

FOREIGN MISSIONS

JAPANESE MISSION IN LOS ANGELES

Rev. George Staub, formerly attached to the Maryknoll Preparatory College, The Venard, at Clark Summit, Pa. is transferred to Los Angeles, to assist Rev. Albert Breton in the care of the Japanese Mission in that city.

Father Staub joined the Society from the diocese of Rochester, being an alumnus of St. Bernard's Seminary. He has the good wishes of all his friends in that city for his new field of labor.

Four members of the Maryknoll sisterhood have been likewise selected and will follow Father Staub in a few weeks. This work will be in conjunction with the Japanese sisterhood already established.

The visit to the United States of Archbishop Rey of Tokyo, who has already been at Maryknoll in San Francisco and at the Japanese Mission in Los Angeles, and has recently spent a few days at the Maryknoll headquarters at Ossining, is very providential.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES PEKING CATHOLIC NORMAL SCHOOL

The prospects of Catholic mission work in China are greatly improved by the latest decision of the Chinese Republic on the question of Higher Education. Unlike Japan, where the tendency is altogether towards State monopoly, China's policy permits private competition and independent control.

The Normal School (Catholic) of the Mariet Brothers at Chale, Peking, is the first denominational school to receive this official recognition.

MARKYKNOLL'S DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

The Maryknoll Foreign Mission Seminary at Ossining, N. Y. had the honor of entertaining a very distinguished visitor in the person of Most Rev. Pierre Rey, Archbishop of Tokyo, Japan.

Archbishop Rey's report of Japanese conditions is not very encouraging. Out of a population of 50,000,000 only 100,000 adhere to the Catholic Faith.

second factor is the association of patriotism, or loyalty to the person of the Emperor, with the ancient religions of the country, so as to make the acceptance of Christianity appear as akin to treason to the dynasty.

CATHOLIC ARMY HUTS

On the return of the chaplains from overseas the overseas Committee of Directors ceased to have a separate existence and on Oct. 14, 1919, Father J. O'Reilly and Father J. J. O'Gorman, on behalf of the overseas Committee of Directors presented their financial report and auditors' statement to the executive of the Canadian Directors, and henceforth became simply members of the one Board of Directors of the C. A. H.

The following is the financial report presented to the Executive and later to the meeting of the Board of Directors on 30 December 1919, and accepted by them.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF OVERSEAS DIRECTORS C. A. H. OTTAWA, OCT. 14, 1919. Table with columns for Receipts, Disbursements, and Balance.

The auditors' reports covering the expenditure overseas are appended, and show that the chartered accountants, A. Leicester & Co., Worcester, England, are satisfied with the accuracy of the above statements.

JOHN J. O'GORMAN, Major C. F., Overseas Secretary Treasurer to December 30th, 1918. J. J. O'REILLY, Capt. C. F., Overseas Sec. Treas., Dec. 30th, 1918-Sept. 18th, 1919.

CORRESPONDENCE

MORAL IRELAND

ITS VIRTUE PROVED BY ENGLAND. Editor CATHOLIC RECORD: It is not my intention to try to prove that Ireland and its sons are perfect, for perfection is not common; but, it is my intention to show, on English authority, that Ireland consumes less drink, has fewer illegitimate, commits less serious crime, and has fewer paupers than England, Scotland and Wales.

England and Wales... \$44.00 per head Scotland... 87.50 per head Ireland... 81.00 per head Comment is needless. The number of paupers in a country indicates its thrift, industry and prosperity.

Was it by the help of Great Britain that Ireland lifted itself from penury? No; Ireland lifted itself, and, at the same time, was forced to contribute millions of dollars over and above its own expenses, to the upkeep of Great Britain. Ireland had to actually pay for the large army quartered on it against the wish of one people.

In 1917 England and Wales had 37,023 illegitimates; Scotland had 7,276, and Ireland 2,688.

U. K. POPULATION IN 1911. Table showing population for England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.

Do these English figures prove Irish morality? Absolutely! Of course there are sad and terrible things happening in Ireland; but, it is very true that all the troubles in Ireland during the past five years had for their undoubted origin the heartless and wanton obstruction of Great Britain's attempt to do justice to Ireland in 1914 by Sir E. Carson and the 447,000 males and females over 15 who, out of Ireland's 4,400,000, signed the unhappy "Ulster Covenant."

The Mail and Empire, on April 9, had a despatch claiming that over 1,000 "outrages" had been committed in Ireland last year. But our papers never tell of the never-ending murders and outrages, many times more numerous, committed upon a people who are proved by English authority to be the most moral and law-abiding in the U. K.

GARRETT O'CONNOR, Bridgeburg, Ont.

EDITOR CATHOLIC RECORD:

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space in your splendid paper to endorse the opinion of a Sacred Heart member. This member proposes that a bursar in aid of Father Fraser's China mission be opened and think all members should be in hearty accord with the Summer-side member's suggestion.

Living as I do in Western Canada I understand the urgent need of missionaries. As was stated 10 cents from each member would never be missed and what a glorious work this mite would carry on.

Let us waste no time in carrying out the project and making it clear to the Promoters, who I am sure would willingly collect from their members.

