Washington. — Results in the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration's check-up on the flood of debarments of Irish immigrants, con-

tinue to bear out the Bureau's contention that serious injustice is being done these immigrants, the Bureau

Letters containing doctors' certifi-cates of stalwart health, and testify-

ing to their employment at good wages, with full ability to work, are still coming in from Irishmen who were admitted only after providing bond that they would become public charges, says the Bureau. The preponderance of debarments and ultimate deportations or demands for bond came after diagnoses of heart disease.

Doctors' certificates sent in by these men are of interest. Excerpts "I find him to be in good physical condition, and capable of earning

his living in any capacity."
"I \* \* \* find him to be in good health and good physical con-He has no chronic organic

cardiac lesion. In my opinion he is a first class risk for any life insurance company.

Most of the men say they have been accepted for life insurance and have taken out their first citizen-

Meantime, Prof. Timothy A. Smiddy, Minister of the Irish Free State to the United States, has taken up the plight of his countrymen, and is making inquiries as to the cause of the debarments.

It is regarded by the N. C. W. C.

Bureau as significant that since its determined protests at the numerous Irish debarments because of heart disease, far surpassing those of other nationalities, the number of such cases has dropped mater-

Action has now been taken, however, which may alleviate the situation somewhat.

It has been the policy of the Secretary of Labor's Board of Review to accept diagnoses of chronic cardiac as prima facie evidence that the men are "likely to become public charges" and hence should oe excluded or admitted only on bond. By the new arrangement, medical inspectors will appear before the Board of Special Inquiry at Ellis Island to testify as to whether or not the condition of the immigrant will impair his ability to earn a living, and if so to what extent. In this effort the United States Public Health Service is lend-

ing every aid possible.

By this system, the N. C. W. C.
Bureau hopes that one of its contentions will be borne out, that many of these men, although they may have the ailment noted, are not so impaired or likely to be impaired that it will interfere with their ability to earn a living.

### HOW ST. ALDHELM WON HEARERS

is not exclusively a modern failing, tives of the various religions. The Don E. Horne, O. S. B. told a Bath following groups have been desigaudience to whom he explained a ruse adopted by an old time saint to sugar-coat his instructions.

King Alfred, said Father Horne preserved a record which showed that St. Aldhelm found people in the habit of leaving the church directly Mass had finished and before the sermon.

"St. Aldhelm took his harp and sat on the bridge that linked the town (Sherborne) to the country, and played and sang. He, the Abbot of the great abbey, disguised as a street singer, gathered crowds around him as he sang secular songs, such as they loved, until they were all intent on listening. Then he would slip in Christian instruction sing about the great truths of religion, and so he taught them.

# CHURCH FREEDOM IN FRANCE

Paris, France.—Mgr. Caillot, Bishop of Grenoble, has suspended the celebration of Catholic religious services at Sassenage as a protest against the bad will of the Municipal Council in regard to providing quarters for the pastor of the parish. Sassenage is the seat of a canton of about 3,000 inhabitants. These difficulties with regard to

the housing of priests are fortunately becoming very rare in France.

A year after the passage of the Law of Separation, all rectories, which were formerly State property, were awarded to the commun ities, no Catholic association having been formed to take charge of The majority of the municipalities left them at the disposal of the priests, but in order to conform with the law forbidding the subsi-

generally a very low one. At Sassenage this rental had always been 150 francs. The Muni-cipal Council wanted to double it. The Bishop opposed the modification of the lease and the mayor, on his side, would not give in. The Bishop of Grenoble then recalled the pastor of Sassenage.

forced to demand a certain rental,

# SOCIAL WORK

Catholic women, gathered here in the first provincial convention of the kind ever held in the Province of Cebu, have organized a Social Service Bureau for the entire province, voted affiliation with the National Council of Catholic Women of the United States and elected Miss Inez Villa, recently returned to the Islands from the National Catholic Service School at Washing-

ton, D. C. as their president.
When the National Council of
Catholic Women in the United
States, wishing to lend assistance in effort to improve social conditions in the Philippines, established a scholarship at the Social Service School for Filipino girls, Miss Villa went to the United States for the course. She spent three years at the school, and won not only its certificate, but the Master's, degree from the Catholic University of America, after which she returned to take up social welfare work

Sponsorship for the new organization was assumed by the Association de Damas, and while the procedure was modeled somewhat after that Council of Women in the United States, it attacked problems from a purely Philippine point of view. Miss Villa, together with Miss Filomena Suico, was largely instrumental in the arranging and staging of the convention.

