

Press Progress 1929-1932

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Through the travail of experience the founders of the Catholic Journal — and those who succeeded them—used to the best advantage the tools that were theirs, to keep the paper going until 1932.

They hold high the torch of Catholic journalism, sometimes in desperation, but the paper never missed an edition.

Reorganization — and capable management — have since provided the more efficient tools with which it is edited and published and made it diocesan in the fullest meaning of that word.

But between the time when the death of Edward J. Ryan severed the tie between the paper and its founders in 1928, and the date when reorganization came in 1932, were tedious years crowded with difficulties and sometimes steeped in emotion.

Guided by the light of what was to her a sacred tradition, Miss Ruth Ryan tried courageously to carry on in the footsteps of her father.

But the struggle was uneven, disheartening, in trying to maintain the editorial and business standards of the founders.

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TIME IN ITS FLIGHT . . . 1889

Encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII begin to lay foundation for a general program of civilization . . . Demonstration of Italian Liberals in memory of Giordano Bruno reported a factor in preventing agreement between Vatican and Italy for restoration of temporal sovereignty of Pope . . . Diplomacy of Pope Leo prepares way to remove severe police regulations designed to affect freedom of church in Germany . . . Catholic population of the United States is more than 10,000,000 . . . American Catholic Quarterly Review reports: "A few weeks hence the Catholic University of America will be an accomplished fact" . . . Success of the Jubilee of Pope Leo, which began in the previous twelve months, recounted throughout world . . . Catholic University of America chartered by Pope Leo . . . Opened first as School of Theology, with Law, Philosophy, Letters and Science and Canon Law added subsequently . . . Steps taken to build new home for Catholic Club of New York, which had been known as Xavier Union up to previous year . . . Pope Leo sends papal delegate, Monsignor Satolli, to represent him at Washington on the occasion of the foundation of the Catholic University . . . Pope Leo confirms agreement made with the Province of Quebec for settlement of the Jesuit estates question.

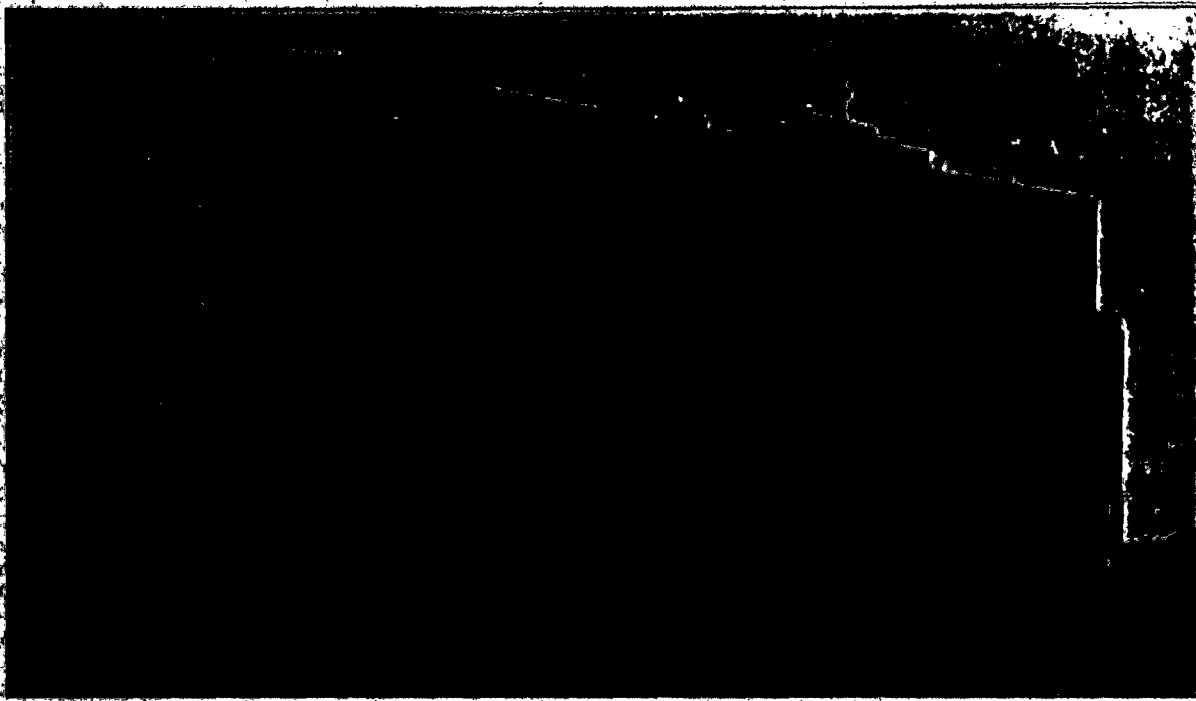
Benjamin Harrison inaugurated. . . Oklahoma opened to settlement. . . Johnstown Flood costs 5,000 lives. . . The Dakotas, Montana and Washington admitted to the Union. . . Department of Agriculture organized. . . Kansas passes the first anti-trust law.