Thanking you for your valuable space and with a heart-felt prayer for the success of the proposal. A Devoted Record Reader, Denzil, Sask.

OBITUARY

SISTER M. CELESTA, PETERBOROUGH. The death of a religious is the opening of the portal which hides the beauty of the heavenly realm from mortal vision, it is the passing "Out of the shadows of sadness. Into the sunshine of gladness."

Sister Celesta was Miss Nellie Keon, of Wyman, Quebec. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph on February 2, 1919, received the Holy Habit on August 16, and made her profession on March 2, by taking her vows on her death-bed, going thence in the spotless purity of her second baptism to her heavenly Spouse. We cannot but marvel at the abundant grace bestowed upon her during the last days of her life on earth.

Sister Celesta's illness did not seem to be alarming, and all expected that in a few days she would be once more with her companions in the Novitiate. She had herself a premonition of death, and prayed that God might take her to Himself. The worldly minded cannot realize this ardent desire which fills the soul of those near to God and which makes the giving up of life but the culmination of their hopes, the termination of their endeavors, the final sacrifice before the goal is attained. So it seemed with our dear Sister, and we imagine her on that last evening of her life repeating the familiar lines, so full of faith and trustful love.

MARRIAGE. MCGILL-ROY.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, London, Ont., on April 5, 1920, by Right Rev. Mgr. McKeon, Gertrude McGill to William J. Roy, Detroit, Mich.

IN MEMORIAM. In loving memory of Kathleen Grace Marriott, who died at Hamilton, April 20th, 1918, age eighteen years. On whose soul sweet Jesus have mercy.

A PRIVILEGED CASTE FOR IRELAND

Perhaps the most interesting features of Mr. Lloyd George's Government of Ireland bill are two little clauses carefully tucked away in the body of this document as the London Tablet points out, intended to make of Freemasonry a privileged institution in the "Isle of Saints." Thus Section 63 of the bill provides that "Existing enactments relative to unlawful oaths, or unlawful assemblies in Ireland shall not apply to

their cause before the throne of her Spouse, the King of Kings, & thus may they look forward to a happy reunion in the life beyond the grave, when

"With the morn those angel faces smile, Whom we have loved long since and lost awhile."

A month's mind Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Mount and general Communion offered by the Sisters for the deceased.

THOMAS ROACH. After an illness of two weeks, Mr. Thomas Roach, a pioneer resident of Brechin, Ont., passed to his reward at the age of seventy-five years and eleven months.

Mr. Roach was a staunch Catholic of the old school and a generous supporter of every Catholic interest in his district, and was widely known and highly respected. A large congregation assembled in St. Andrew's church to pay the last tokens of respect to the deceased and to unite in prayer for the repose of his soul. Solemn funeral Mass was celebrated, Rev. T. Roach, son of the deceased, deacon; Rev. J. Hayes, parish priest, and deacon; Rev. S. McGrath, chancellor of Toronto diocese, master of ceremonies. Rev. N. Roche, C. S. B., preached an eloquent sermon on the necessity of a good preparation for eternity. The Reverend speaker said that the life of the deceased permitted of some special words of eulogy to the memory of one who by rigid adherence to the practices of his faith had been an example of a true Catholic layman. He was particularly worthy of imitation in giving two sons to the service of God in the holy priesthood, who would remember the sacrifices of their parents in the Masses as long as they lived. Such a thought as this should inspire parents to aim at giving some of their children to the service of God, particularly at this time when priests are so few and the work is so great and pressing.

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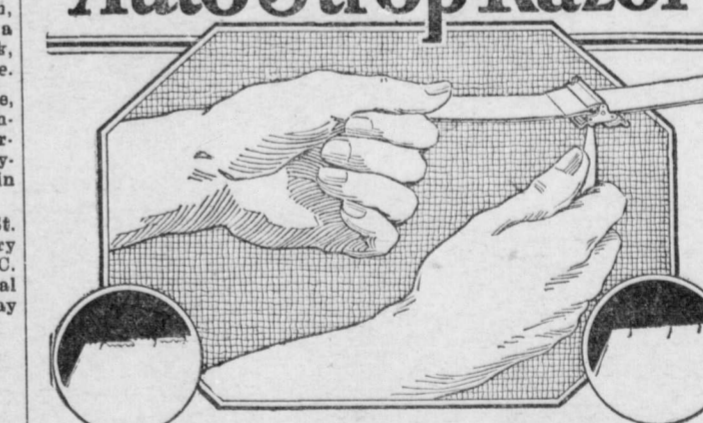
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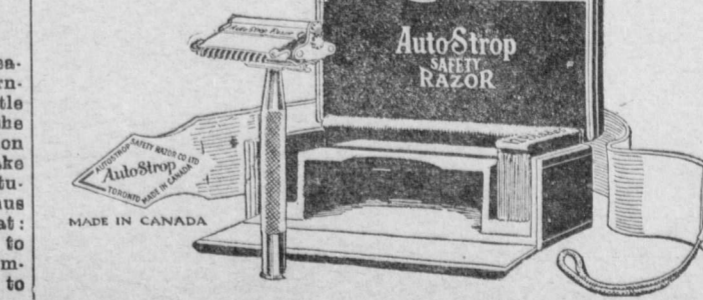
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