Warm greetings were received from His Excellency the Most Rev. William Piani, Apostolic Delegate to the Philippine Islands, and from the Right Rev. Juan P. Gorordo, Bishop of Cebu. The Knights of Columbus hall, where the convention was held, was packed to everflowing, and there was great enthusiasm.

A pretentious program was laid ut for the new Social Service Bureau. It is proposed that it shall study, organize and promote the social welfare of the entire prov-ince, train social workers and cooperate with all individual workers and groups now in the field. Committees were named to carry out these projects. The vote to affiliate with the N. C. C. W. was unanimous.

#### RELIGIOUS CONGRESS IN GENEVA

New York.-Leaders of eleven congress at Geneva in August, 1928 to discuss means of attaining world peace, it has been announced here v trustees of the Church Peace The congress will last fifteen days.

Preliminary organization will be effected with the aid of the Carnegie trust fund for the promotion of international justice and good will through the churches.

A world committee of 1,000 will be created, it also was announced. membership being made up, on a London, Eng.—Dislike of sermons proportionate basis, by representa-tives of the various religions. The nated: Christians (including Roman Catholics, Uniate Catholics, Eastern Orthodox church members and Protestants,) Jews, Mohammedans, Buddhists, Confucianists, Shin-Buddhists, toists, Taoists, Hindoos, Parsees, Jains Sikhs.

#### HOMELESS CHILDREN ADOPTED

Chicago, Ill.—One hundred form-erly dependent and homeless children were adopted into Catholic family homes as legal heirs of their foster parents during the year, through the agency of the Catholic Home Finding Association of Illinois, a Knights of Columbus organization founded about ten years ago by the Right Rev. Bishop P. J. Muldoon, State chaplain of the order.

Approximately 110 other children were placed in Catholic family homes in the course of the year by the same organization. Many of them will later be adopted by their foster parents.

These figures were reported at the annual meeting of the Associa-tion, at the new West Side million-dollar Knights of Columbus club and social center Sunday. It was the first annual meeting which Bishop Muldoon, who is now traveling in the Orient, was unable

The Association is supported wholly by the 80,000 members of the Knights of Columbus in Illinois, and its service is free to the child placed, the institution from which it is taken, and the family to which the sturned over. Approximately 1,100 homeless and dependent children have been placed in Catholic family homes in this State durble child soon.

It was the first experience of the kind in Father Heckman's forty dizing of any religion, they were ing the ten years of the Associa-tion's existence. Actual legal

adoptions approximate 475. The Association observes close visiting a woman who lay ill in surveillance of all placed children the Sisters' hospital, Father Heck-

placed are taken from the institu-tional homes in the State, or from Cebu City, P. I. — Four hundred No child is placed that is physically or mentally defective, and no home receives a child unless it comes up to the requirements of Catholicity of foster parents, and of ability to take proper care of the child.

### FRENCH TRIBUTE TO MARYKNOLL

Paris, France.—La Croix, the most widely read Catholic paper in France, has been publishing a series of articles by Pere Andre, a well-known Sulpician, on the Cath-olic Foreign Mission Society of America, more commonly known as the Maryknollers.

Pere Andre until very recently was the superior of the Grand Seminaire of Avignon, and cele-brated the golden jubilee of his priesthood a few years ago. He is known throughout France by his writings, many of which include translations from the English; and more perhaps than any one man past generation, he has brought home to the clergy of France, through his retreats and otherwise, the growing strength and worth of Catholicism in the United States.

For nearly a quarter of a century Pere Andre taught in American Seminaries, successively at St. Mary's, Baltimore, and at St. John's, Boston, under Abbe Hogan.

