

BISHOPS' COMMITTEE TO AID IN APPEAL

ADMINISTRATIVE BODY OF W. C. TAKES IMPORTANT ACTION

Chicago, Jan. 20.—At the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Council at Loyola University, it was unanimously voted to support the Catholic Church authorities and their defence of their constitutional rights and liberties, recently invaded by the adoption of an amendment to the State law compelling all children between the ages of eight and sixteen to attend the public schools.

FULL ATTENDANCE OF COMMITTEE

All of the members of the Administrative Committee were present, namely: Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, D. D., Archbishop of San Francisco, Most Rev. Austin Dowling, D. D., Archbishop of St. Paul, Right Rev. P. J. Muldoon, D. D., Bishop of Rockford, Right Rev. Louis S. Walsh, D. D., Bishop of Portland, Maine, Right Rev. Joseph Schrembs, D. D., Bishop of Cleveland, Right Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, D. D., Bishop of Albany, Right Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, D. D., Bishop of Brooklyn.

There were present by special invitation Most Rev. Alexander Christie, D. D., Archbishop of Oregon City, Right Rev. John P. Carroll, D. D., of Helena, and Right Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, D. D., Bishop of Detroit. Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., General Secretary of the N. C. W. C., Rev. John F. Fenlon, S. S., Secretary of the Administrative Committee, Right Rev. Msgr. Edward A. Pace, D. D., of the Catholic University, and Rev. James Ryan of the Educational Department of the N. C. W. C.

Archbishop Christie and Judge John P. Kavanaugh of Oregon gave all the facts about the adoption of the law, the methods by which it was imposed, its meaning, and the effects immediate and remote upon the whole system of education, property, and public welfare in Oregon, and indirectly, upon other States, especially where similar laws have been, or are likely to be proposed.

The presentation of facts was admirably made by Judge Kavanaugh and ably discussed by Judge O'Brien of St. Paul and Judge Halley of Detroit.

LAW SUBVERSIVE OF RIGHT

It was the firm conviction of all present that the Oregon law, drawn up and passed under conditions and by methods almost unbelievable, is a direct and vicious attack upon the fundamental liberties in State and Nation, upon liberty of education, parental rights, the rights of children, and property rights. It was also their firm conviction that it is contrary to the constitution of the United States and the spirit and traditions of the country from the Declaration of Independence down to the present time.

The Administrative Committee voted unanimously that this legislation directly affected the freedom and vital interests of all education in private schools and academies all over the country; especially in the schools where religion is taught as a basic principle or fundamental study.

The special form of test or repeal, it was agreed, was to be fixed by the authorities in Oregon. The Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Council is to have the chief part in formulating the ways and means to carry out the measures agreed upon.

All present felt that the sense of justice and conscience of the American people would never approve nor tolerate such legislation.

OTHER MATTERS ACTED UPON

Other important matters were taken up and discussed during the meeting. They were:

1. How far there should be any kind of affiliation with the various movements for peace and for military expansion in our country.

2. The question of amendments to the Federal or State Constitutions on child and other welfare work and the various legislative proposals affecting the interests of liberty, education and charity.

3. The preparation of pamphlets or leaflets on the great questions of education and social welfare, now debated by all classes and clubs, so that all may know just what the Catholic Church teaches and does not teach on such matters and how truly and fully the Catholic teaching is in harmony with the right American principles of government and sociology, and demonstrating how far away from right Christian principles and spirit much of our modern teaching and legislation is drifting.

4. The readjustment of the National Catholic Welfare Council and its various Departments in harmony with the Decree and Instructions of the Holy See, and for greater simplicity and efficiency; to fix the true and specific spheres of influence in which the Adminis-

trative Committee of the N. C. W. C. is and has been duly authorized to speak and act in the name of the Archbishops and Bishops, who formed and now constitute the voluntary Association, called by themselves and now known as the National Catholic Welfare Council, this last word being distinctly understood in the canonical sense of "conference," and in no way to be considered as synonymous or identical with the canonical word Council, which is an assembly of all the Bishops, called by the Holy See, and having legislative power. Indeed it was thought most probable that the term "conference" would be finally chosen by the Bishops as preferable to the word Council.

