

TEXAS CATHOLICS AROUSED

Austin, Texas, Jan. 27.—The House Committee on Education has reported unfavorably, by a vote of 6 to 4, the bill requiring the teaching of the Bible for 15 minutes each day in the Public schools of Texas. A minority report will be made in behalf of the bill, which has already been favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Education, but which is meeting with decided opposition chiefly from Protestant sources. Meanwhile Catholics of Texas have aroused themselves to the danger to their children involved in this bill and the bill prepared by Representative O. D. Baker, of Milan County, which provides that the county school superintendent shall have the power to examine the pupils in private and parochial schools and demand their attendance in the Public schools if the private curriculum is different from that of the Public school. The Baker bill is still in the hands of the House Committee on Education and is being protested by parents and heads of parochial and private schools. Representatives of the five bishops of Texas and prominent laymen from each diocese in the State, met last Sunday in San Antonio to consider the menace to Catholic education that is likely to result from the sinister activities of the Ku Klux Klan and other anti-Catholic organizations and a resolution was adopted recommending to the bishops the immediate organization of men's and women's councils throughout the State and the union of these councils in a State-wide organization for the purpose of conducting a campaign of education on Catholic subjects. The conference was attended by Dr. John A. Lapp, of the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Council.

BAKER BILL MENACE

Warnings that the Catholics of Texas must take example by what has happened in Oregon were sounded by able speakers at the conference. Although Representative Baker declares he has incorporated into his bill provisions which some opponents of the Oregon bill said would be acceptable to them, there is little question of the menace it holds for parochial and private school pupils.

"The real poison of the bill," according to the Southern Messenger of San Antonio, the official Catholic organ, "is found in section 4. Herein the county superintendent or local superintendent is given the arbitrary and infallible power to decide whether or not your children may continue in a parochial school. His decision is absolute, his motive is not to be questioned and you must abide by his decision, under the penalty of the law."

"What qualification does the Texas law require for such an absolute judge? For what purpose does a tax-supported State Bureau of Education exist if it is to surrender its prerogative to an often unqualified petty official? Will this local superintendent, when he finds the children of the Public school unable to meet his test, order them sent to the superior private school? No, this law is vindictive. It is openly aimed against only our children."

NUMBER OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS AFFECTED

One hundred and seventy-one parochial schools are menaced by the Baker bill. According to the figures of last year's Catholic Directory there were 27,081 boys and girls in these schools. The new directory undoubtedly will show the number to be 30,000 or more.

In addition to these 171 parish and mission schools there are in the five dioceses of Texas eight small colleges for boys conducted by religious orders. These eight colleges had a total enrollment of 1,384 boys. The courses given in these colleges for boys are preparatory and academic or high school courses. Naturally there will be found a considerable percentage of these college boys under the age of sixteen years. The Oblates of the Immaculate Conception conduct a school in Laurel Heights, San Antonio, for boys who have declared their wish of entering this religious order. An enrollment of 65 is reported there.

There are forty academies for girls and young ladies in the State of Texas with a total attendance, according to the latest figures available in the directory, of 4,617. Not all of these students in the 40 academies conducted by various sisterhoods would be affected if the Baker bill were passed by the legislature and legally enforced, but a great percentage would. Nearly all of the academies have upper elementary classes for girls of the age of twelve to fourteen years. And those taking academic courses between the ages of fourteen and sixteen would also be compelled to transfer their studies to a public institution if the bill should become a law and be enforced.

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registering for academic courses. There will be adequate facilities for 400 students.

Three buildings going up now will cost \$500,000 for construction alone, according to Mother Praxedes.

San Antonio has the most parochial schools and the largest enrollment of pupils of the four Texas dioceses. There are 78 schools and 9,447 pupils under Catholic auspices in this diocese.

Galveston has the next largest number of elementary schools with 43, although Dallas with 36 has a slightly larger attendance. There are 6,728 pupils in the Galveston diocese schools and 6,762 in the Dallas schools.

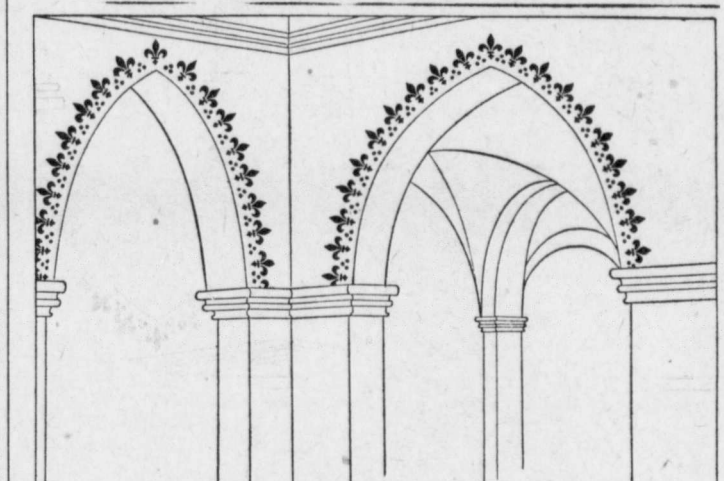
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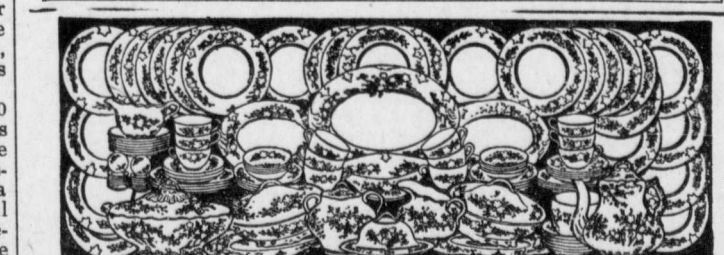


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O'CONNOR.—At Arrnprior, Ont., on Saturday, February 3, 1923, Mr. James O'Connor, aged eighty-seven years. May his soul rest in peace.

O'NEILL.—At Erinville, on Jan. 31, Alphonsus O'Neill, aged nineteen years, youngest son of the late Bernard O'Neill. May he rest in peace.

MCCAFFREY.—At the Ross Memorial Hospital, Montreal, Que., on February 12, 1923, John E. McCaffrey of Ormstown, Que., in his sixty-second year. May his soul rest in peace.

ECKERT.—At Milwaukee, Wis., February 16, 1923, Rev. Stephan Eckert, O. M. Cap., Pastor of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Colored Mission, and brother of Peter Eckert, Dublin, Ont. May his soul rest in peace.

KORMAN.—At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Thursday, Feb. 15, 1923, Eugene John Korman, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 39 Liverpool St., Feb. 17th, at 8:30 o'clock, arriving at the Church of Our Lady at 9 o'clock. May his soul rest in peace.

CASSIDY.—At the home of her sister, Mrs. M. C. Walsh, Huntington, Que., on Feb. 13, Bridget McCollam, widow of the late Thomas Cassidy, aged sixty-nine years. Mass of Requiem in St. Joseph's Church, Huntington, Interment at St. Antoine Abbe. May her soul rest in peace.

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