

Moslems and Hindus Honor Jesuit First Labor School

MADRAS, India. A committee composed of leading Moslems and Hindus is raising a fund to establish a chair at the State University of Madras in honor of Father Carly, noted Jesuit educator and economist of South India. Father Carly has been a member of the university's Senate and Academic Council.

The well-informed Catholic is a staunch Catholic.

CLEVELAND. The first Catholic Labor School in the Diocese of Cleveland has just opened in St. Augustine's Parish Hall here. Seventy men and women assembled for the first session and heard the Rev. Charles Hogan, Professor of Sociology at Our Lady of the Lake Seminary.

If our plans turn out well, we are smart, if they fall, fate did it. Knoxville "Journal"

Don Bosco and the Dogma Of Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception this year marks one century to the day since the beginning of St. John Bosco's great work for youth. It was on December 8, 1841, that the feast of many youths came prepared in the light of the faith of the century, beginning to affirm some interesting facts concerning the Saint's life.

(By NCWC News Service)

Don Bosco was ardently desirous of seeing the dogma of the Immaculate Conception defined by the Holy Father. We read in his life that when public prayers were ordered that God might deign to inspire the Pope with the definition of the dogma, prayers were begun at once in the Oratory of Turin. Don Bosco eagerly awaited the day on which this new glory, and one justly due to her, was to be bestowed upon the Blessed Mother. In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Holy Year of Jubilee. Along with the proclamation he invited all people to do penance and to pray to the Lord, through the intercession of Mary Immaculate that He might mercifully remove or at least render less severe the punishments which were being then inflicted upon the world. The faithful were also to pray fervently that the Holy Spirit might illumine the Holy Father, to define at the earliest possible time the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Holy Mother of God, and that such definition might redound to the greater glory of God and of the Blessed Virgin herself.

Purpose of Definition
In the November issue of his Catholic Readings, therefore, Don Bosco amply explained the meaning of the Holy Year of Jubilee, and then in the December issue he published some reflections relating to the awaited definition of the dogma adding at the end some prayers for a novena. He defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, related what the standpoint of the Church had been all along the centuries from the earliest times and explained the purpose of the Church in defining the dogma and the duties which would consequently be incumbent on all Catholics.

These articles in his Catholic Readings were also intended to be a token of the gratitude that those of the Oratory had for the Blessed Mother, since a very hopeful promise which Don Bosco had made to his boys had been realized. The cholera had been ravaging through the country and it had been so cruel that every family numbered its dead. At the time of the plague the Oratory was inhabited by about 100 boys besides Don Bosco and his mother. Like a serpent the plague had crept in and out of every home and even came to Don Bosco's room. But it seems that an invisible hand peremptorily held it back. The most surprising thing about it was that the boys of the Oratory had dedicated themselves to the care of the sick. Yet they looked so healthy that it seemed they had not lived in the midst of the plague and in so close a proximity to it as caring for those stricken with it. Consequently, all wondered, and it was hard not to see the merciful hand of God in the signal protection.

We have remarked that the plague had entered Don Bosco's room, we must add that it even took hold upon him. One night during the epidemic he awoke and found that he had all the symptoms of the cholera. He had a severe chill, cramps in his feet and arms, dizziness and all the other sufferings that accompany the disease. He took up the bell in order to call some one. But he feared the boys would be frightened and therefore put it down again without ringing it.

Resigned to God's Will
He prayed to the Blessed Mother, resigned himself to the will of God, and applied to himself the remedy which was generally given to those afflicted with cholera. He began to take some very violent exercise so that, after about 15 minutes, he perspired profusely. Then fatigued and exhausted he fell into a deep sleep. The next morning he was well and narrated all to "Mamma Margaret," his mother.

There are some well-grounded reasons derived from some of his words and writings which make us feel certain that Don Bosco had generously offered to God his own life in order that his boys might be spared and that the dogma of the Immaculate Conception might be proclaimed that year. It is also well known that he remembered with much pleasure some persons who in 1854 had made a similar offer to God. It is believed, therefore, that the affliction which came

Getting On In The World

There is one thing you can learn only by experience although you can commence learning it now—straightaway. It is what we call a sense of "value" to be able to "weigh things up" or "size them up" as some folks say.

Have you ever been in a cattle market and watched the buyers? Notice how they can "size up" a beast almost at a glance tell within a few pounds what weight of dead meat it will give. That is a keen sense of value! That's a butcher's wisdom.

Notice a horse dealer. A glance, and he can tell you half a dozen good, and about three dozen bad points, of a horse he is buying and vice-versa (without the bad points) of a horse he is selling.

