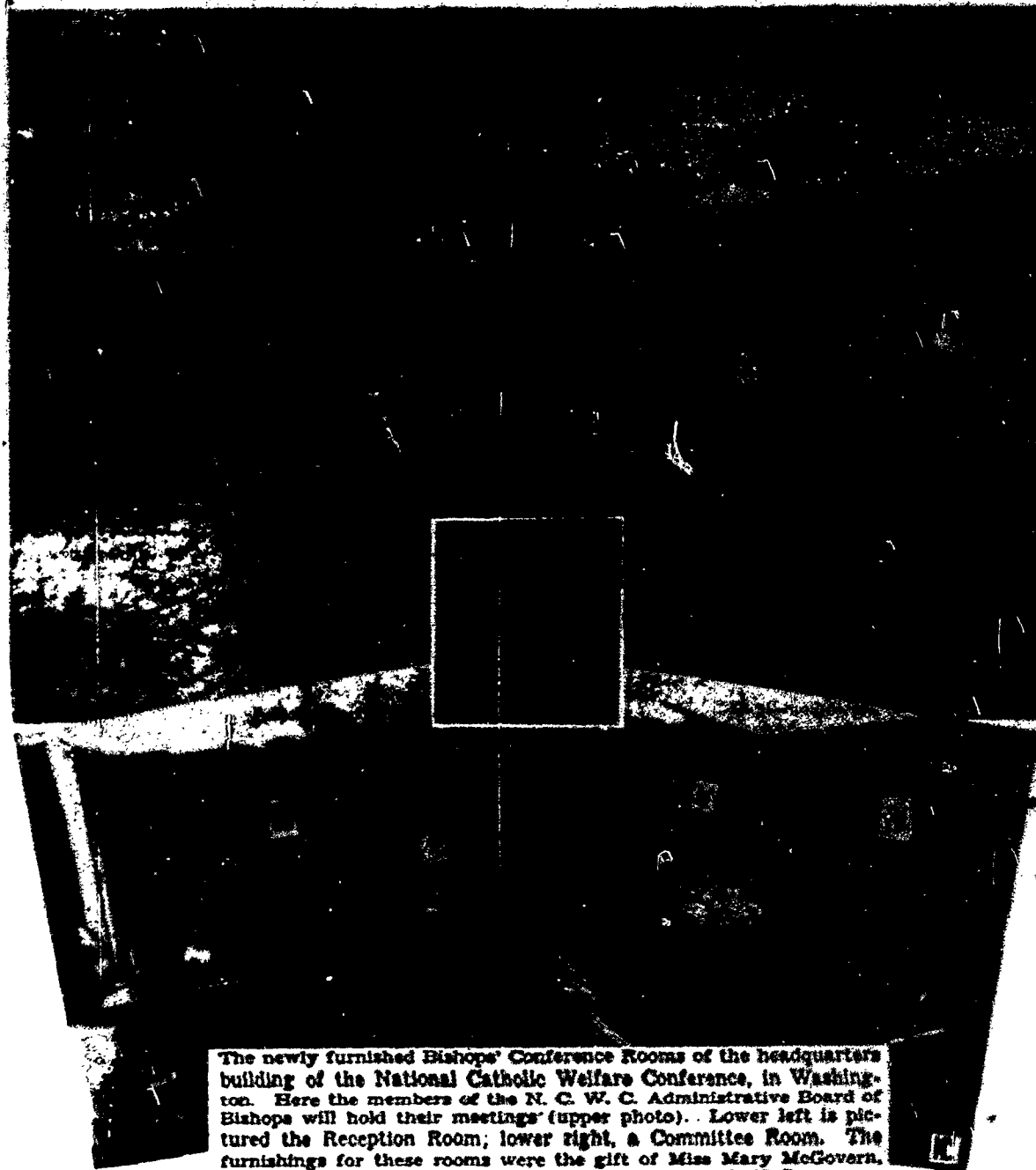


MEMORIAL GIFT TO N. C. W. C. Catholic Daughters Plan Series of Public Lectures



The newly furnished Bishops' Conference Rooms of the headquarters building of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, in Washington. Here the members of the N. C. W. C. Administrative Board of Bishops will hold their meetings (upper photo). Lower left is pictured the Reception Room; lower right, a Committee Room. The furnishings for these rooms were the gift of Miss Mary McGovern, of New York, in memory of her husband, Patrick McGovern. Ken photos.

ELMIRA—Court St. Rita, Catholic Daughters of America, are arranging to sponsor a series of public lectures by prominent Catholic speakers during the winter months.

Chaplain Reports From Somewhere In Pacific

DUBUQUE.—The Rev. Thomas J. Conroy, priest of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, now serving as a chaplain with United States Army forces somewhere in the Pacific, has written to the Chancellor of the Archdiocese that he is "still well in spite of recent happenings." "The chaplain must use a lot of his own judgment here," Father Conroy wrote. He reported that the troops with whom he is working are "an inspiration" and that about 40 or 50 receive Communion in a two-day period. "They come to me on all occasions asking to go to Confession and to receive Holy Communion," he said. "Some times I start in at 3 A. M. and continue until 10 P. M."

