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A NEW YEAR'S WISH

What the New Year holds for each of us is questionable. For some it will be a year replete with happy moments with light-hearted innocent pleasures, with worldly prosperity, with new positions, new honors, new prestige. Others will not fare so successfully discouragement, disappointments, sorrow will dog every footstep.

Whether happiness or sorrow marks our way through the next year, is something that neither you nor I know Whatever is our future, we pray the good God in Heaven to give us strength sufficient to bear patiently our portion And we of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith raise up feeble voices in a prayer for world peace For that Peace which only Christ can give, peace which is the outgrowth of a deep and sincere faith coupled with a complete trust in the Wisdom of an Omnipotent Creator

May then the year of 1939 prove a truly peaceful and therefore Happy New Year for you and yours

Gratefully Yours:

As the old year quickly fades into history and a new year rises upon the horizon we pause to say Thanks for the assistance which you have given the Mission cause To the priests of the diocese we are most grateful for their efforts in cooperating with our various plans. Through the untiring efforts of the Sisters in our schools, the children of the diocese stand in the front rank of mission helpers They are educating the coming generation to a sense of mission obligation We are deeply indebted to all the Sisters

To our lay-apostles, yourselves, the Capitalists of mission work, the very back bone of the mission cause, we say "thank you" As we have often repeated you are as essential in the spread of the Faith as priest or sister They supply the labor, but that labor would be quickly exhausted unless you were there to refresh them with your prayers and alms.

To each and every member of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith we acknowledge your interest your prayers and your sacrifices Whatever we have succeeded in doing for the extension of Christ's Kingdom upon earth, you have made possible May God in His mercy keep you safe through the heat and burden of the day may He guide your hands to work for Him your heart to love Him and may He pour into your soul that peace which belongs only to the children of God

Real Consolations

We sometimes debate the efficacy of our mission contributions We are tempted at times to question the reasonableness of mission appeals Perhaps our doubts are in part at least due to the fact that mission lands are so far removed that we never actually catch a glimpse of what is going on We can gauge for ourselve maybe, the advances in various lines that our missionaries are bringing to these distant countries

Two letters arrived during the past week which should dispel any such doubts we might have Both of these missionaries have enjoyed your benefactions, directed to them from this office

The Reverend Aloysius Ravalico of Assam India writes his New Year's reveries "Three hundred and sixty-five days spent in a mission outpost as a soldier of Christ working, fighting suffering for souls" There were days of pondering days of long marches through a fearful jungle with the pangs of hunger and thirst dragging every step days spent on a mat in a miserable hut shivering with malarial fever But there were also days many of them filled with scenes of joy and victory

There he muses on the progress that has been made Truly the little mustard seed has become a flourishing tree Six years ago the Christians in our mission fields were few and scattered There were no schools, no dispensaries nor orphanages Now there are some 14,000 Christians with 1,246 Catechumens under instructions There are 122 catechists besides 3 priests and four sisters, 36 schools with 941 pupils an orphanage and a dispensary"

A rather glowing account, you will agree, and one upon which the missioners can look with a fair measure of satisfaction.

The Most Rev S. Ferrando, Bishop of Shillong India, writes to express his gratitude for the help we have been able to give him

"Thru your generous help, the work in our Mission has not only flourished, but has advanced by leaps and bounds and I am very pleased to announce to all my friends that during the past year we have been able to compile the following consoling statistics, Baptisms administered, 6352; Catholics 50,518 whereas in 1922 there were but 5,000 Christians Work in the Vicariate is being done by 28 priests, 23 lay-brothers and 59 sisters. There are 508 schools, with an enrollment of 12,107 children, in eight orphanages 776 children are being cared for. One need never question the faith of these natives after studying the following figures, confessions heard, 157,769 and Holy Communions was distributed to 365,947 recipients."

Leper Fund

During the past few weeks thru the columns of the CATHOLIC COURIER we sounded the annual Christmas appeal of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith leper fund. We begged you to imitate the example of Christ, Himself, and His solicitude for these unfortunates We offered you the heroic life of Father Damien and those fearless men and women who in dedicating their lives to them have bravely exposed themselves to th danger of contracting this dreaded disease.