In the cotton trade, tobacco trade, tea trade, a buyer goes into the plantation while the plant is only half-grown. He can "weigh up," "size up," the value of the crop from his point of view the chances of weather, of coming to fruit, market prices and half a dozen different circumstances. He can weigh up the value of the plantations three months hence, and buy accordingly.

An employer of men must be able to size them up to know at a glance who will be worth his wages, and who will not. He must have them "weighed up."

There is a sense of value which we all should have, no matter what our calling, and you must try to develop that sense of value. It will be useful. It will be needed whether you are a tinker or a prime minister.

No matter what you become, there are values you will have to be able to judge readily if you want to save yourself a good deal of trouble.

BOYS' HOME FOUNDER

Philadelphia. The Rev. Thomas J. Park, C. S. Sp. founder of St. Joseph's Home for Homeless Boys, on Sunday observed the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Park who is Professor of Pastoral Theology at the monastery of the Holy Ghost Fathers in Ferrisburgh, Conn., celebrated his jubilee Mass at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament here Sunday.

80th Year in Religion

Loretto, Ky. Sister Mary Athanasius Wathen, 88, who marked amid notable ceremonies five years ago the seventy-fifth anniversary of her religious life, has now completed her eightieth year as a Sister of Loretto.

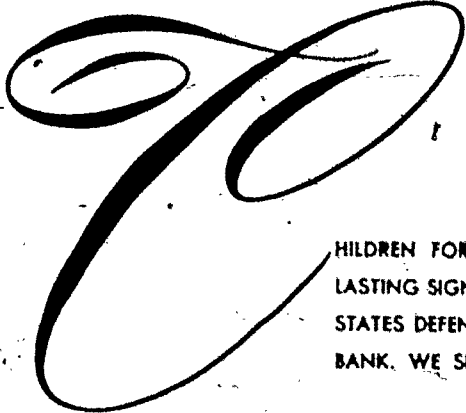
upon him was a proof that the Lord had accepted the sacrifice without however depriving him of his life which he had so generously offered, and that his hasty recovery was effected through the goodness of Mary.

When the plague ceased in Turin and in the surrounding territory, Don Bosco set aside the eighth of December for his boys to give fervent thanks to God for having so lovingly protected them. On the same day Pope Pius IX, surrounded by about 200 Cardinals, Patriarchs, Archbishops and Bishops, who had come to Rome from every corner of the earth solemnly proclaimed the dogma concerning the Immaculate Conception to be of faith.

Fervent Thanksgiving

On the morning of that memorable day the boys of the Hospice and of the Oratory devoutly approached the Sacraments in honor of Mary Immaculate who had protected them with her mantle of maternal goodness. In the evening, Don Bosco spoke to the boys and prepared them for the thanksgiving. He spoke to them of the mystery which was defined that day as a truth of faith. He told them of the goodness and power of Mary. He remarked that since every danger from the cholera was now passed, it was incumbent on all to thank God for having been preserved from it. He compared the passage of the cholera through the country to the passage of the exterminating angel in Egypt, and in order to make his boys better understand what signal a favor they of the Oratory had received from God, he related various sad accounts of the afflictions the cholera had caused in various places. Then he exhorted them to make a fervent thanksgiving and intoned the "Te Deum."

Don Bosco had done much to implore God to hasten the definition of the dogma and now the Feast of the Immaculate Conception became the feast most beloved by him, although he continued to celebrate with great solemnity also that of the Assumption.

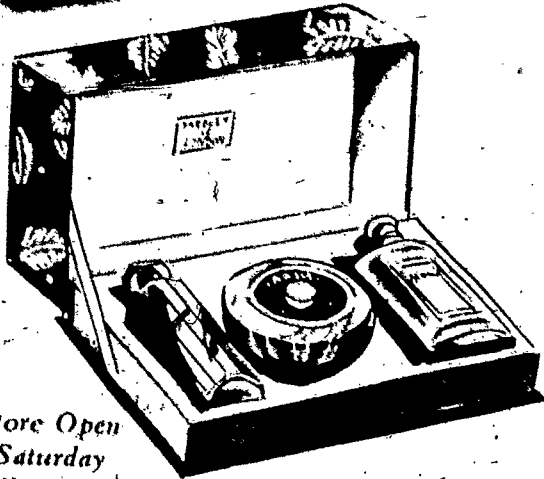


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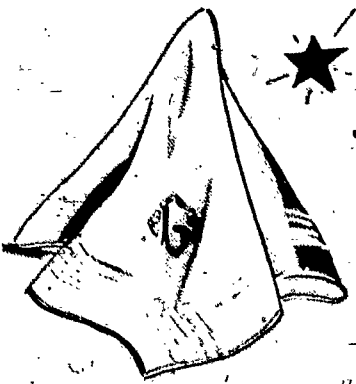
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