

# JOTTINGS

His Grace, Archbishop Farley of New York, at present in Europe, is expected home about the middle of September.

Mrs. Thorold, the eldest daughter of the late Bishop Thorold, a distinguished Anglican divine, has just been received into the Church.

The Marist Brothers, Dumfries, Scotland, have purchased Cloghan Castle, with a view to establishing a house there for the reception of novices.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered £3,000 to the Lismore Public Libraries Committee of Lismore, County Waterford, Ireland, for the erection of four rural libraries, on conditions which the committee has accepted.

The unique distinction of celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of his ordination belongs to the Rev. Father Machorzki, in the Diocese of Culm, a suffragan see of Gnesen-Posen, Prussia. He is now one hundred years old.

The Pope's latest Motu Proprio decrees that for the future no congregation of men or women may be erected without the consent of the Holy See. Thus bishops will no longer be empowered to approve by their own sole authority the foundation of new congregations in their dioceses.

Recently when Bishop Van de Ven, of Natchitoches, La., transferred Rev. C. Mahe to another field the non-Catholics of the town sent up a joint petition to the Bishop asking that the priest be allowed to remain. During the yellow fever episode of last year Father Mahe had visited stricken Protestants as well as Catholics, and thus won their regard. The Bishop yielded and the priest remains.

A despatch from Jerusalem states the finding of what is supposed to be the prison of Our Lord beneath the Via Dolorosa. It is a subterranean cell hewn out of the solid rock. The cell is connected with the series of underground chambers discovered thirty years ago near the Ecce Homo Chapel, but this was only discovered the other day by some Greeks who were clearing out the original cells. "Christ's prison" is one of a group of cells which appear to be ancient Roman dungeons; they are hewn out of rock similarly to the Latomiae at Syracuse, Sicily.

The Rev. Walter D. Drum, S.J., the brilliant young Boston priest, who was recently honored by his superiors by being selected to continue his studies along special lines, as was noted in the last issue of The Pilot, will not go to Johns Hopkins University, as was at first planned, but will sail for Europe in a few days, going direct to Beirut, Syria, where the Jesuits have a college or university. He will remain there a year studying the Semitic languages. Thereafter he will spend two years at some of the leading German universities specializing in Scriptures. He is at present attending to the wants of the unfortunate on Blackwell's Island, New York Harbor, in place of the regular priest, who is taking a rest.—Boston Pilot.

## Communication

THE BLACK HAND IN ONTARIO.  
Belleville, Ont., Aug. 27.  
Editor Catholic Register:

Dear Sir,—Herewith find names of some Catholics who have fallen under the ban of the Whitney Government in this section: Michael Lally, magistrate, appointed in 1876; J. C. Hanley, magistrate, appointed in 1876; J. M. Hurley, magistrate, appointed in 1876; Patrick Murphy, magistrate, appointed in 1876; David Larkin, magistrate, appointed in 1888; Michael Convan, magistrate, appointed in 1888; John Egan, magistrate, appointed in 1888; P. A. Shannon, magistrate, appointed in 1888; T. J. Hurley, magistrate, appointed 1903; license inspector East Hastings, M. Lally; license inspector West Hastings, J. St. Charles; License Commissioner East Hastings, T. Drummy; Division Court Clerk, Tweed, Thos. McCann; Division Court clerk, Centreville, C. Whalen.

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# FEDERATION SCHEDULE

Full Text of Subjects Discussed by the Recent Gathering of Federated Catholic Societies in Buffalo.

Herewith is the full account of the very interesting and important resolutions adopted by the federated societies at the late great gathering in Buffalo. The matter is well worthy of careful reading and study.

## SOCIALISM.

Reiterating the resolution of the convention of 1904 commending the thorough study of the social question, especially in the light of the pastoral letters of Pope Leo XIII., urging also the formation of Catholic workingmen's societies, and, admitting that many of the economic demands which socialism makes are founded on right and justice, we call attention, above all, to the following points:

1. While recognizing the abhorrence entertained by most of the workingmen of our country for irreligion and anarchy, we should not fall to point out the danger of these being principles of the movement by co-operation with their advocates, and especially by reading socialist publications and contributing to the socialist papers.