While at Boston he became associated with the present Superior of

the Providential circumstances of its origin, and in doing so, I recall intimate and personal memories. One of my sweetest consolations is to have collaborated with the Very Reverend Father Walsh in the first movements of the life of Maryknoll, which today, so flourishing and rich in promise for the propagation of the Faith, fills me with wonder and admiration at the ways of God.

'Maryknoll, universally admired. has not, however, struck its roots religious faiths will be invited to attend an international religious ment, but as a result of painstaking ment, but as a result of painstaking cultivation of a field in which this great work could germinate and produce its fruits.

The articles of Pere Andre cover several issues of La Croix and will reach a wide circle, since this paper is published in Paris not only for the city but for dioceses and parishes throughout France.

# LUXEMBURG ELECTION

Luxemburg.—The general elec-tions for the renewal of the Chamwhich the Catholics maintained themselves, was a sore defeat to a friend of Premier Herriot of France. The elections were made necessary by the dissolution of the Assembly which, composed of forty-eight members, found itself equally divided on the subject of economic relations with Belgium.

The former Premier, M. Reuter, who had resigned, was leader of a Catholic group of 22 members in the retiring Chamber. Four other Catholics formed a dissident group. The remainder of the assembly included nine Liberals, seven Social-

ists and Six Independents.
At the time of the last elections, the Burgomaster of Luxemburg, a personal friend of M. Herriot, had formed a sort of left bloc and flattered himself that he would win a majority. In the new Chamber, which will have only forty-seven deputies the 22 deputies of M. Reuter's group will return with nine Liberals, nine Socialists, one Moderate Liberal, three Independents and three dissident Catholics. The latter disagree with M. Reuter on foreign policy, but vote with him when any religious question comes

The Catholics thus retained a majority despite the very violent campaign led against them.

# BROUGHT BACK HOME

Waco, Tex.—Father P. A. Heckman, pastor of the Church of the Assumption here, recently had the novel privilege of baptizing thirteen children in one family in a single day. He expects to baptize

years in the priesthood, the greater part of which has been spent in frontier parishes and missions.

IRISH "HEART" CASES FILIPINO WOMEN FOR take care of itself. The children their fourteen children were Catholics. say that opium smuggling has placed are taken from the institu-Father Heckman sought out the cutting

family, living some miles out of yea Waco. He found the father's faith the a practical Catholic for years. The father was not only willing but eager that the family be brought into the Church, and the mother The raised no objection. The priest took up their instruction, and finally one day baptized all but the oldest son and the mother. They were of an age where further and more complete instruction was deemed necessary. Several of the children also made their first Holy Commun-

### PRINCESS ANNA OF PRUSSIA

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine (Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C.) Cologne.-Newspapers and magazines throughout Germany are showing revived interest in the story of the conversion to Catholicity of the Prussian Princess Anna on the occasion of the publication by the Franciscan Dr. Kapristan Romeis of his book, "Princess Anna of Prussia, Landgravine of

The book is being called by the Catholic press a guide back to the Catholic Church for those who are separated from the Faith. All publications repeat the remarkable

story of the conversion. Princess Anna of Prussia was a grand child of the beautiful Queen Louise, a niece of Emperor William I. and a grand-aunt of Wilhelm II. the Catholic Foreign Mission of America, Father Walsh, who was then a student. He remarks at the beginning of his articles that nothing is more striking than the rapidity of the development of the mission spirit in America, and adds that he considers the work of Marythat he con ly as she became the oldest member of the Hohenzollern family.