5. The question of placing before the American public the true position of the Catholic Church on education and emphasizing among other points that the Catholic Church does not oppose and never has opposed a "Public School System" of education as within the right and duty of the Civil Government, and indeed worthy of praise from all classes of citizens and beneficiaries. But since the Civil Government does not see its way to widen or broaden its system of elementary education so as to provide Christian religious instruction and training in harmony with the right and duty of parents towards their children, as England, Scotland, Ireland, Belgium, Holland, Germany, some of the Provinces of Canada, notably the Province of Quebec have so well done, the Church authorities and people feel bound in conscience to provide such education in their own schools and in such schools maintain in all fundamental branches of knowledge, civics and patriotism standards equal at least to those of the best public schools of the country. That this, in fact, has been done, is testified to by the best judges in the more important cities and towns of the United States.

6. Several minor matters, affecting the Departments of Education, Legislation, and Publicity, and the conducting of the various bureaus at Washington were discussed and definite directions given thereon by the Administrative Committee of the N. C. W. C.

The meeting of the Administrative Committee extended over two days. The members of the Committee were quartered at Loyola University, which is located ten miles out of Chicago.

OBITUARY

ALICE JOSEPHINE SAVAGE

The death occurred on Sunday, January 14th, 1923, at her home, 228 Brant Ave., Brantford, Ont., of Alice Josephine, youngest daughter of Mrs. Mary Savage, widow of the late Arthur Savage. The deceased was ill only a few days and the announcement of her demise will come as a shock to her many friends. While her interests were confined almost solely to her home, her church and to charitable works, friends who knew her intimately realized her excellent qualities.

The deceased, besides her mother, leaves to mourn her loss, three sisters, the Misses Helen and Annie and Sister Benediceta of St. Joseph's Community, Hamilton; and four brothers, Edward, Rev. Father Savage, Oakville; Frank, Montreal, and Dr. Jos. P. Savage.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning to St. Basil's Church, where Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Arthur Savage of Oakville, brother of deceased, with Rev. Father Ferguson, pastor of St. Basil's, deacon; Rev. Father Doyle, Galt, sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Crimmon, Brantford, master of ceremonies. Rev. Fathers Padden and Dogorski, Brantford, were also present in the sanctuary.

There was a very large attendance at the church. Interment took place at St. Joseph's cemetery, Brantford Rev. Father Padden officiating at the grave.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. Edward and Frank Savage and Dr. Jos. P. Savage, brothers of deceased, and Messrs. Wm. Comerford, John Ryan and Dr. S. B. Stinson. R. I. P.

SAMUEL J. HENDERSON

There passed away on Jan. 7th, 1923, after about one week's illness of pneumonia, Samuel J. Henderson in his fifty-third year, at his late residence, 88 Brock St., Woodstock, Ont.

Mr. Henderson was born in Ingersoll and was a son of the late Andrew Henderson and grandson of the late Col. Henderson of North Oxford. He was one of the pioneer automobile dealers of Woodstock and was engaged in business until a short time ago.

He was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus of Woodstock also a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and Holy Name Society. He took an active part in all the work of St. Mary's Parish, and as a token of high esteem in which he was held, Father Stanley in praying for the sick of his congregation the Sunday morning before his death, asked every one to storm Heaven with their prayers for Mr. Henderson. He said he was a good man and spoke of his family of lovely children by whom he was sorely needed. He was a most kind and loving father and husband, a man of great moral courage and cheerful disposition.