2. We cordially sympathize with wage-earners in their efforts to ameliorate their condition in the matter of fair wages, habitable dwellings and just diminution of the hours of grinding and expressive toil, provided the limits of law and order be not transgressed, but we denounce the attempts of unprincipled demagogues to pervert labor organizations into instruments of political revolution.

3. Acknowledging the right of every man to increase his worldly wealth by just and honest means, and applauding the endeavors of certain great corporations to better the physical and moral environment of their employees; on the other hand we reprobate as unchristian and inhuman the use of wealth for the purpose of corruption, oppression and plunder, and its neglect of works of benevolence and charity.

4. Although we welcome to our shores all the victims of poverty and oppression, we emphatically commend the action of the government in excluding anarchists and apostles of rebellion; and while conceding within certain limits the right of freedom of speech and of the press, we protest against the publication of anarchistic papers, the convocation of revolutionary meetings and the formation of revolutionary clubs in which doctrines of anarchy are proclaimed.

Finally, we invite all Christians to distinguish themselves by their absolute abstinence from, and their unmistakable disapproval of any of those forms of socialism which even remotely aim at the destruction of Christianity, the subversion of civil government, the invasion of the rights of property, the rights of God and the rights of man.

## DIVORCE.

As Catholics, we are steadfastly opposed to all forms of absolute divorce under any legislation by the state, and this conviction we will not compromise as citizens. While recognizing the fact that there is a strong sentiment in the community favoring divorce for serious causes, yet liberty of conscience is violated, when the law compels the unhappy spouse seeking redress for domestic wrong, either to apply for absolute divorce, though this be opposed to the conscience of the applicant, or to remain without any redress at all. For grave causes the Church has always allowed its members the remedy of a limited divorce, that is, a separation from bed and board, so that property rights and the custody of children may be judiciously settled, and hence provision for such judicial separations ought to be made by those of the states, which now have no such provisions. But even should the law permit absolute divorce for designated causes, the applicant opposed in conscience to such divorce should have the right to a limited divorce, as the applicant ought not to be coerced to appear in court as if denying his religious convictions.

We feel it our duty, and the duty of all Catholics, to do what may be possible to educate those not within the Church to the doctrine that under no circumstances should the parties to a lawful marriage be permitted to marry again during the lifetime of either spouse, feeling sure that upon the preservation of this institution, monogamous and life long, rests the cornerstone of the highest and best civilization. We are gratified to know that public sentiment is aroused to the evil tendency of the loose and conflicting divorce laws of the different states of the union, and we hail it as a most encouraging sign that a congress of representatives from the different states has been convened to suggest a uniform statute to reform the present intolerable conditions.

Sooner or later the truth of the Catholic doctrine upon this subject must be brought home to the community, and in the meantime we commend the efforts of the legislature and the governor of Pennsylvania, at whose instance the divorce congress was assembled, of the President of the United States, whose message to congress on the subject had such far-reaching effect, and of the divorce congress itself for its enlightened efforts to bring about a reform so greatly needed.

## SANCTIFICATION OF THE LORD'S DAY.

Mindful of the great lessons written in unmistakable character in the history of the nations, that the religious, social and moral welfare of peoples are most intimately bound up with the proper observance of the

Lord's Day, we deeply deplore the ever-increasing tendency among the masses to turn the Lord's Day from its original divine institution as a day devoted primarily to the special worship of God, into a day of mere pleasure and frivolous and sinful amusement.

We further deprecate and strongly condemn the unchristian action of those employers, both public and private, who, actuated mostly by greed and in absolute and scandalous disregard of the sanctity of the Lord's Day, force their employees to perform unnecessary servile labor on Sunday.

Where necessity really requires such labor, we demand that the employers make some provision so that their employees may be enabled to assist at least at divine service.

## PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

Resolved, That the Federation again urge upon the Catholic public the universal and cordial support of our parochial schools, and that where it can be done and it is necessary these schools be graded even higher than they now are. For the Federation observes with great satisfaction a growing ambition in our parochial schools in the pursuit of greater efficiency in equipment, teaching and teachers. In this connection, and in the terms of our resolution adopted at the Detroit convention, we again observe with deep satisfaction the gradual growth among our non-Catholic fellow citizens of the conviction that religious instruction of some sort in the school is absolutely necessary for the welfare of our country. Witness the discussions of the National Educational Association, both of which fully justify the position maintained by Catholics for half a century. We also note with pleasure that while the pupils of our Catholic schools receive a thorough religious training, their proficiency in secular studies is not inferior, but in many cases superior to that of public school children. Convinced that we are not called upon to suggest plans for the various non-Catholic denominations, we propose this solution of the school fund problem as satisfactory to the Catholic body.

First, let no public moneys be paid out for religious instruction in any school; secondly, let the educational per capita tax be disbursed for results in purely secular studies only in our Catholic schools, our teachers receiving their salaries as other teachers receive theirs; thirdly, to obtain these results let our schools be submitted to state or city examinations. For in this way will the great principle of our government be preserved: "No public moneys for sectarian purposes."

## INDIAN QUESTION.

We express our confidence in the outcome of the test suit now pending in the Supreme Court or the District of Columbia to determine the question of the rights of the Indians to the use of the tribal funds for the education of their children in schools in their own choice. And we also express our gratification at the stand taken by President Roosevelt as a result of the appeal by Bishop Schinner of Superior, Wis., from the action of the agent at Red River Expedition, who forcibly removed Indian children from the Catholic school at Olanah, where their parents had placed them, and deciding that the local agents have no right to transfer children from one school to another against the parents' wishes. And we wish to make public expression of our commendation of the fair and impartial action of the President in the above matters.

## THE STAGE.

Aware of the refining and educational power of the drama, but alarmed at its very common degradation at the present time, we invite a movement for its regeneration:

1. By refusing to patronize any play that offends against morality.

2. By not failing to protest against indecent costumes, as well as against objectionable interludes of otherwise excellent plays.

3. By exerting our influence with the municipal authorities to enforce the laws or cause them to be enacted, where they have not been passed, against improper exhibitions, either on the stage itself or by mechanical devices, and especially to enforce laws forbidding the admission of children to theatres unattended by parents or guardians.

4. By denouncing all public advertisements or posters which tend to corrupt public morals.

## IMMIGRATION.

Whereas, Catholic immigrants are coming into the United States at the rate of about 300,000 every year; and

Whereas, such immigrants, if properly cared for spiritually, will be a source of strength to the Church in the days to come; and

Whereas, our Catholic immigrants, by reason of their morality, honesty and industry, are destined to play an important part in the future well-being of the country, if means be now taken to safeguard their faith, while they will on the other hand, prove a menace, should the Church lose its hold upon them.

Whereas, the solution of the problem presented by the vast army of Catholics landing on our shores calls for intelligent, systematic and united action on the part of the hierarchy, clergy and laity; be it therefore

Resolved, That the allied Catholic societies in this country give all possible aid to the bishops and clergy of the country in the work of caring for the immigrants of all nationalities, and that this aid be of such immediate and practical a character, as to enable those who are in immediate charge of these immigrants to do the work efficiently and in a manner to compete successfully with all those elements which endanger the spiritual welfare of the immi-

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grants. In this connection, be it further

Resolved, that the A. F. of C. S. commend the great and truly zealous work of the different Catholic immigrant homes, and Catholic houses for sailors in seaports of the United States, and that it encourage, in the strongest terms, the establishment and support of houses of this kind. In this connection, be it further

Resolved, That the Federation desires by every means in its power to manifest its appreciation and approval of the work of those prelates, clergymen and laymen who are promoting and establishing colonies of Catholic families in sparsely settled portions of the United States.

## THE PRESS.

Resolved, That we sincerely deplore the anarchistic tendency of our sensational newspapers, and that at the same time we heartily endorse and commend the policy of those journals whose object is truth, fair play, the elimination of all sensational and indecent details in the treatment of crimes and criminals, and the suppression of all advertisements and representations which aim to suggest evil practices and otherwise to debauch the public or private conscience and offer all manner of incentive to crime to the young and immature or wicked members of the community; nevertheless the Federation regrets the widespread apathy of Catholics in the exercise of a wholesome influence over the secular press. Moreover, the Federation heartily urges that our Catholic people support the Catholic press in the practical way of subscription and the habit of advertising in this press. In this connection it is the wish of the Federation that Catholics throughout the country more efficiently urge our public libraries to place Catholic books, periodicals and papers upon the shelves of the people's libraries. At the same time the Federation embraces this opportunity of recommending to the editors of our Catholic press that they exercise a due care in safeguarding their publications from any criticism, caricature or statement that might in any way reflect upon, or be offensive to, the nationality or creed of any of our citizens.

