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WEEKLY CALENDAR

(By the N. C. W. C. News Service)

Sunday, May 22.—St. Yvo, confessor, was descended from a noble family living near Treignier in Brittany. He was born in 1258 and at the age of fourteen went to Paris to study. Later he studied at Orleans. Early in life he took a private vow of perpetual chastity. He was ordained to the priesthood, as he, through humility, desired to remain in the lesser orders. As ecclesiastical judge of the diocese of Rennes he was the friend of the poor. He died May 19, 1339.

Monday, May 23.—St. Julian, virgin, martyr, was a native of Carthage and after the capture of that city by Genseric, was sold as a slave to a pagan merchant of Syria. Her virtue and fidelity won her master's respect and he took her with him on a voyage to Gaul. When Julia refused to take part in some idolatrous pagan festivities on the island of Corsica, she was killed by order of the governor of the island.

Tuesday, May 24.—St. Donatien, martyr, was a young nobleman of Nantes who was converted to the Faith. For his own conversion and for his efforts in withdrawing others particularly his brother St. Rogatian, from the worship of the gods, he was put to death about the year 287.

Wednesday, May 25.—St. Gregory VII, was born in Tuscany about the year 1013 and educated at Cluny, in France. Elected Pope in the year 1073 he devoted all his energies to fighting the evils which threatened the Church at that time, especially the custom of receiving investiture from lay hands. The Cenci in Rome rebelled against him but he was saved by the people. His long struggle with Henry IV., Emperor of Germany resulted in the latter seeking the Pope's absolution at Canossa. The Emperor, however, relapsed, set up an anti-pope and besieged Gregory in the castle of St. Angelo. The Saint died in exile, May 25, 1085. His last words were: "I have loved justice and hated iniquity, therefore I die in exile."

Thursday, May 26.—St. Philip Neri, bears the title of "The Apostle of Rome." He was one of the most illustrious of the saints of the sixteenth century. He was born in Florence and died A. D. 1595. Although he might have had the highest honors in the Church, he put them from him and devoted his life to bringing joy to the hearts of the people.

Friday, May 27.—St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi, was born in Florence in 1566, the daughter of an illustrious house of that city. She entered the Carmelite monastery of Santa Marie degli Angeli in Florence in 1584. She was twice chosen mistress of novices. God raised her to high states of prayer and gave her rare gifts, enabling her to read the thoughts of her novices and filling her with wisdom to direct their aught.

Saturday, May 28.—St. Germainus, bishop, was abbot of St. Symphorian's. Happening to be in Paris when that see became vacant, he was elected to the episcopate. He was noted for his charity and always fed many beggars at his own table. Through his sermons, King Childebert became entirely converted, founded many religious institutions, and sent large sums of money to the Bishop to be distributed among the indigent. The Saint died May 28, 576.

SERVICE SCHOOLS' DIRECTOR

LABOR COMMISSIONER UNDER THREE ADMINISTRATIONS—EXPERT IN SOCIAL WORK

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, D. C.—May 16.—Charles P. Neill, Ph. D., LL. D., who served as United States Commissioner of Labor under three Presidents, has been appointed director of the National Service School for Women and the National Service School for Men conducted by the National Catholic Welfare Council in this city.

The National Service School for Women, popularly known as Clifton, has been operating for two and a half years as an emergency school for limited training of women preparing for social welfare work, but has already achieved a high reputation throughout the country. The school is now to be put on a standard basis, and the full course will be inaugurated next October, when, under Dr. Neill's personal direction, it promises to become the leading social service school for women in the United States.

It is announced that the National Service School for Men, which is now in process of organization, will begin its career next October. With Dr. Neill as its head it also is expected to take rank as one of the principal institutions of its kind in America.

DR. NEILL'S PREVIOUS SERVICE

Dr. Neill has had fine scholastic training, much professional experience and long practical participation in the public and industrial life of the country. He served with distinction in several important capacities during the World War.

As United States Commissioner of Labor under three Presidents, Dr. Neill made the office an invaluable agency in the prevention and adjustment of disputes and strikes. His services were so useful to both parties to the nation's industries that upon the retirement of President

Roosevelt, by whom he was first appointed, he was retained by President Taft during his administration and continued at the head of the Bureau by special request from President Wilson during part of his first term.

Dr. Neill was born in Rock Island, Ill., in 1865, but was reared in Austin, Texas. He was graduated from Georgetown University with the bachelor's degree in 1891. Notre Dame conferred on him the master's degree in 1898, and in 1897 he received the doctor's degree in philosophy from Johns Hopkins University. Notre Dame conferred on him the honorary degree of doctor of laws in 1910.

TAUGHT AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

After specializing in economics, Dr. Neill became instructor and subsequently associate professor of economics at the Catholic University, Washington. He was one of the faculty of the University when President Roosevelt appointed him as Commissioner of Labor. While on the professorial staff of the University, Dr. Neill was for a time (1898 to 1902) a member of the board of managers of the Associated Charities of the District of Columbia, and for six years (1902 to 1908) was vice-president of that board.

After quitting the post of Commissioner of Labor, which he held successfully from 1905 until 1913, Dr. Neill was elected in 1913 to the board of directors and executive committee of the American Smelting & Refining Company, in charge of the corporation's department of welfare and safety. He remained in that work until 1915.

While serving as United States Commissioner of Labor he devoted a considerable share of his time to the conduct of mediation proceedings between the railroad managements and employees in cases which threatened to develop into strikes of the most serious nature. He has served continuously from 1905 up to the present as umpire for the anthracite conciliation board, and has been many times a neutral arbitrator in cases of industrial arbitration. He won praise for his excellent work as a member of the Immigration Commission, created during President Roosevelt's administration.