A spiritual person is a good armor; and does not the world generally appreciate goodness in so attractive a form?

The lectures will be held in the Dunn Memorial and among the speakers the Catholic Daughters expect to bring to the city are Father Flanagan of Boys Town, the Rev. Robert J. Casper, S.J., president of Marquette University, and Supreme Court Justice Martin of New York City.

Further details will be announced later. The committee in charge of the recent Rummage Sale conducted by the Court for the Charity Fund reported at Monday night's meeting a net return of \$100. The Court's Community Chest contribution will be the first payment from the proceeds of the sale. Mrs. Harry Pines and Miss Anne Flitten were chairmen of the committee in charge.

SPEND FOR EDUCATION. Brisbane, Australia.—In the last 50 years Catholics in Australia have spent 200,000,000 dollars on Catholic education, the Very Rev. Magr. G. Bartlett declared at the opening of a new school at West Meadowbrook, New South Wales.

Revelation In Present Order Necessary To Man

By Linus Elford

Through the promptings of his own inner nature, by the light of his own reason, man can and does know the existence of God; man can understand that he has a duty to worship

that God. Absolutely speaking it is possible for man to discover the nature of God as the unique, all-powerful Supreme Being, who is subsisting intelligence and subsisting love. But actually how many men are capable of weaving for themselves out of the tangled threads of facts a comprehensive and clear-cut tapestry of the Divinity who rules the world?

The demands of practical life upon the average individual make it almost impossible for him to spend the time necessary in such a search. Only those endowed with rare talent, plenty of leisure, and a burning thirst for truth are actually capable of coming to a knowledge of their duties to God and their fellowman through the use of their intellects alone.

Manifestly such a condition makes it impossible for man to worship God as his first beginning and last end, and yet God, of His very nature demands such worship. God then in His mercy and justice must have provided some means whereby man, the average individual, living in a busy world could know Him and worship Him. In other words He must have made some sort of revelation to man.

Literally revelation means a drawing back of the veil from that which is hidden. More formally it is defined as the manifestation of some truth supernaturally made known to man by God.

There are many who, admitting the existence of God, have denied that He could, or would communicate with us in any way. They contend either that such a thing is impossible or that it is beneath the dignity of the Supreme Being. Surely it is not beyond the in-

finite power of God to manifest to man the knowledge that he needs. It was the same Almighty God who gave us the power of communicating with one another, who gave to the teacher the ability to communicate his knowledge to the pupil. Certainly if man can communicate with man then God can do the same. Nor is it impossible for man to receive a revelation from God, since he has the physical capacity for receiving knowledge and since the object of his intellect embraces all truth—which naturally includes truths that might be revealed by God, who is Truth itself.

But is it beneath God's dignity to instruct men in supernatural truths? It is no indignity for the wisest teacher to instruct the most ignorant pupil, even though some of our modern-day college professors might balk at being placed in a kindergarten. By nature we respect great knowledge in anyone, but when we see great knowledge stooping to abysmal ignorance in order to lift it up, our respect changes to admiration or even love.

As a matter of fact history records the failure of men to acquire anything like a comprehensive knowledge of even natural religion. With the exception of the Jews, most of the peoples of antiquity fell into the grossest kind of errors regarding God, their relation with Him and with their fellowmen. They multiplied their gods and divinities; they imagined all the various gods created by their minds as constantly feuding with one another; they set them up as patrons of every sort of moral disease, their worship of them in many cases amounted to nothing

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bama, and Edward LaSalle, Kansas City, Kan., northern deputy.

Other officers elected by the auxiliary are Mrs. E. M. Piaras, New Orleans, vice-supreme lady; Mrs. Lucy E. Jones, Galveston, national secretary; Mrs. Clothilda Williams, Mobile, national treasurer; Mrs. Lillian Crocker, New Orleans, associate editor; Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, New Orleans, counselor for juniors; Mrs. Lucille Toussaint, Lafayette, deputy for Louisiana; Miss Neemie Maurice, Bay St. Louis, Miss., deputy for Mississippi and Alabama; Mrs. E. Olivier, Port Arthur, deputy for Texas, and Mrs. Bertha Ferilloux, Chicago, northern deputy.

The first Mass of the convention was celebrated by the Rev. Anthony Keil, S.S.J., pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, Baton Rouge, assisted by the Rev. Clarence Howard, S.V.D., Bay St. Louis, Miss., and the Rev. Anthony Bourgeois, S.V.D., Lafayette, La. The organization voted \$8,000 for the purchase of war bonds. The report of the treasurer showed that the organization previously had bought \$12,500 worth of War Bonds.

Our sins are but a little grain of sand in the great mountain of God's mercy.

more than publicly sanctioned immortality.

Even Plato, one of the greatest thinkers of all time, admitted as right many practices at variance with the natural law. But he perceived the fundamental truth back of this whole discussion, for he asserted "The truths necessary to men are easily learned if we are taught them, but no one can learn them unless God shows him the way."

The average man is no mental giant such as was that great philosopher of Greece; he too must admit his dependence on God to reveal to him the truths necessary if he is to attain the goal God created him for.—Western Catholic.

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