Five little ones to miss his care are under ten years of age, Catherine, Helen, Agnes, Nora and baby Patricia five weeks old. Also Sam Jr., Marie and Jack of Woodstock, Edward of Detroit and Sister Electa of St. Joseph's Community, London. He also leaves three brothers, Dr. James Henderson of Ingersoll, formerly of Detroit, C. L. Henderson of Brantford and Andrew A. Henderson of Vallejo, California; also three sisters, Mrs. Harry Clark, Vallejo, California, Mrs. C. J. Mitchell, Brantford, and Miss Katherine Henderson, Grimsby, Ont.

His deathbed scene was most edifying, his soul being fortified by the rites of our Holy Religion, the prayers of the dying read and Father O'Neil repeating the sweet names of Jesus and Mary in his ears, while surrounded by his children and heart broken noble wife, brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces. The daughter he gave to Religion (Sister Electa) was by his side, clasped his hand holding the lighted taper and bending over said, "Are you happy, Father?" he bowed his head and smiled the happy answer.

Father O'Neil was with him until the last and also Sister Catherine and their prayers mingled with those of his good wife and family and loved ones around his bed pleaded for him before God's Throne and white robed Angels conducted him thereto.

CATHOLIC SOCIETY NOTES

C. W. L. CONVENTION IN LINDSAY

The Annual Convention of the Petroro Diocesan C. W. League was held in the Parish Hall, Lindsay, Tuesday, Jan. 30th, with a splendid attendance of delegates from the different sub-divisions.

Mrs. B. J. Gough, Diocesan President, presided during the afternoon and after the opening prayer delivered the address of welcome. The Convention was honored with the presence of Miss Guerin, of Montreal, National President. She spoke a few words of the great work being done by the "Sisters of Service" and their great need of help and cooperation. This appeal received the promise of liberal donations from each sub-division.

Miss Jones, of Montreal, Executive Secretary, was also present. His Lordship Bishop O'Brien of Peterboro attended the Convention, and gave an interesting talk on subjects of vital import to the League. Miss O'Connell, of Peterboro, was elected as delegate to the next Dominion Convention to be held at Halifax in June.

The afternoon's programme closed with the election of officers which resulted as follows: Diocesan President—Mrs. B. J. Gough, Lindsay.

First Vice-President—Mrs. Lalonde, Cobourg.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Wm. Young, Ennismore.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. N. E. Phelan, Peterboro.

Recording Secretary—Miss Margaret Heffernan, Peterboro.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss F. Corkery, Lindsay.

Treasurer—Mrs. G. J. Elmsley, Lakefield.

The next Annual Convention will be held at Cobourg during the summer. At the close of the Convention a dainty lunch was served by the Diocesan President, Mrs. B. J. Gough.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Fifty years ago the eleventh of this month (Feb. 11th, 1873) Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Heenan, Schomberg, formerly of Tottenham, Ont., were married in St. James' Church, Colgan, by the Rev. Father (Dean) Harris.

Mr. Heenan was born Aug. 11th, 1847, at Tottenham, Ont., and Mrs. Heenan on Nov. 17th, 1852, in County Tipperary, Ireland.

Their many friends wish them years and years of health and happiness.

DIED

MULVILLE.—At Westport, Ont., on Tuesday, November 28, 1922, Michael E. Mulville. May his soul rest in peace.

PIGGOTT.—At Colgan, Ont., on Saturday, January 27, 1923, Patrick Piggott, aged sixty-five years. May his soul rest in peace.

MARRIAGE

MCDONALD-MCDONELL.—At St. Andrew's Church, St. Andrew's West, Ont., January 25th, 1923, by Rev. A. A. McKee, John A. McDonald of Martintown to Mary Kate McDonell, daughter of Mrs. W. H. McDonell.

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Genevieve Hamper, who will appear in "The Merchant of Venice" and "As You Like It," is a young actress of great promise. Her performance in "The Merchant of Venice" is a masterpiece of acting, and she has won the admiration of all who have seen her in the role. Her performance in "As You Like It" is also a masterpiece of acting, and she has won the admiration of all who have seen her in the role.

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