However, despite the many inducements that were offered, we succeeded in collecting the rather astounding sum of $43.25 from 200,000 Catholics. Where lies the fault? We are most appreciative to those who contributed to the fund and we can assure them of the prayers of the sufferers and that they reached empty arm stumps into the manger-crib of the Christ Child

Again Thanks!

Sincere thanks are due the members of the Little Flower Mission Guild They have held their concluding meeting of the year at Mrs. McConville's home on Charlton Road. Sixteen members in all, their semi-annual donations amounted to a goodly sum They decided to divide it equally between Father Rottman, SSJ of Tyler, Texas and Father Alvares of India

It was a pleasing sight for the Diocesan Director to find women who were willing to sacrifice one evening every two weeks that they might make a little extra offering towards mission work

It is our fervent hope and prayer that others may be moved by the example of these women and do their bit to support some deserving mission priest or sister

INDIA FIRST LADY LAUDS CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES

DELHI, INDIA Speaking before a distinguished audience assembled to witness the laying of the foundation stone of the new episcopal residence here, the First Lady of India, Lady Linlithgow, paid tribute to the educational and social work being done by the Catholic Church throughout the length and breadth of India.

To cope with the problem of a steady flow of conversions from the depressed classes, the Most Rev Patrick S. Mulligan, OM Cap Archbishop of Delhi and Simla, who was consecrated just over a year ago in Rome, has brought over from Europe several new Capuchin missionary priests.

Catholic, Methodist Teams Play 0-0 Tie

RALEIGH N C Football teams representing the Catholic and Methodist orphanages of this city fought to a scoreless tie in a benefit game played here on "Orphanage Day"

"Orphanage Day" was officially proclaimed by Mayor George A Iseley who urged all citizens to attend and assist the two institutions Teams representing the two institutions have met four times The Catholic Orphanage won the first game and the Methodists the second The game last year like this years resulted in a tie

Parish Records 163 Religious Vocations

CLEVELAND O A local record of religious vocations has been created in connection with the golden sacerdotal jubilee and fortieth anniversary as pastor of the Rt Rev Msgr Thomas F Mahon of St Thomas Aquinas Church here

In the official program published for the dual jubilee it is announced that St Thomas' parish has sent 65 boys into the priesthood or brotherhood and 98 young women into several sisterhoods

A blessing from the Holy Father on the pastor and congregation was transmitted from His Eminence Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli Papal Secretary of State through the Most Rev Joseph Schrembs Bishop of Cleveland

Georgetown U. To Hold Poetry Contest

WASHINGTON A poetry contest in connection with the sesquicentennial of Georgetown University which will occur next year was announced this week by the Georgetown College Journal

The only requirement, the announcement states, is that the entries be in some way connected with Georgetown or its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary The contest will close on March 1 The prize for the best poem is $50

Noted Polish Writer Honored By Hometown

WARSAW (NC) Wola Okrzejska, where the world-famous writer of "Quo Vadis" and Nobel Prize winner, Henry Sienkiewicz, was born and received his elementary education, has erected in his memory a great tumulus and mausoleum.

At the unveiling ceremony there were present, two Bishops, Prof. Alexandrowicz, Vice-Minister of Education, and many representatives of the literary world. After Mass for the dead writer's intention, several addresses were given on Sienkiewicz's work

Archbishop Approves

Taller than the Statue of Liberty, a monument 191 feet high, will be erected during the Golden Gate International Exposition, in San Francisco, in 1939, in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Dr. Charles B Hobrecht, national officer of the Third Order of St. Francis, and active in the affairs of the Saint Francis Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus has accepted the general chairmanship of the St. Francis Monument Citizens' Committee, whose work has received the approval of the Most Rev. John J Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco. (N.C.W.C.)

Around The World

New Order in Eire

Dublin The Medical Missionaries of Mary, a newly founded congregation formed for work in the mission fields, have established their Novitiate at Collon, County Louth

Marist 50 Years

Apia, Samoa. The golden jubilee of the Marist Brothers in Samoa was celebrated here by a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving and by a dinner given by the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Union. Present at the dinner were many of Apia's prominent business men and planters, all alumni of the Marist schools.