## LITERATURE.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Federation that a taste for good books and papers be earnestly cultivated by our Catholic people, as an antidote to the religious, philosophical and historical errors prevalent in our time. And in this connection we take occasion to recognize and appreciate the liberal advance made of late years by non-Catholic publishing concerns in the number, the literary and typographical merit of the Catholic works issuing from their presses. Nevertheless we wish to express our far greater satisfaction at the many substantial improvements made by Catholic publishers in their publications along every line of Catholic literature. Moreover, we desire to signify in this convention our pleasure at the spread and enlargement of parish, social and society libraries among our Catholic people. We would, however, recommend that in cities where a large Catholic population exists that greater and more ably stocked libraries be established which would encourage and render possible wider and more thorough study on the part of the Catholic body.

## CHURCH EXTENSION.

Whereas, It is the first duty of Catholics to help save those who rightfully belong to the household of the faith; and

Whereas, Many of our people have been lost to the faith because they have settled in churchless localities; and

Whereas, The immigrant problem is now acute throughout the United States, and the work of providing immigrants with churches and priests is one of primary importance; and

Whereas, There has been for years a manifest need of an organization having for its purposes the support of priests, laboring in the poorer missions of the country; and

Whereas, There exists a widespread propaganda on the part of the non-Catholic missionary societies which have for object the perversion of our neglected Catholic brethren; be it therefore

Resolved, that the Federation heartily indorse the aims and purposes and methods of the Catholic Church extension Society, and that it recommends that the allied societies and the members of the Federation support and advance the laudable work of said Catholic Church Extension Society by every means within their power.

## MISSIONS TO NON-CATHOLICS.

Resolved, That the Federation views with the greatest approval and encouragement the great work of zeal carried on among our non-Catholic brethren through missions to non-Catholics. This country is filled with men and women thirsting for the truth, crying for the bread of life, and there is no one to break it to them. On the one hand they will not come to our churches, on the other they have an ethical right to the teachings of Him who said, "Go teach all nations." bear the truth to every

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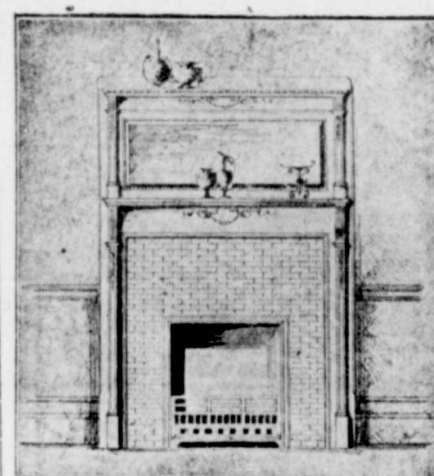
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creature. Wherefore we are pleased to note the zeal of those who have determined to bring God to those who will not come to Him, and are particularly pleased to note the favor with which this new departure in the apostolate of the Church has been received by prelates and priests and the faithfulness and the willingness exhibited on the part of those to whom these missions are given, to hear and profit by the truth which is preached to them.

USE OF LANGUAGES IN THE  
FEDERATION.

Whereas, It has been repeatedly charged that the American Federation of Catholic Societies has, as one of its objects, the abolition of foreign languages and the forced amalgamation of the different nationalities of our country, we feel it our duty, at this time, to make the following declarations:

First, We fully recognize the powerful influence of the mother tongue in the preservation of holy faith, and in the formation of character.

Second, We acknowledge the rights of Catholic immigrants and of their children, to receive religious instruction in the language which they understand best and cherish most.

Third, The American Federation of Catholic Societies further recognizes the injustice and the absurdity of every effort to force these immigrants and their descendants to abandon the use of their mother tongue, and we declare in connection that the solution of the problem of

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