During the War, Dr. Neill was a member of the commission on unemployment, created by Mayor Mitchell, of New York, and was also a member of the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities, to which he was chosen by Secretary of War Baker. Secretary of the Navy Daniels also selected Dr. Neill to membership in a similar commission for the Navy Department. In addition to these numerous important positions, Dr. Neill gave service also on one of the advisory committees of the Committee on Publicity.

RAILWAY ARBITRATOR

After the Government took over the operation of the railroads, Dr. Neill was appointed to one of the boards created by the United States Railroad Administration to hear and decide disputes over working conditions affecting the employees of the roads.

Dr. Neill is at present a member of the board of trustees of the National Child Labor Committee; a member of the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America; a member of the International Bureau of Labor Statistics; is a former president of the American Statistical Association, and a fellow of that association, and a member of the executive committee of the International Committee on Social Insurance.

TEA TAX

The new budget having imposed a Sales Tax of 1% on tea, the onus is placed upon the Salada Tea Company of charging this on their invoices to the grocers, and after collection to pay it to the Inland Revenue Department. This is the only tax the consumer of Salada need pay to the grocer.

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THE SMOKING FLAX IN SCANDINAVIA

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

The Hague.—Mgr Diepen, Bishop of Bois-le-Duc, who was appointed by Pope Benedict last summer to visit Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland, has founded the St. Emerich Society here to promote the return of the northern countries to the Church. Several thousand members, some of whom have made generous contributions to carry on the Catholic movement in Scandinavia, already have been enrolled.

The return of the Faith to Sweden and other parts of Scandinavia is the constant prayer of the Brigittine communities throughout the world. The Brigittine foundation in Rome was established by Mother Elizabeth Hasselquist with the approval of the Holy See, for this special purpose.

Mother Elizabeth secured permission for the foundation of the ancient order in Rome about ten years ago, with the hope that before her death, she might see restored to her native land the ancient monastery of Vadstena, founded by St. Bridget in 1346, the religious of which were dispersed under Gustavus Vasa. This monastery was the centre and stronghold of the Catho-

lic faith in Sweden in the Middle Ages but since the Vasa persecutions the law forbids the maintenance of convents or monasteries, although a few missionary order priests living as seculars, two native clergymen, and some French nuns are laboring among the Swedish Catholics who number a little over 2,000.

The few Catholics live under dire disabilities. By a royal edict of 1910, their names are to be entered in the Lutheran Church Books by the Lutheran pastors of the State Church, and to these pastors, Catholics must apply for marriage certificates. As late as 1858, six women were expelled from the country for returning to the Catholic faith.

Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, has about 1,800 Catholics and two churches; St. Eugen's, built in 1837; and St. Eric's, built in 1892. From the Reformation to the decree of Gustavus III., in 1781, Catholic worship had been forbidden altogether and Mass could be said only in the private chapels of foreign ambassadors. Lutherans were forbidden to attend these services under severe penalties. Both Catholic churches of Stockholm now have Catholic schools attached and there is a higher school for girls under the care of the French Sisters of St. Joseph.

MOTHER MARY AIKENHEAD

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

The recent decree of Pope Benedict authorizing the introduction of the cause of the beatification of Mother Mary Aikenhead, founderess of the Irish Sisters of Charity, has served to call attention once more to the work of this illustrious convert to the Catholic Faith. Mother Mary was born in Cork, January 19, 1787, the daughter of Dr. David Aikenhead, a member of the Established Church, and Mary Stapole, a Catholic. Her father was converted to Catholicism on his death-bed and sometimes later she renounced the Anglican faith in which she had been brought up, and was received into the true Church, June 6, 1802.

Accustomed as she was to an active life of charity, and feeling called to the religious life, she looked in vain for an order devoted to outside charitable work. She was chosen by Archbishop Murray, Conductor of Dublin, to carry out his plan of founding a congregation of the Sisters of Charity in Ireland, and in preparation for it, made a novitiate of three years in the convent of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin at Micklegate Bar, York, the rule of which corresponded most nearly to the ideas of the Archbishop. There she assumed the name which she kept until death, Sister Mary Augustine, although she was always known to the world as Mary Aikenhead.

The first members of the new order took their vows September 1, 1851, and Sister Mary Augustine was appointed Superior General. The following sixteen years were filled with the arduous work of organizing the community and extending its sphere of labor to every phase of charitable endeavor. Special emphasis was placed upon hospital and rescue work.

Overexertion and disease so shattered the Superior's health that in 1831 she became an invalid. Notwithstanding the handicap thus imposed, she did not cease her activities and during the plague of 1832 she directed her Sisters in their heroic work. New institutions were founded and Sisters sent to take charge of them in France and Australia.

When Sister Mary Augustine died in 1858 at the age of seventy-two, she left her Order in a flourishing condition, in charge of ten institutions, and many missions and branches devoted to charitable work.

DIED

SCHIEBEL.—At Hesson, Ont., Perth County, on Tuesday, May 10, Mrs. August Schiebel, aged sixty-nine years. May her soul rest in peace.

MCGURTY.—At Harwood, Ontario, on April 20th, 1921, Thos. McGurty, son of John McGurty, in his twenty-fifth year. May his soul rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM

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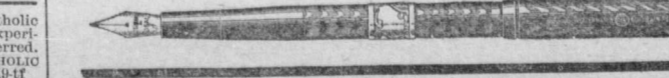
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