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SISTERS OF ST. MARTHA

NEW MOTHER HOUSE FOR CANADIAN COMMUNITY

The Sisters of St. Martha are hav. ing plans prepared for a new Mother-house which is to be erected at Antigonish in the near future. The site of the new building is to be on the property formerly owned by by Mr. D. G. Kirk, lately purchased by the Siteson which is iterated the Sisters, which is situated on Bay Street, adjoining the grounds of the present Hospital. No more ideal spot for such a building as the Sisters contemplate erecting could be found in Antigonish. It is a large lot containing over a hundred acres, rising gradually from the street to a beautiful elevation over-looking the town, on which there will be ample room not only for all fature buildings which may be desired but also for the creation of artistic and spacious grounds, the fitting environment for any religious community. The new house is to be a large fourstory building, equipped in an up to date manner in every detail. It will serve the general purposes for which the Diocess of Antigonish at their all such central religious houses are built. It will be a training school for the Postulants and Novices of the this new building for the Sisters, and Community, and will be a home as at the same time a good omen that for aged and infirm Sisters. well Here also will be carried on many of the works which will contribute to the support of the Community. It is estimated that the cost of this Bishop Morrison brought up this building will be between seventy.

five and a hundred thousand dollars. The erection of this new Mother house marks an important phase in the growth and development of the Community of the Sisters of St. Martha. This Community is yet young, having been founded about twenty years ago by the late Bishop Cameron, who was assisted in this undertaking by Mother Bonaventure, at that time Superior General of the Sisters of Charity, Halifax. To Rev. Dr. D. A. Chisholm, of revered and saintly memory, is largely due the oredit for the founding of this Com-munity, and in this he received valuable assistance from Rev. D. M. MacAdam, at present parish priest of Sydney. Rev. Dr. Chisholm, in his position of Rector of St. Francis Xavier's College, was confronted with many difficulties, not the least among which was the problem of providing decent living conditions for the professors and student body. The strug-gling financial condition of the institution made this problem all the more acute, so that the only solution of the difficulty was to hand this work over to a Community of Sisters. th

The Sisters of Charity having very generously consented to undertake the training of recruits for this much to supply the remainder of the money needed work for the Diocese of Anti- needed for the work. As a promingonish, several young women vol-unteered their services. After some years of training under the careful and capable direction of the above-cause, let us make it now." A few deliver and capable direction of the shore-ter priest said at the inceting of the under the careful and capable direction of the shore-cause, let us make it now." A few mentioned Community, the Sisters dollars contributed by every in-of St. Martha entered upon their new dividual in the Diocese is after all of St. Matchin entered upon there in the field of labours. The change in the internal running of St. Francis Xavier's College which began with Sisters are making in dedicating internal running of St. Francis Xavier's College which began with the advent of the Sisters is well the past history of the institution. It is not too much to say that the im-provement which their industry and efficiency brought about has been no SUN LIFE HAS RECORD small factor in determining the later development of the College. In recent years the Sisters have entered upon many other fields of labour, until at the present time they number among their activities, in addition to what we have already mentioned. the direction of the domestic work of St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, the charge of two hospitals, St. Martha's at Antigonish, and St. Joseph's at Glace Bay, the Diocesan Orphanage at Sydney, the Mount Cameron Home and the House of Providence at Antigonish. They have also aided during the past two years in establishing a new Com-

In asking the people of the Diocese for support to help build a Mother-house, the Sisters of St. Martha have a just claim. Their whole history since their establishment has been a record of the noblest kind of service for our people. The work which they have done at St. Francis Xavier's College and which they are now doing for St. Augustine's Seminary, an institution much fre-quented by our collection quented by our ecclesiastical stu-dents, should alone be enough to call forth the gratitude and enlist the generous support of all our people. If these institutions which train our young men for the higher walks of life can today offer living conditions which are as good as anything found in the country, it is primarlly due to the untiring efforts of the Sisters. The other lines of work which they the Catholic Club. It will be pres-ently staffed by the Ladies of the Catholic Women's League. At the are carrying on should meet with no less appreciation. The care of the sick and the dying, the rescue and education of our orphans and unfor-tunates, are all highly meritorious Canadian Enbarkation, Port Le-Havre, the Catholic Army Huts have works, and surely those who dedi-cate their lives and energies to such a noble cause will not be left without encouragement and support. The action taken by the Clergy of

Sisters.

Havre, the Catholic Army Huts have opened a Club and Hut just outside the camp. The Club is staffed by local Ladies pending the arrival of the Catholic Women's League Workers. In England the Catholic Army Hut is being transferred from Bramshott to Rayl, now a large Can-adian Damoholization centre. The Annual Retreat, held last July, is sufficient proof of the necessity of adian Demobolization centre. The Canadians have also taken over another camp at Ripon where she at the same time a good omen that Catholic Army Huts is active. they are going to get what they are ing to a generous measure of leave granted to Canadian Troops being asking for. At a general meeting of the priests, at which about threedemobolized through England, the three London Clubs are running Bishop Morrison brought up this continuously to their fullest capa question of a new home for the city. After a brief discussion it was unanimously decided that the

building should be erected as soon as CONSISTORIAL ALLOCUTION building should be erected as soon as possible, and that a general appeal should be made to all the parishes of the diocese for funds to finance the work. The scheme had the hearty DEALS WITH THE ORIENT ARE INFIDELS TO BE PLACED IN approval of His Lordship, and per-mission was given the Sisters to PRIVILEGED POSITIONS IN HOLY

