

FOREIGN MISSIONS

ROME GRATEFUL FOR GENEROUS AID

Bishop's House, 90 Central Ave. London, Ont., April 26, 1924.

Dear Rev. Father, On February 23rd last I transmitted to His Eminence, Cardinal Van Rossum, Prefect of the Congregation de Propaganda Fide, a cheque for \$5,800 contributed by the Diocese of London to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

"I am truly grateful to Your Lordship for having forwarded the splendid sum of \$5,800 collected in your Diocese for the Pontifical work of the Propagation of the Faith which I immediately transmitted to the Superior Council. I beg of Your Lordship to present the thanks of Propaganda to the Diocesan Director and his assistants, to the zealous ladies of the Catholic Women's League, and to all who by their generosity have contributed to the support of the foreign missions."

The words of Father Nogara, Secretary General of the Superior Council which I give here, will be read with equal interest. He wrote:

"His Eminence, Cardinal Van Rossum, has transmitted to me the sum of \$5,800 collected in the Diocese of London in favor of the missions. This generous offering gives me great joy because we are daily receiving appeals from the foreign missionaries whose needs are very great and whose resources are very limited. It is a joy to be able to help them. I return, therefore, my most sincere thanks to all the contributors in your Diocese to this sacred cause and I beg God to bless you; these indeed shall receive their reward exceeding great."

In communicating to you these precious words of approval from the centre of Catholicity I desire to express my own great satisfaction and gratitude. At the same time I appeal to the Diocesan Director and his assistants, to the pastors of the Diocese, to the members of the Catholic Women's League and to our Catholics in general and without exception that there be no decrease of zeal or generosity, but that the work of the foreign missions be brought home as a personal duty of prayer and sacrifice for every Catholic within the limits of the Diocese of London.

I am also transmitting to you herewith the Report of the First Annual Diocesan Offering to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In many instances the parishes have done extraordinarily well. In some few only a perfunctory interest has been taken in this blessed work. A comparative study of the results will not be without instructive consequences and may lead to more fruitful efforts hereafter.

With my cordial blessing, I remain Yours faithfully in Christ, M. F. FALLON, Bishop of London.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARISHES

London, Ont., April 25th, 1924. Right Rev. M. F. Fallon, D. D., 90 Central Ave., London, Ont.

My Lord: I have the honor of presenting to you herewith the first Annual Report of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, including the complete list of contributions made by the parishes of the Diocese and a full statement of expenditures.

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I remain yours faithfully in Christ, J. C. KELLY, Diocesan Treasurer.

GOD AND HIS CHURCH

"The jurisdiction of the Pope, with freedom of communication with Rome, instead of the palladium of liberty which it has over and over again proved itself to be, looks to a jaundiced eye as a thralldom than which no human tyranny can be greater. As a matter of fact and history, the Church as a government has been immensely powerful, and in yet men despise her. As a matter of fact and history she has been of all governments the most patient, forgiving, and benign; and yet men hate her. As with God so with her. They despise His power, and they are irritated by His mercy. The secret both of men's indifference and of their dislike to the Church as a government lies in this single truth, that she is a theocracy."

"Because all the heavy work, in fact the solid foundations, of European civilisation, such as the sanctity of marriage, the mitigation of slavery, the courtesies of warfare, the glories of law, the limitations of despotism, the preservation of literature, the founding of universities, and the patronage of fine arts, were all her creation,—because she does not do by herself exclusively the easier work of completing this civilisation, but lets diplomacy and physical science share the toil and carry on what it was at the outset a mere by-play on her part to begin with, she concludes that as an institution she knows of nothing but timidity and retrogression and that she who is the light of the world is never happy except when she has become its darkness. Neither do men suspect that when she seems to fail as an institution, it is because the civil power is cramping her as a government."

(Father Faber, "The Blessed Sacrament a Picture of God.")

DIVORCE BLAMED FOR CHILD DELINQUENTS

Paris, France.—The annual Diocesan Congress of Paris devoted its work this year to the study of various questions concerning the family, such as legislation, education, ethics, etc. Two prominent members of Parliament were among the speakers: M. Isaac, former Minister of Commerce, and Dr. Thibout who is known as an authority on questions pertaining to family life. Both speakers declared legislation could not encourage large families if religion did not influence the masses.

