

shop Kearney Will Address Men's Club

Corning, May 25

MORNING — Principal speaker at special meeting of the Corning Men's Club on May 25 will be Excellence, the Most Rev. E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester. It is announced by Eugene Kelly, President of the Club. Plans are being made to hold an evening meeting on that date at the Baron Steuben Hotel, President Kelly states.

The Catholic Men's Club is making arrangements also for the reunion on Friday, April 17 of the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, associate superintendent, Catholic schools, Diocese of Rochester. Father Mahoney will speak at the club's luncheon meeting.

Paul Tammaro is chairman of club's program committee.

Francis Lynch, Fred Walker and Joseph Herschel are members of attendance committee for the April 17 meeting. A meeting of officers and directors in the K. of C. room is being planned for the future.

Canada Colleges Give Many To Armed Forces

OTTAWA — St. Patrick's College and Assumption College, Windsor, Ont., are two of Canada's Catholic educational institutions which have given many of their students and alumni to the nation's armed forces.

The honor roll at St. Patrick's College shows that 450 students and former students have enlisted. More than 200 of them are in the Air Force. Ten have given their lives for their country and three others are officially listed as missing.

Assumption College has about 100 alumni with the armed forces in Canada and the United States. Seven of these are Chaplains with Canadian forces and one with American Troops.

SHOP DONS APRON AND SERVES DINNER TO POOR

MONTREAL — The Most Rev. Lawrence Whelan, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, donned an apron over his cassock and helped serve dinner to 125 old men and women at the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor here on the Feast of St. Joseph.

Bishop Whelan was guest of honor at the dinner and was accompanied by a number of English-speaking pastors of the city. Later Excellence made the rounds of the wards and spoke with each of those who were unable to leave their beds for the dinner.

Facts And Figures' Authority Quits Post

WASHINGTON — Resignation of Malcolm Cowley from the writers' staff of the Office of Facts and Figures was announced yesterday by Archibald MacLellan, Director of the Office. It was stated that Mr. Cowley resigned through a desire to devote his full-time work to the Office of Facts and Figures should be impeded as a result of charges of radicalism made against him.

Malcolm Cowley's employment by the Government at a reputed salary of \$8,000 a year was attacked both Representative Charles E. Hoffman, of Michigan, and Representative Leland M. Ford, of California, on the floor of the House Representatives last January. Charges were made in debate at that time that numerous radicals were on the payroll of the Government and nothing was being done about it.

Charities Leader Dies

Brooklyn, N. Y. — Miss Mary Campbell, Catholic Charities leader in the Diocese of Brooklyn, died yesterday. Daughter of the late United States Representative Felix Campbell, Miss Campbell was a recipient of the Papal honor, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice."

Catholic Women's Role In War Told N.C.C.W. Board By Charities Head

Religious Indifferentism And Catholic Action

By the Rev. John F. Albert

(Here is a summary of the address given by the Rev. John F. Albert, Assistant Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Corning before the Catholic Women's Luncheon Club of Corning on Friday, April 10.)

The big problem facing the world and the Church today is the problem of indifferentism, which says: It does not matter much what a man believes, as long as he is sincere, and does what is right; or, Religion is not a creed to be believed, but a way to live. These slogans sound almost plausible, but they are opposed both to the principles of logic, and to the teachings of Christ.

The Catholic faith is a reasonable one, and has the contents of Revelation as its source and guide. Theology is a science, the Queen of Sciences, the science of objective revelation which has come to the rescue of reason. There is no subjective, superficial emotionalism in it, but it deals with facts, facts revealed by God Himself. Because it is such a science, it must be constantly in touch with the rules of logic. And logically, two contradictory statements cannot be true at the same time. If one is true, then all others contradicting it are false.

There are so many different religions which are called Christian, because they all disagree on one or more points of doctrine. The Indifferentist agrees with them all, despite their contradictory teachings.

"All Commanded"

It does matter what a man believes. Christ told the Apostles to "go into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature." He promised to send the Holy Ghost to remind them of anything they had forgotten. He did not tell them to teach whatever they liked of His doctrine, or whatever the people wanted to hear and believe, but "teach them to observe all that I have commanded you." And He added: "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned."

Therefore, just as the Apostles were given no liberty to teach one doctrine and reject another, so the people whom they taught were given no liberty to believe one and not the other. But everything that Christ taught, must be taught by the Apostles and their successors, and everything must be believed. All men have an obligation to seek the truth, and they may not discontinue that search until they have found it to the best of their ability, or at least are firmly convinced that they have found it. They must then have someone upon whom they can depend to give them all the teachings of Christ, and that trustworthy source and authority is the Catholic Church.