In 1901, however, after years of study, the princess became a Cath-Immediately the attitude of Berlin changed, and the Emperor even sent a telegram and letter of reproachtoher. The letter later was published, and caused a considerable stir. Still later she became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, with the name of Sister

Princess Anna died in 1918 at Frankford-on-the-Main, and was buried in the Cathedral of Fulda. She never affected a reconciliation with Berlin, but won the love of the poor by her charities. In many of her letters toward the latter part of her life she tells of the comfort and beauty she found in the Catholic

# TRAGEDY OF OPIUM

WORLD IS PRODUCING FORTY. FIVE TIMES THE AMOUNT REQUIRED

By Dr. Frederic Funder

(Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C.) The tragedy of the failure of the strong relief by data on the opium | tion, Dr. Schwering of Co question submitted by a Vienna scholar and narcotic drug expert at replied:

a recent meeting of the Austrian

"Deputy Schlange will recall that

Nations. At the Austrian meeting he revealed the actual quantity of drugs needed by the whole world, scientifically ascertained, and the actual production, and the discrepancy between the two figures

The world is producing, roundly, forty-five times as much narcotic drugs as its needs, Dr. Knaffi-Lenz . Each year it is turning out sufficient to care for all proper purposes, and in addition the enormous surplus of 17,600,000 kilograms of opium, which goes to addicts in many nations, enfeebling whole peoples and causing untold suffering. This condition the recent con ference at Geneva did virtually

nothing to relieve.

Financial and political motives provide nearly all the obstacles to a colonies in Asia defray much of against the holding of a meeting their public expenses through the insulting to the clergy in a munidevice of opium monopolies. In addition, in India opium is used as a medicine for almost every disease. and taking the drug away would mean fundamental changes which might cause disorders.

At Geneva the nations undertook to adopt stricter measures against smuggling, and then, within fifteen years, to cut production down to medical necessities. But it was provided that the fifteen-year period should not start until authorization was given by smuggling had been suppressed. This farcical provision makes the the charge either is adopted or is law was nominally a Catholic, but in outwitting officials. It is doubtsufficiently advanced in years to that neither his wife nor any of ful if anyone ever will be able to granted.

year, and the later plan to extend Waco. He found the father's faith the period over eighteen years, still alive, but that he had not been were defeated by the great poppy-

#### ARCHBISHOP CHRISTIE OF OREGON

Portland, Ore., April 6.—The Most Rev. Alexander Christie, Archbishop of Oregon City, died here this afternoon at St. Vincent's Hospital. He was seventy-five years old. While the Archbishop had been in failing health for the past two years he had shown an apparent improvement during cent months which caused friends to hope his life might be prolonged for several years.

prolonged for several years.

What the Archbishop has accomplished during his administration reading of the Scriptures in schools maintained by the State. of Helena in an address delivered on the occasion of Archbishop drawn out controversy involving the Christie's silver Episcopal jubilee right of Public school authorities to two years ago. Bishop Carroll said

at Albina. Today there are twenty diocese at large fifty parishes have been created. Twenty-five years ago St. Vincent's Hospital was the largest institution of its kind on the coast. Since then it has doubled in size and efficiency. St. Mary's Academy has become a college for girls. Mount Angel and the Dominican College, formerly conducted by the Christian Brothers, have enjoyed a most satisfactory growth, and Columbia University, another college for boys, has been founded. There have been established a new orphanage for girls and a splendid novitiate and motherhouse for the Sisters of the Holy Names. The Foundling Asylum, the House of the Good Shepherd, the Home for the Aged and Jeanne d'Arc for working girls complete the list of charitable institutions. The property His Grace has acquired and the business sagacity he has demonstrated in real estate transactions have been a source of profit to religion and have compelled the admiration of veteran financiers. Surely the accomplishment proves the providential preparation of 'the chosen leader for his destined work.'"

# PRUSSIANISM INTOLERANT

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine

A spirited little exchange in the Prussian Landtag has served to give a Catholic deputy a victory in debate and at the same time call forcibly to attention the fact that German Catholics were heavily per-secuted before the arrival of the

In the course of the debate Deputy Schlange of the German Nationalist party, which is violently opposed to the Catholic Center Opium Conference recently held under the auspices of the League of Nations at Geneva is thrown into Center deputy, arose quietly and

scholar and narcotic drug expert at a recent meeting of the Austrian Society for the Preservation of Health.

