.

Paying his third visit to the headquarters of the N C W C here Bishop Matulionis speaking through his interpreter the Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Konkus of Mount Carmel, Pa., made farewell preparatory to sailing from New York for the Holy Land. Bishop Matulionis whose sufferings during six years of imprisonment in Russian prisons are known internationally plans to be in the Holy Land for Easter. Then he is going to Vatican City, then to Lourdes and then back to Lithuania. He expects to be in Lithuania about the first of May.

Completing a year-and-a-half visit to the United States, Bishop Matulionis expressed the highest admiration for the Catholic life in this country. The Bishop feels Dr. Konkus explained that the organization of Catholic Action in the United States the complete system of Catholic education from elementary school to university for which he expresses the warmest enthusiasm and other Catholic activities make the Catholic Church a more powerful body here than in any other country. Bishop Matulionis has been greatly pleased and edified by the achievements of the zealous and generous Catholics of the United States Dr. Konkus said.

Bishop Matulionis was twice imprisoned by the Bolsheviks the first time for a period of two years, and the second time for four years. When he was arrested the second time he was given a 10 year sentence and was serving that on the dreary Solovki Island when his release was negotiated by the Lithuanian Government at the end of 1923. He came to the United States in 1934 to visit Catholic Lithuanians in this country. Since then he has visited a large part of the country. In 1935 the Hierarchy of Lithuania elected Bishop Matulionis Chairman of the Catholic Central Body for Lithuania. He has been re-elected to that office again this year.

Bishop Matulionis has been shown many honors particularly by Catholics of Lithuanian descent during his stay in the United States. Among the many events that have been conducted in his honor was a dinner in Philadelphia last Sunday at which His Eminence, Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia was the principal speaker. Another was a dinner given at Mount Carmel, Pa. February 16. Still another was a dinner given in New York last evening.

Interpreting Bishop Matulionis' views, Dr. Konkus said he is very hopeful that in time changes will come about in the attitude of the Soviet Government toward religion and that eventually the Lithuanians will enjoy full freedom in their country.

Bishop Matulionis was a visitor in Rochester last year when he delivered the sermon at the dedication of the new St. George's Church on Hudson Avenue of which the Rev. John Baksys is pastor.

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CATHOLIC PRESS IN JAPAN



Publications from these printing presses in Japan will be among the exhibits in the Missionary Section of the World Catholic Press Exhibition which will be held in Vatican City this year. Upper photo shows Fr. Francis, an American missionary of the Society of Mary operating press in Sapporo, Japan. Lower photo shows the new rotary press at the Japanese Catholic Press Centre in Tokyo. (NC-Foks photo)

DR. HAAS ASSAILS FOES OF CONTROL OF WAGES, HOURS

Toledo, Ohio—(NC)—Opponents of the proposal that wages and hours in industry should be controlled were assailed by the Very Rev. Dr. Francis J. Haas, Rector of St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, in an address delivered in the Catholic Forum of Toledo.

We should not forget he said that an uncontrolled wage and hour situation in 1929 and deepened misery and degradation to 1933, when the Federal Government was compelled to set up the NRA to put limits on the conflict. There was no talk then of uncontrolled liberty. It was a matter of saving the country.

In May 1935 the U. S. Supreme Court removed the controls on wages and hours, and since that time numerous establishments have reduced wages and lengthened hours, thereby reducing buying power and increasing unemployment. Last week the Federal Contracts Division reported that since the Schuler decision 1244 firms employing 97,000 men obtained NRA wage and hour provisions and 1448 firms employing more than 405,000 did not. Within the last three weeks a strike of 700 garment workers was settled in Chicago. Wages as low as \$3.00 for 48 and more hours per week were being paid. The absence of regulation is of course the explanation. Workers again are enjoying liberty, but it is only the liberty to crush one another and themselves. They know only too well that uncontrolled liberty means uncontrolled misery and more and more unemployment.