Munsey's Magazine launched. . . A soap advertiser offering "Robert Elsmere" and "Criticism" by Gladstone free with each 25-cent bar. . . Of the daily papers having over 1,000 circulation, 255 are Republican, 320 Democratic—latter leading in circulation 2,500,000 to 1,500,000.

Number of monthly magazines increase by 108 to 1,898. . . November issue of Ladies' Home Journal an edition of 1,000,000 copies and costs \$50,000.

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NEARLY seventy of occupation, inseparable attendant and daughter in their service of the Lord in the sacred House of Mercy, a Community of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Third Order of St. Francis, and the unique distinction of being the only Community that first sent its members to serve in foreign missions.

MOTHER MARIANNE OF MOLOKAI



LEADER OF WORK AMONG THE LEPERS

lary and Novitiate for the training of aspirants to membership in the Order, and beyond this, set farther back and fronted by a long terrace, is The Convent School, the only private Catholic Girls' School for resident and day students in the City of Syracuse. Here educational standards of the highest are maintained in courses extending from a special class for little tots of pre-school age, through the grammar grades, to the graduate year of the high school department. Accredited to the University of the State of New York, with buildings and equipment of the highest standard, the school has an added distinction in that virtually all members of the administrative and teaching staff hold scholastic degrees from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C. There, at all times, some members of the Order are in attendance in residence at the Community's intellectual center, Duns Scotus House of Studies, in preparation for the diversified work of the Community.

Besides Mercy Hospital in Auburn, this Community conducts hospitals in Utica, Syracuse, Newark, N. J., and in Honolulu, Hawaii. The last named is the only Catholic Hospital in the Hawaiian Islands and its training school for nurses is affiliated with St. Louis University.

The exodus of members from Syracuse to Hawaii reads like a romance of Divine love, as indeed it is. In the late '80's, when this country was itself dominantly a missionary country, the now justly renowned Mother Marianne (whose life has been published by the Macmillan Company of New York) and who was at the time Mother General of the Syracuse Community, led a band of volunteers to the world-famous leper colony in Molokai, then one of the Sandwich Islands, destined to become later the Territory of Hawaii, an intrinsic part of the United States. Thither they went in response to the call of the noted martyr-priest Father Damien and of the King and Queen of that little kingdom in the Pacific. For over fifty years this Order has remained, the only Order of Nuns to serve among the plague-stricken there, accepting willingly ever-increasing burdens and tribulations for the opportunity to imitate their Saviour Father Saint Francis in the care of this dread disease.

In Hawaii the Sisters conduct also a high school for girls in Honolulu and other parish schools on islands of Hawaii, where students make an interesting racial group, including Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Portuguese, Filipinos, and other nationalities.