Confraternity Party

Los Angeles Sixteen thousand children students of the catechetical classes of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, will be guests at Christmas tree parties held at the different centers in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Most of them are from poor Mexican families Stockings filled by Catholic men and women and students of Catholic schools contain gifts valued at $5,000

Statesman—New Prior

Paris The Rev Nicolas Perrier, former president of the Council of the Canton of Fribourg, Switzerland who gave up political life some years ago to become a Benedictine Monk, has been elected Prior of the Abbey of La Pierre-Qui Vire in Burgundy

Refuge For Catholics

The Hague Special warrants, granted Jewish refugees from Germany by the Holland Parliament, have now been extended to Catholic refugees.

In the last two months more than 7,000 Catholics have applied for help in addition to thousands of Jews to the Catholic Committee for Refugees in Utrecht. More Catholic refugees are expected and the Bishops of Holland, who conduct the committee, sought further funds, to meet the increasing demand, from a general recollection the early part of this month

De Paul Drops Football

Chicago The Very Reverend Michael J O'Connell, CM., President of De Paul University, this week announced the discontinuance of intercollegiate football at the university The reason given by Father O'Connell is lack of sufficient student interest to justify the cost of the football program. An expanded program of intra-mural athletics will take the place of football.

Tokyo U. 25 Years Old

Tokyo Sophia University, the Catholic university here, has commemorated its twenty-fifth jubilee. At the express command of Pope Pius X, in 1908, the Society of Jesus shouldered the task of founding this university, but owing to various difficulties the University College was not actually opened until 1913.

Fr. Coughlin Sues for $1,000,000

Detroit.—A suppressed suit for $2,000,000, charging libel against the Detroit Free Press, has been filed in Wayne County Circuit Court by Father Charles E. Coughlin, Pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak. The suit seeks $2,000,000 punitive damages. Attorneys said the suit is based on a news story in the Free Press pertaining to Father Coughlin's broadcasts on the pogrom in Germany.

If a man masters his passions, it is a struggle. If he does not master them, it is a harder struggle.—Father Martin J. Scott, S.J.

Recognize 1936 Cure As Miracle

PARIS.—The Bureau of Medical Verification at Lourdes has just recognized officially the miraculous character of a cure effected in 1936.

Mr McDonald of Dublin became ill at the age of 24. In 1935 he was in a state of total exhaustion and spent three months in a clinic confined to his bed without any noticeable improvement. The intervention of medical science was totally ineffective and physicians admitted their inability to assist him.

The patient decided to appeal to Our Lady of Lourdes. The journey was made with great difficulty because of his condition, but on September 8, during his first bath in the miraculous water, he was suddenly cured. One of the physicians who has been particularly interested in his case is the non-Catholic Dr. Smiley of the Rockefeller Institute of New York.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S Club To Hold Dinner For Bishop Kearney

The Catholic Women's Club will hold a dinner in honor of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, on Jan. 11 at the Rochester Club.

The General Committee consists of Miss Lucy R. Sheridan, chairman; Miss Alice F. Kirk, decorations; Mrs. John P. Boylan, reception; Mrs. Ronald J. McDonald tickets; Miss Theresa M. Brayer, program, Mrs. George D. Bryant, publicity.

Assisting committee: Mrs. William E. Blackwood, Miss Mary A. Buette, Miss Mildred J. Burke, Miss Mary I. Clark, Mrs. Frank J. G. Connor, Mrs. Joseph A. Coppinger, Miss Mary L. Dunbar, Mrs Joseph A. Dutton, Mrs. George W Finegan, Mrs. Justin J. Flanagan, Mrs. Frank S. Gutry, Mrs. Henry B. Howe, Miss Mae G. Hughes, Mrs. Andrew W. Korts, Jr., Miss Eleanor L. McLaughlin, Mrs. Aloysius E. Leehleitner, Mrs. William A. McFall, Miss Rose E. Moore, Mrs. John H. Odenbach, Mrs. Thomas P. O'Leary, Mrs. Norman Pfaff, Miss Elisabeth Regnauer, Miss Eva M Schreiner, Miss Mary Olive Schreiner, Miss Antoinette M. Schuler, Mrs. Elmer T. Thaney Mrs. William J. Troy, Mrs Raymond Turner, Mrs. Charles F Ward, Miss Katherine Weisenborn, Mrs. Louis A Whalen Mrs. Edward L. Zimmer.