Men therefore must believe everything in Revelation, or they must reject everything, for everything is equally true, otherwise God has deceived men. If they reject one thing, why should they not reject everything?

Done For Reason

Men are intelligent, free creatures of God, and everything they do is done for a reason or motive. That reason or motive is based upon what they know or believe. The Indifferentist says it does not make any difference what a man believes as long as he does what is right. But how can he do what is right unless he has the knowledge and the faith to know what is right?

The trouble with the world today is that many people believe only what they want to believe, and therefore they do only what they want to do. Many others merely do not object to religion, and that is the sum total of their respect for their God. Many do not believe in sin, except perhaps as a mere social evil, or as carry-over from pre-Victorian respectability, and not as an offense against God that will be punished in the next world unless it is forgiven in this world.

They seem to forget that they are living on borrowed morals and

borrowed religion. It is the Christian virtues and the ten Commandments and the social and cultural influence of the Church that are the bases of all the laws and customs that make our civilization the good thing that it is, and that make our country a fit place to live in—in peace and mutual trust. Throw these aside, and there will be anarchy and distrust, hatred and persecution, and anything but freedom.

The proposition of the Indifferentist means, in its concrete significance, that falsehood is as good as truth, and that vice is as good as virtue, and that no religions are any good.

But why should a man descend to this level on the question of religion, when he employs and recognizes the validity of elementary principles of logic in all other practical aspects of his daily life. No one will convince him that it really makes no difference whether he buys an automobile or a motorcycle for his family.

Our problem then today, is to

Make Ideals Effective, Fr. Toomey Urges

The present war emergency presents an opportunity to the Catholic women of America to make their ideals and principles effective, to the end that the peace following this war shall not be the futile capture of the so-called peace of the first World War, declared the Rev. Joseph E. Toomey.

Father Toomey, executive director of Binghamton Catholic Charities, spoke at the quarterly directors' meeting and luncheon of the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women, last Thursday at the Mark Twain Hotel.

(See N. C. W. Column on Women's Page.)

The present war is a result of complete abandonment of the ideals of the country, the speaker declared. While Americans thought

show our friends that it does make a difference what a man believes, that religion is important, that doctrine is important. We must show them that the Catholic religion is important, because it teaches all the doctrines of Christ, and insists on the observance of all the Commandments. Many outside the Church do not understand her, but they would like to do so. We must give them the explanation they want.

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they were building a security for their nation, he said, in reality they were building a nation on a shoal of sand.

Nearly 175 women attended the luncheon. Miss Florence Callahan was toastmistress.

The business session was held at the Dunn Memorial Mass following High Mass celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Magr. John J. Lee, V. F., at St. Peter and Paul's Church.

Delegates were elected to the national convention at the Hollywood Beach Hotel, Hollywood, Florida, beginning Saturday, Apr. 18, and continuing through Apr. 22. Mrs. M. H. Keough of Rochester, member of the national board of directors, will represent the archdiocese of New York and Miss Cecilia M. Yawman of Rochester, president of the Diocesan Council, will be the official delegate. Miss Mary Newsome, president of the Elmira Deanery, will be the alternate delegate.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone doth wonderful things. — Psalms, 71, 12.

Notice:—Dressmaking Contest Closes Saturday, April 18th, 6 P. M.

All dresses to be entered in our professional and amateur Dress Making Contest must be in by April 18th at 6 P. M. Announcement will be made by newspaper and radio of the day and time of the judging . . . Leave all entries with Miss Crowley, yard goods section, Street Floor.

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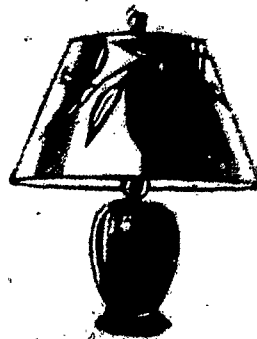
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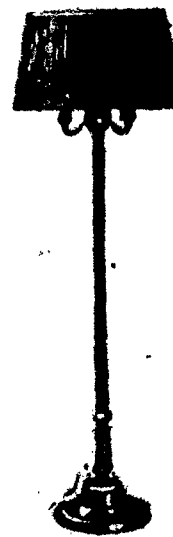
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