PLACES ? (By Catholic Press Association Cable)

carry on any time during the present year a campaign for this purpose. In order that the undertaking might Rome, March 20.—The Consis-torial Allocution of the Holy Father have a propitious beginning, and to impress upon the people the Sisters dealt entirely with matters pertain-ing to the Orient. It recounted, urgent need, a subscription list was then opened and the priests present contributed the handfirstly: The ancient glories of the Church there; secondiy: the great interest which the Sovereign Ponsome sum of twenty-six thousand dollars. Some of the clergy who tiffs have always taken in the East and thirdly : the efforts which he, were not present at this meeting, have since been heard from; and it is himself, had taken, during the World War, to relieve the sufferings safe to say that when all have contributed, this initial contribution will have been augmented by several of the peoples there. The Allocu tion concluded with two significant passages: the first calling attention thousand dollars. The priests of the diocese have many times in the past come to the rescue of our institutions infidels were placed in privileged positions in the Holy places now reand they have on this occasion lived covered for Christians-this evident up to their best traditions. A good ly noting a warning against extreme beginning has thus been made, and the hope is entertained that the Zionist pretentions; the second pas-sage pleads ardently for the generous support of the missions, schools and other Catholic institutions, and undertakings in the Holy needed for the work. As a promin-ent priest said at the meeting of the Clarky last summer" if we are almost obliterated Clarky last summer" if we are almost obliterated Catholic forces, with unlimited funds are now working hard to supplant.

The Acta Apostolicae Sedis contains an official Motu Proprio asking the hierarchy of the world to arouse the charity of the faithful. to the end that these establishments may be retained to the Church. their lives to the good work which they are carrying on for the welfare

STRONG WORDS

OF NEW MEXICO

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ply day by day," said the Apostolic Delegate. "Still trembling from its mighty conflict, the world is impa-tient to clear away its ruins and build anew the structure of society. Law and order, individual right and na-tional axistence science and civiliza-"Since the Armistice the Catholic Army Huts has been busily engaged in its work with the troops. A Recreation Room and Canteen was organized at the 8th Canadian Gen. Hospital, St. Cloud. Christmas presents were distributed in this tional existence, science and civiliza-tion—all are involved in this crisis, Religion itself is not exempt—nor Hospital, No. 6 Canadian General. Father Chas. Fallon, M. C., opened a Catholic Army Huts Club at Buitsfaith, nor hope, nor virtues that have hitherto served as the basis of freedom-all are at atake, all dependent upon the issue to which events are so rapidly moving. "As all the forces of evil, of pasford, a suburb of Brussels, early in ford, a suburb of Brussels, early in January. Canadian Troops in France are being demobolized through Etaples and LeHavre. At Etaples the Catholic Army Huts has taken over the splendid Oratory Hut. I; is at present being conducted for the Catholic Army Huts by the Ladies of the Catholic Army Huts by the Ladies of

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As all the forces of evil, of pas-sion and greed and hatred have com-bined to bring calamity upon the world, so in equal unity and strength must the agencies of good co operate to restrance and to restore and preserve the social order, the home, the school and the Church, public authority and private endeavor. - Pailadelphia and Times.

PROTESTANT MINISTER PREFERS ROME RULE TO BRITISH RULE

At the great Irish race convention, held in Philadelphia a short time ago, one of the speakers was Rev. J. one of the speakers was Rev. J. Gratton Mitre, an Episcopul clergynan. His brief address was as follows:

"I am here today, primarily as an American citizen, and as a Protestant (applause.) One of the most in-sidious methods that Great Britain has used in this country and for centuries in Ireland is to poison the minds of our people in America—but, thank God, we all in America do not believe the propaganda that Britain has spread—that the question in Ireland is not a problem for the Church. That is not true (applause.) The roster of the Irish Protestants speaks for itself. They have given of their lives, of their liberty, and their money. What is hard to under-stand in my work in my particular Church, when I find intelligent men, university professors, presidents, heads of great organizations in America, saying that the agitation for Ireland is not for Home Rule, but rather for Rome Rule. That is not true (applause) That is the English method in this country, and, please God, if I should have to choose between British Rule and Rome Rule I will take Rome Rule (applause.) The greatest Irish statesman we have had in the last century, one of the great Catholic statesman of Ireland, Daniel O Connell, refuted that by saying: 'We will take all the religion world from Rome, but no politics, and we never have.' "-Buffalo Union and Times.

ROME SATISFIES THE REASON

In a preface to a posthumous volume of his late brother, Cecil Chesterton, Gilbert K. makes a brief but illuminating illusion to the former's conversion to the Catholic Church. He was, he tells us " characteristically amused and annoyed with the sentimentalists, sympathetic or hostile, who supposed he was attracted by ritual, music and emo-tional mysticism. He told such people, somewhat to their bewilderment, that he had been converted because Rome alone could satisfy the reason. In his case of course, as in Newman's and numberless others, well-meaning people conceived a thousand crooked cr complicated explanations, rather than suppose that an obviously honest man believed a thing because it was true."

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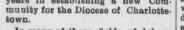


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In many of these fields of labour the Sisters of St. Martha are pioneers in this Diocese, and it does not require any great stretch of imagination to forsee that the future is rich in possibilities for the growth and development of these works. The varied nature of these undertakings gives some idea of the magnitude of the work which they are doing for the uplift of our people. The run-ning of these institutions in an effi-cient manner, even at the present time, requires a large number of well trained Sisters, and the neces-sary expansion of these institutions in the near future, not to speak of the many other new fields of activity which await their labours, will call for still greater ϵ ffort. To meet these demands an ever increasing number of subjects of varied talents will be required. There can be no doubt that there are in our Diocese scores of competent young women who would generously devote their lives and energies to God in carry-ing on these works, if they only real ized the pressing need of their serv ices. The problem now confront-ing the Sisters is to provide a new convent attached to St. Francis Xavier's College has been used as a

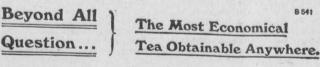
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