This scientist is Dr. Knaffl-Lenz, was a Catholic. He will also remember that of the heads of the member that of the heads of the covernment in Duceseldorf there has been only one Catholic since 1850; that in Cologne there was no Catholic head of the government, between 1848 and 1919; that in Coblenze only three Catholics have held the post since 1863, and that in Trier there was no Catholic in the

office from 1878 to 1919. "In Cologne and Trier the reason was that both cities are the residences of bishops, and the policy has always been to 'keep control This plain statement created a

### deep impression on the Landtag. FRENCH CATHOLIC'S SPIRITED PROTEST

Paris.-Colonel Lucas has resigned his position as assistant to limitation. European States with the Mayor of Tours as a protest

In the letter of resignation to the Mayor, he writes as follows "Monsieur le Maire:

'Tracts have been circulated proannouncing that some foolish perlecture to be given in an establish-ment granted to them by the Mayor. I do not doubt that this without knowing the nature of the lecture, but later, when you learned surveillance of all placed children the Sisters' hospital, Father Heck-and the families having them until man learned that her brother-in-shrewdness of a gang of criminals at this lecture, you did not

myself at any price with the administration of which I form a part and which has let this happen without protest, I find myself in the painful necessity of tendering

my resignation as assistant mayor protest is addressed is M. Camille Chautemps, Minister of the Interior of the Herriot Cabinet.

# BIBLE READING BILL IN ILLINOIS

Springfield, Ill.—Bible reading in the Public schools of Illinois has been projected into the political arena again, this time in the form of a Joint Resolution introduced in the lower House of the State Legis-

The proposal for a constitutional conducted here by the Franciscan amendment is the climax of a long Sisters of the Sacred Heart. The permit Bible reading in the schools.

A decision of the State Supreme work as a religious builder I need only say: Twenty-five years ago there were only two churches on the east side, St. Francis and St. Mary's at Albina. Today there are twenty-five years ago the circuit Court of Scott County—held that Bible reading is secretarian instruction within the meaning of the law and hence the second county. tutional in schools maintained by three, nearly all of them with public funds. The case arose out splendid parish schools, and in the of a complaint made by Catholic of a complaint made by Catholic citizens of a Scott County school district because Bible reading, singing of hymns, and recitation of the Lord's Prayer—all according to Protestant versions—formed a part of the compulsory exercises in the Public schools of that district.

The decision of the Illinois Supreme Court at that time centered around four main points that free enjoyment of religious worship includes freedom not to worship; that children in Public schools cannot be compelled to join in religious worship which includes such practices as those complained of; that the Constitution forbids sectarian instruction in the Public schools; and that reading of the Bible in the schools constitutes sec-

tarian instruction. The Supreme Court also took occasion to remark in this decision

"Religion is taught and should be taught, in the churches, Sunday schools, parochial and other church schools and religious meetings. Parents should teach it to their children at home, where its truths can be most effectively enforced. Religion does not need an alliance with the State to encourage its growth. The law does not attempt to enforce Christianity. Christianity hadits beginning and grew under oppression. Where it has depended upon the sword of civil authority for its enforcement it has been weakest. Its weapons are moral and spiritual and its power is not and spiritual and its power is a dependent upon the force of a majority. It asks from the civil majority. It asks from the civil to the fact that the Polish children to the fact that the value of comsect or religion the same impartial civil right."

amendment to the Illinois Constitution now proposed is substantially the same as a provision of the proposed new constitution which was overwhelmingly rejected by the voters of 1922.

# HERRIOT'S NEW DIPLOMACY

Paris, March 26.—Senator de Monzie, the French Radical Senator who was sent to Rome a short time ago, as reported in the N. C. W. C. Service, to discuss semi-officially with the Vatican authorities the maintenance of a diplomatic mission for Alsace-Lorraine, has brought back the following significant and amusing anecdote concerning his interview with Cardinal Gasparri:

around and say, negligently: 'Oh; By the way, at Beirut . . . 'Pardon me, Monsieur, I shall be forced to interrupt him-Beirut is not in Alsace-Lorraine.'

#### JESUIT SEISMOLOGISTS GIVEN HIGH PRAISE

London, March 23.—Professor Turner; of Oxford observatory, pays tribute to the work of the Jesuits in the field of seismology, in a letter to the Times, discussing the North American earth tremor. fusely throughout the city of Tours | If the telegram of Father O'Connor, announcing that some foolish persons intended to come and insult our clergy and the Catholics at a England, had been the only information to hand, he says, a fairly good estimate of the occurrence could have been made at once.