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Social Swirl

By Mary Caufield

St. Stephen's Club

The annual Christmas dinner and dance of St. Stephen's Club of Geneva was held Thursday evening at the Hotel Seneca, Geneva.

Rev Edward K. Ball, principal of De Sales High School, was the principal speaker at the dinner

The reservation committee included Misses Mary Lawler, Miss Irene Hughes, Miss Phyllis Cowan, Miss Catherine Buckley, Miss Jane Flannigan, Miss Elizabeth Reddy Mr and Mrs. Jos Bithary, Mr and Mrs. Thomas J Courtney Jr., Frank Mooney and Frank Conboy

St. Aloysius Guild

Members of St Aloysius Guild met at St Mary's Boys' Home Thursday December 29

Mrs. Arthur J White was hostess assisted by the following Mrs. E Wandernee Mrs G Warnock, Mrs. J. R Brady Mrs. J Hoore, Mrs Frank Burgett, Mrs P Culhane, Mrs M Costello, Miss Minnie Corcoran, Mrs A M Conheady, Mrs. J M Cashman and Mrs. Jos Cook

Hospital Aides

Perpetual Help Society members held their regular meeting Wednesday, December 28 at St Mary's Hospital

Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson presided at the tea table She was assisted by Mesdames A J Klem, John J Kavanaugh, George Klem, Agnes Lancer, George Lays, John Leise Jr and Peter Langon.

SUCCESS OF CATHOLIC BOOK 'SHELF' PLAN IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES CITED

SCRANTON PA The idea of a Catholic Book Shelf in public libraries according to the plan as projected in Dubuque, Ia., is operating successfully in more than 40 cities of the United States, writes the Rev Nicholas A Steffen, of Columbia College, Dubuque, in the current issue of The Catholic Library World.

Father Steffen says the "Shelf" has brought about increased circulation of Catholic books. The three-year-old Dubuque "Shelf," he says, numbering some 800 volumes, reports a circulation of from 10 to 50 books a day The lowest circulation in 1938, he adds, has been 66 volumes in a week "At Fort Dodge, Ia., he says, "The books from the Catholic 'Shelf' were in circulation an average of 10 times each a year."

The writer then describes the experiment in Dubuque and offers recommendations for those planning to undertake a similar project in other cities.

MRS. MACAULAY GIVES HALF OF ESTATE TO CHARITIES

NEW YORK—Charitable and religious institutions, projects and persons share nearly half of the estate left by the late Mrs. William J. Babington Macaulay, according to the will which was filed for probate this week in Surrogate's Court here.

The will leaves $1,000,000 to Mrs. Macaulay's husband, the Irish Minister to the Holy See, and benefactions to numerous relatives, friends, employees and former employees. Among the beneficiaries of the estate are a dozen Catholic groups and institutions, most of which Mrs. Macaulay befriended in her lifetime.

It looks as if many motorists think a locomotive whistles just to keep up its courage.

MASSES

SACRED HEART PRO-CATHEDRAL
Florence City Park. Rt. Rev. Msgr. G. V. Parras. Masses: Sunday, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Holydays, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30. First Friday, 6, 7 and 8. Daily, 7 and 8.

BLESSED SACRAMENT
Oxford St. Rev. T F Connors, Mass. Sunday, 5 45, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Holydays, 5:45, 7, 8, 9, 10 Daily, 6:45 8.

CORPUS CHRISTI
Main St. East St. Rev. Msgr. W. M. Hart. Masses: Sunday 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Holydays, 5:30, 6 15, 7, 7:45, 8:30 and 9:30. Daily, 6:30, 7 and 8.

OLD ST. MARY'S
South St. Rev George F. Kettell, S. T. D. Masses: Sunday, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 15 and 11. Holydays, 5:30, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Daily, 7, 7:30 and 8.

HOLY ROSARY
Lexington Ave Msgr. Charles F. Shay. Masses: Sunday, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Holydays, 5:30, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Daily, 7, 7:30 and 8.

ST. MARGARET MARY'S
Rogers Parkway. Rev C J Bruton. Masses: Sunday 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 a. m. Holydays, 6, 7, 8, 9 Daily 8.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Plymouth Ave So. Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. S. Cameron Masses: Sunday, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Holydays, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30. Daily, 7 7:45

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