Rochester Men Edit Papers to Exhibit in Rome

St. Bonaventure N. Y. (Special)—Three of the six publications to be entered in the World Catholic Press Exhibition at Vatican City by St. Bonaventure College and Seminary are edited by Rochester students and faculty members. The only Rochester paper to be entered is the St. Bonaventure weekly newspaper, A Jerome Miller of 111 Burlington Avenue Editor of the Science Studies, monthly science magazine, and Jolie Kelly of 125 Jackson Avenue Editor of the Laurel Annual, yearbook of the Senior Class.

The college will be further represented by the Laurel monthly literary magazine, and the seminary by the Vox Regis weekly mimeograph sheet of the seminarians and the Seminary Yearbook.

The Most Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, D. D. Bishop of Buffalo is honorary chairman of the committee in charge of the exhibition which is scheduled to open May 12, 1936.

Methodist Minister 'Put To Work' in Catholic Church in Chicago

Pioneer O. The Rev. Mr. Russell H. Brady pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church here claims he is the only Methodist minister in the world who has taken up the collection in a Catholic Church.

It happened this way, he says. I was a restaurateur in Chicago for 12 years. One day I was crossing the street was a Catholic Church. I entered the church and took a seat in the end of the last pew.

In about five minutes a priest came in the door and gave a collection basket to the man across the aisle and gave the other one to me. I was quite paralyzed.

The other man was out in the aisle giving me the high sign to step out. I decided to take the part I watched my partner so that I might observe all the requirements of the liturgy.

"Afterward I wrote a letter to the pastor of the church. I told him what had happened. I had a very nice letter from him asking me to call the next time I was in Chicago which I did."

FORMER MAYOR OF CLEVELAND OBSERVES FIRST HAND, EFFECTS OF PERSECUTION

Tour Through Five States Reveals Churches Boarded, Communistic Control in Vera Cruz; Education of Children Neglected; Guides False

Cleveland—His personal observations of the persecution of religion in Mexico, made on a recent tour in that country which he visited cities and described by former Mayor Ray T. Miller, of Cleveland, in an address delivered here Mr. Miller is a Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus.

He passed through five Mexican States and went into the churches in all places," he said. "I talked with many natives and Americans regarding the persecution of the Church and the character of the Mexican Government."

Cathedral Boarded Up
In Vera Cruz I found the Cathedral boarded up. All around the walls were evidences of vandalism. The walls were plastered with signs and advertisements of cigarettes and cigars, with pictures of dancing girls. All the other churches in Vera Cruz were being used for libraries, museums and storerooms.

"We went into one of these old churches now being used as a library and museum and found the walls covered with placards around the Mexican youth against the Catholics. Over in one corner were a number of ancient Aztec and Toltec statues, mummies, etc. In this group was a statue of Our Lord with His arms outstretched—a very appalling statue. The card on this statue, as interpreted to me, read: 'This statue merits no respect. It is merely an antique statue found in an old monastery.' The Stations of the Cross were painted over, as were all other frescoes in the church. Every other church in Mexico that I visited was in a similar condition.

"Vera Cruz is perhaps the worst communistic State in Mexico. I was reliable informed by superintendents of mines and Americans who had lived in this section for a number of years, that the Russian Soviet Government absolutely dominated this State, that it is well known that one of its recent Governors across the street from the hotel. The Most Rev. Francis W. Howard, Bishop of Covington and President General of the association, will deliver an address at the opening general meeting. The store fronts were painted red and my interpreter told me that all of these places were dominated by the Russian Soviet Government."

Mexico Cathedral Open
In Mexico City the Cathedral was open. Priests were permitted to officiate in this Cathedral, as in some of the other churches of Mexico. I attended Mass in several of

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NEW CATHOLIC LITERATURE

Letters, "Good the Mass," The Moral Interest by Rt. Rev. Ven. Fulton J. Sheen, S. J. The Coming of the Messiah by Owen F. Conroy, S. J. The Faith of the Fathers of the Church by St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, etc.

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