An important statement was made by M. Isaac. The former Minister has been collecting statistics on the ancestry of delinquent children who come before the children's courts in France. According to these statistics it appears that about two-thirds of the children and young boys brought to court are the children of parents who have been divorced or separated. As the number of divorces and separations is relatively small compared with the number of united families, the conclusion is that criminality is very high among children of separated families as compared with that of children of normal families.

SOCIALISTS SUFFER DECISIVE DEFEAT IN MECKLENBURG

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitanié (Cologne Correspondent, N. G. W. G.)

Cologne, April 15.—The parties of the Right won a great victory in the last elections for the Landtag in Mecklenburg, striking the death knell of socialism there, and already the effects are beginning to be felt. The German-Nationalists particularly have been victorious. Numerous concessions were forced, among them one that the black, red and gold reichsbanner should not be hoisted over the Landtag building. More important, however, was the granting of the

demand that "all employees and functionaries who after the revolution were appointed to office not because of special learning or ability but merely because of party affiliation, be dismissed immediately." In Saxony, in the trial of the former minister Dr. Zeigner, it was brought out that Zeigner was appointed chiefly because of his membership in the Socialist party, and not because of ability. He has been condemned to three years in prison for misuse of his official powers and bribery. In Brunswick there have been similar convictions, and evidence of misuse of power was adduced at the recent Ludendorff-Hitler trial in Munich.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the C. W. L. in Arrnprior for year ending April 30, 1924. Total Receipts for year... \$1,445 14

Table with 2 columns: Diocesan Fund, Convent Fund, Western Fund and Sisters of Service, etc.

OBITUARY

MRS. THOS. FODEY

There passed to rest at her home 2037 Rose St., Regina, Sask., Bridget Teresa Healey, wife of Thos. Fodey, aged seventy-four years, after an illness of more than two years. She was born in Toledo, Ont., and was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Healey and came to Regina, Sask., with her family from Brockville, Ont., in 1913. She was the mother of six children three of whom are dead and the remaining three are Rev. Mother Marie Loretta de Sion of Moose Jaw, Miss Olive Fodey and J. B. Fodey of Regina, all of whom were with her when she died. Her Grace Archbishop Mathieu, assisted by Father O'Hare, Rev. Father Gillies and Rev. Father Murray, celebrated Solemn Requiem Mass; Regina Knights of Columbus and Altar Society of Holy Rosary Cathedral attended in a body and burial was made in Regina Cemetery. The services at the graveside were conducted by Rev. Father O'Hare, pastor of Holy Rosary Cathedral, of which Mrs. Healy was a devout member. R. I. P.

DIED

MCCORMICK.—At his home in West Williams, Middlesex Co., Ont., on Sunday, Feb. 24th, Stephen McCormick, in his sixty-first year. May his soul rest in peace.

MCCARROLL.—At her late residence 830 Elen Street East, Sudbury, Ont., Miss Mary McCarroll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McCarroll. May her soul rest in peace.

FODEY.—Bridget Teresa Healey, beloved wife of Thomas Fodey and mother of Rev. Mother Marie Loretta de Sion, Moose Jaw, Regina, passed away at her home 2037 Rose St., Regina, April 21, aged seventy-four years. May her soul rest in peace.

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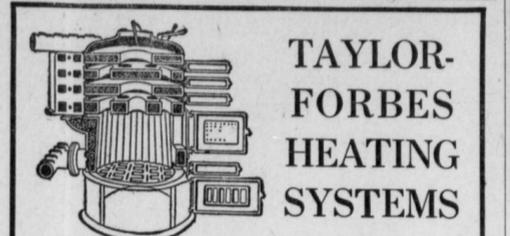
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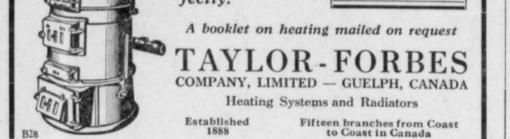
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