Nuns Interned in Shanghai Arrange For Girls' Education

ST. COLUMBANS, Neb. — Although internment of the Sisters has temporarily closed Loretto School in Shanghai, China, the 300 girl students will continue to receive a Catholic education.

At the request of Sister Mary ..., S.J., the Irish Sisters of St. Columban, who are still free to work because of their neutral status, are taking some of these girls, while others are attending the Academy conducted by the Religious of the Sacred Heart.

The Irish St. Columban Sisters also continue their own educational work among the Russian girls at their school in Shanghai, where 75 are enrolled. The Sisters also conduct a club for the benefit of Russian working girls.

Not Charms

Though the Sacraments convey to us the very life of God Himself, yet the moment they are received they become dependent upon the soil that has received them, whether they are to be fruitful or barren.—Father B. W. Maturin.

Hospital Progress Noted as Mercy Nuns Mark 100th Anniversary

HORNELL—Special tribute to the Sisters of Mercy was paid at all Masses in St. Ann's Church, last Sunday, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of their coming to the United States. A message from His Excellency, Bishop Kearney was read, in which he gave highest praise to the zealous work carried on by the Sisters.

The Rev. Andrew T. Dissett, pastor of St. Ann's Church, paid homage to the unselfish devotion exercised by the Sisters of Mercy in their work in both St. Ann's School and St. James Mercy Hospital. He reminded parishioners that they had been especially favored by having the Sisters of Mercy at work in their midst for over 75 years. He urged all to express their gratitude for the wide influence of the Sisters of Mercy which has been felt, in some way, by almost every member of the parish.

Establishment of the hospital conducted by the Sisters of Mercy in the Diocese of Rochester is noted in the following historical account of coming of the Sisters of Mercy to Hornell:

"The first Sisters of Mercy came to Hornellsville from the Mother House at Batavia, at the urgent request of Reverend Father McNab in 1870. Here a parochial school and Select School, with its art and music courses was opened. Among those first Sisters of Mercy were Sisters Mary Joseph, M. Aloysius, M. Dolores and M. De Pazzi.

"The next pastor, the Rev. James M. Early, formerly of St. Mary's, Rochester, built, at his own expense, the beautiful Convent that adjoins this school. This was completed in 1880. The school was chartered as the "Academy of Mercy," because within its walls the classes for the 'Select School' were conducted. Father Early began the work on the new school building, but it was not completed until after his death. As the Sisters were then needed in the school which had added an Academic Department in 1884, it was found necessary to close the Select School.

"In 1889 Father Early started the erection of the present school but he died before its completion. The Rev. J. O'Loughlin took charge on Nov. 28, 1890 and completed this school. There were 300 pupils registered at the time and 8 teachers were employed.

"In 1894 the Rev. A. R. Barlow was successful in obtaining the Regents' Charter. Mr. W. H. Murray accompanied Father Barlow when he went to Albany to make the arrangements. At this time the school consisted of 6 grades on the lower floor and one on the upper — the 7th grade. The remainder was an auditorium. The entrance was on Erie Avenue.

"In 1901 the Rev. F. Naughton remodeled the present building. He was succeeded by the Rev. J. A. Maley. The attendance of the school was increased by 170 pupils during Father Maley's time and in the fall of 1932 the teaching staff was increased by 3 teachers. At the present time, 1944, registration including the High School is 425, and faculty consists of 11 teachers.

It was the desire of Father Early to build a hospital for the sick and hand it over to the city with the understanding that it should always be under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy. The hospital was completed in 1890. Since then a new maternity wing, private rooms for surgical cases, a second operating room, a lovely Chapel have been added; while two new wings for surgical and maternity have been completed. The Steuben County Laboratories are located in the Hospital; and here, too, is one of the finest X-ray departments in the State.

"St. James' Mercy Hospital has an excellent staff of physicians, Sister Supervisors and pupil nurses. The capacity of the hospital has now increased to 125 beds. Within the last 6 years great progress has been made. The School of Nursing was established in 1939. This year will mark its third graduating class. The latest undertaking of the hospital is the training of the Cadet Nurses which was started in 1943."

Mrs. Raymond Kelly Heads Red Cross Drive

HORNELL — Hornell is nearing its quota of $33,000 for the American Red Cross War Fund, in the largest organized drive in the history of the city. Mrs. J. Raymond Kelly, Red Cross Chairman, has announced that the fund is now within a few hundred dollars of its quota, and expressed confidence that the entire amount would soon be realized.

Mrs. Kelly, who is an active member of St. Anne's Parish, has been chairman of the Hornell chapter of the Red Cross for the past few years.

The task of attaining the high quota was greatly assisted by a benefit party held under the auspices of the Hornell Council Knights of Columbus. About 300 dollars was realized for the Red Cross fund from this party held recently under chairmanship of Mrs. Kelly.

BY THE WAY — BUY BONDS

Lauds Courage Of Italian Priests

WASHINGTON. — Courageous Italian priests are exposing themselves to Neo-Fascist reprisals by sheltering Jews and escaped war prisoners, according to an article in Popolo e Liberta, Swiss newspaper, the office of War Information reports. The article states that the clergy are active in Italian committees organized to aid victims of Facism.

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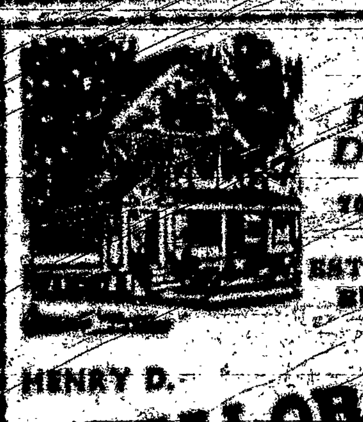
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