The professor speaks highly of the work of the Jesuits in Bolivia, and remarks that the station at La not any of the priests violated any Paz was established by the Fathers of these laws in reading and comin response to a definite resolution by the former International Seismoers, will be left for the logical Association

# 2427 CATHOLIC NOTES

London, Eng.—Mother of four priests, Mrs. Mary Jane Callaway died at Bath. One of the sons said Requiem Mass and the other three priests were present, besides Mrs. Callaway's six other children.

New Orleans.—The Rev. F. D. Sullivan, S. J., widely known as a Jesuit educator, has been installed as rector of Loyola University here, succeeding the late Father Francis X. Twellmeyer, S. J.

New York .- The Silver Jubilee of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of the Second New York District will be celebrated here April 18 and 19. This District includes the territory between Staten Island and Poughkeepsie.

San Francisco.-A non-sectarian committee is planning an appeal for funds for the erection of a new building for St. Joseph's Hospital, active campaign will be held late in April and it is hoped to raise \$500,-000. Hugo D. Lewhouse, a prominent non-Catholic, is chairman of the committee in charge of the appeal.

Milwaukee, Wis - Father Stephen Klopfer of St. John's Institute for Deaf Mutes here is making some interesting experiments with his charges which may result in valuable discoveries concerning their affliction. He found that supposedly deaf students could hear with at least one ear the sounds as re-produced in the broadcasting. He is now making further tests.

Chicago, Ill.—Announcement was made Wednesday by His Eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein, of the elevation of the rank of Monsignor of the Rev. Thomas V. Shannon, LL. D., pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle church and for years editor of the New World, the official archdiocesan publication. Monsignor Shannon is vice-president of the Catholic Press Associa-

Jerusalem, March 16.-The second Anglo-Catholic pilgrimage will leave London on Monday, April 27. In the Holy City they will be received by the Anglican Bishop at St. George's Cathedral and meet the heads of the various Christian churches in Palestine. One of the main purposes of this pilgrimage is to promote the re-union of Chris-

Buffalo.—Of four prizes annually awarded by the Buffalo Council of Catholic Women for the best essays in English by parochial school children, two this year went to Polish children, students at Assumption school. When the awards were announced at the convention of the Council, Father Slivinski, of Assumption Church, declared the feat of the Polish children might petitors.

London, Eng.-Henry Ford's success is an inspiration to Christian economic reform, in the opinion of the Catholic Times, express in a three-column review of Ford's in a three-column review of Ford's book, "My Life Work," just published here. "The Catholic reader of this book is not so much surprised as gratified," says the reviewer, "to find this modern captain of industry give what appears to be unconscious expression over and over again to principles propunded over thirty. principles propounded over thirty years ago by Pope Leo XIII. in his encyclical 'The Condition of the Working Classes''' Working Classes.

The meeting of the International Board of the Society for the Propa-gation of the Faith was opened this interview with Cardinal Gasparri:

"Yes, yes," the Cardinal said, in speaking of the future chef de mission. "This gentleman will come to see me once, twice, or three times to talk about affairs in Alsace-Lorraine, but the fourth time, as he is leaving, he will turn time, as he is leaving. he will turn the constraint of the preceding vear. week by Cardinal Van Rossum, Prefect of the Congregation of ing the preceding year. The con-tributions from the United States branch for the year just closed were considerably in excess over eipts of former years; approximately two million dollars.

Prague.-There has been a lull in the storm created by the publication of the recent Pastoral Letter of the Catholic Episcopate of Slovakia, since the government has made official announcement of the course it intends shall be pursued in the settlement of questions arising out of that controversy. The govern-ment's announcement declares that full freedom must be given to the Church in all matters concerning internal administration, but adds that no exceptions will be made in the application of the Safety of the Republic Act, the Coercion Acts, and Section 121 of the Czecho-Slovakian Constitution which provides for religious freedom. Whether or ernment says, will be left for the

Courts to determine.