In the United States, the Order serves in homes for the aged and in schools in a wide field which extends from the Empire State on the North to the Carolinas on the South, and from the Hawaiian Islands on the West to Rome, Italy, on the East. Therein the Community serves under eight Bishops on the Mainland of the United States, under a Vicar Apostolic in Hawaii, and other prelates in the Eternal City.

HISTORICAL RECORD IS UNUSUAL

The span of life of the Order recently passed the Diamond Jubilee mark, and is now rapidly approaching the significant turn of a century. Space permits recording only the highlights of that enthralling story.

The Syracuse Franciscans emanated from the first foundation of Franciscan women in the United States. One of the three original founders of the first establishment, which was made in Philadelphia in 1855, was destined by Divine Providence to become Foundress and first Mother General of the Syracuse Foundation five years later.

In November of the year 1860, this intrepid leader, Mother M. Bernadine Davy, set forth into the new field of the Empire State, accepting the care of schools in parishes of the Franciscan Fathers, Minor Conventuals, of the Eastern Province, the latter being the late Cardinal McCloskey, then Provincial of the Immaculate Conception. It is especially significant that the Venerable Bishop Neumann, who nurtured the Philadelphia foundation, did so at the request of His Holiness, that glorious Pontiff, Pope Pius IX, and that that great Ruler of Christendom later gave substantial monetary and spiritual aid to the Syracuse foundation, so much so that those conversant with the intimate details of the history of the Order, regard him as their spiritual Father in Christ in a special way. Certain it is that without his aid and patronage, the foundation would not have had the powerful impetus it did have in its interesting origin.

Then, with the approval of presiding prelates of Philadelphia and the Metropolitan See of New York, the latter being the late Cardinal McCloskey, then acting Bishop of Albany, the work progressed, manifestly blessed by God. Since that time it has merited successive acts of approbation by the Holy See, including a Decree of Praise from the saintly Pope Pius X. The final full approval of the Order was one of the notable acts of the glorious reign of the late Pope Pius XI, which has just ended with world acclaim unprecedented in the history of the Papacy.

The interested guidance of the Holy See in the person of a Cardinal Protector is a privilege accorded a fully approved Religious Order, and this the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse have enjoyed until recently under the spiritual direction of His Eminence, the late Camillo Cardinal Laurenti, it was only recently revealed that this is a name that will go down in history for having declined the exalted office of Pope, for he was elected to that incomparable honor by the same Conclave that on a later ballot elected Pope Pius XI. The Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse have just received official notice from His Eminence, Cardinal Magliano, Papal Secretary of State, Vatican City, that His Eminence, Cardinal Pietro Pomasoli-Biondi, Prefect of the Congregation for the Faith and former Apostolic Delegate to the United States, has been appointed Cardinal Protector of their Community under the new regime of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII.

Such is the span of enriching service to God and man by the Sisters of the Third Franciscan Order of Syracuse among the ignorant, the poor, the orphan, the aged, the sick and infirm, and all stricken ones in God's wide vineyard. On this great occasion for a Catholic newspaper, the Golden Jubilee of THE CATHOLIC CLUB of Rochester, these consecrated Religious rejoice and are proud to participate in the acclaim justly paid for such unique service as the printed word alone can give to Holy Mother Church. Sincere and prayerful congratulations to this worthy representative of the Catholic Press are, therefore, sent to the editors through His Excellency, the Most Reverend James E. Kearney, as well as to the people of Rochester, who have benefited by the zealous dissemination of Catholic philosophy over these golden years. May the great Alchemist, God Himself, transmute into everlasting recompense the shining years of golden truth that has been radiant in the columns so devoted to the Master and the spread of His Kingdom on earth! May He bless all contributors, editors, subscribers, readers and benefactors of what our late Holy Father dignified as a form of priesthood of service, applying that exalted title to all who in any way promote the diffusion of Catholic truth and doctrine through the medium of publication of the printed word!

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