

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS

London, May 27.—The public attitude towards Catholic outdoor processions, in London at all events, seems to have changed greatly since the memorable year 1908, when Premier Asquith at the time of the Eucharistic Congress, called upon the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster to cancel the public procession through the streets of Westminster, in which the Blessed Sacrament was to have been carried by the Papal Legate, Cardinal Vannutelli.

On that occasion the political objection does not seem to have been to the procession, as such, since as a matter of fact there was a procession with the Papal Legate as the presiding prelate; but it was the public carrying of the Blessed Sacrament that seems to have frightened the Liberal Premier.

But for all that prohibition, Catholic public processions have very much increased, and the annual pilgrimage along the Martyr's Way, that is from Newgate Prison to Tyburn, which is organized by the Ransomers, has accustomed the average public to the sight of Catholic symbols being carried openly in a public act of devotion. Manchester has its annual Catholic procession, while in the archiepiscopal city of Birmingham one of the most splendid pageants ever seen in that city is the procession of the Relics of Saint Chad.

But these processions are probably more frequent in London, where, on the whole, there is never any sort of attempt at interference. The South London parish of Walworth, in the Southwark diocese, is very rich in memories of the English Martyrs, and a procession that was organized through the parish a few days ago passed by some of the spots that have been hallowed by the sufferings of the Martyrs. Altars erected on the streets, and flags and flowers mustered on the spot where the Walworth Martyrs, died, with open reverence paid to the passing statue of the Blessed Virgin, are the signs of a spirit of religious tolerance far removed from that of the bitter times when the citizens of Walworth were cast into prison for no other crime than that of professing the Catholic religion.

IRISH ORGANIZE PROCESSION In one of the northern London suburbs there is an annual religious procession that attracts Catholics from all parts of the Metropolis. With the band of the Irish Pipers, and religious tableau representing the Mysteries of the Rosary, this famous parochial procession, which was held last Sunday, was watched with reverence by vast crowds of persons who have no more than this passing acquaintance with the Catholic religion.

London's Cathedral of the East End, as the great Irish church of St. Michael and All Angels at Stepney is called, is also the starting place of one of the most magnificent Catholic processions ever seen in London. Each year a procession starts out from this church, joined in by thousands of Catholics, the majority of them Irish, and the drab streets of this crowded industrial district see, for one day in the year at least, a little beauty and color. The procession at this church, organized last year in honor of the Beatification of Blessed Oliver Plunket, was the greatest public demonstration in England in honor of the new *Beatus*.

VIENNA CATHOLICS RALLIED TO FAITH AN ELOQUENT APPEAL TO CONSCIENCE OF 200,000 PEOPLE By Dr. Frederick Fander Vienna, May 20.—Standing on a platform erected in front of the church "Am Hof" and addressing some 200,000 people gathered there for the biggest of the demonstrations of the Catholic Conference held early this month, Cardinal Piffi quoted George Washington to enforce his appeal for the practice of religion.

Cardinal Piffi first read to the multitude the words of blessing from the Austrian people by the Pope, and then added: "Who dare remain fearful in the background when the Holy Father himself admonishes you to close your ranks more resolutely and undertake the fight for your faith, for the sanctity of the family and for the liberty of the schools? To those who seek to stop our work of reconstruction upon the immovable foundation of our holy faith, I want to say that we have at last grown weary of suffering the scorn and the blows of those who are filled with hatred for belief in God. I speak to them the words of the great statesman, Washington: 'Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion.'"

CROWD RESPONDS TO EXHORTATION The Cardinal then asked his hearers: "May I write to the Holy Father that his words have swept through Austria like a spiritual storm at Whitsuntide, arousing everywhere those who have been asleep and listless? May I write that the Catholics of Vienna, who have given proof of the most marvellous self-denial and sacrifice

during four years of War and in the tempestuous days of the Revolution are now ready to throw themselves into the work, unwearied and eager for every trial, to rebuild the moral structure of our people and to save our native land—pioneers, all of them, holding in one hand, the trowel and in the other the cross?"

The rousing response came in a great thunder from two hundred thousand throats. Thanking them, the Cardinal called to the vast assemblage: "Your acclamation, my dear Catholics, gives me the answer. You deserve thanks for your firmness. Take the Holy Father's benediction with you to battle and to victory!" This manifestation surpassed by far the demonstrations on May Day, which usually represent the greatest exhibition of power on the part of Austrian Socialism. Socialist leaders and Socialist newspapers are unable to conceal the uneasiness they feel regarding this development of Catholic strength, which is directed against the measures taken by the Socialist magistrates in the schools and the municipal administration of Vienna. Many thousands of individuals and especially numerous organizations of young men were in the procession and the gathering of Catholics, yet the Social-Democrat press described it as a manifestation by "women and a few old men."

Children were not permitted in the procession. In spite of this rule, which was observed, the Social-Democrat organs report that many groups of girls from ten to twenty years of age. It is by such misrepresentations that the Socialist papers are endeavoring to deceive the public as to the importance of this show of Catholic force.

THE IMPRESSIVE PROCESSION Twenty-eight meetings were held in the different districts of Vienna during the sessions of the Catholic conference. It was decided to have a great and final gathering on Sunday, May 7, in front of the Town Hall. An hour before the time set for this meeting all the main streets leading to this center were black with masses of people marching in close formation to the place of assembly. At its maximum this procession was estimated at not less than 200,000 strong. Several columns of processionists moved for two or three hours through the streets, with flags flying and bands playing. At thirteen different points there were speakers to address the throngs.

The principal topics of the addresses were: How to refute all charges against the Christian education of youth and against Christian marriage; the need for propagating the Catholic press and for promoting Catholic organization, and the upbuilding of Catholic works of charity. Outbursts of applause testified to the enthusiasm of the people. After the exercises and addresses in front of the Town Hall, the masses of humanity streamed through the streets until they reached the church "Am Hof," in the big square in front of which they surged like a sea. It was here in the shadow of this ancient and venerable landmark of Vienna, that Cardinal Piffi's eloquence begot courage and determination in the hearts of the thousands who heard his address.

BRITISH JOURNAL RETRACTS LIBEL

London, May 26.—With an expression of apology and the payment of a considerable sum of money to a charitable institution, the London Express has sought to make partial amends for the scandalous libel which it published a few weeks ago regarding His Eminence Cardinal Skrbensky, until recently Archbishop of Olmuetz. The money was paid by the Express to a charity designated by the Cardinal.

The libel in question was contained in a dispatch which the Express printed, ostensibly from Geneva. This story, now humbly acknowledged by the Express to have been false and libelous, was repeated in substance in the United States, where the New York Herald, among other papers, gave it wide currency. The fabrication imputed scandalous reasons for Cardinal Skrbensky's absence from the Consulate at Rome, pictured him as "a Don Juan, with a history resembling that of the Borgias" and implied that he had abandoned his see, carrying away with him an immense fortune.

No one, either at the Vatican or in Bohemia, had the least idea what had become of Cardinal Skrbensky, the story declared, and then went on to make the most infamous allegations about the private life of the venerable churchman. Not the least false and damaging of these statements was that which described him as a fugitive from justice. From the Papal Nuncio at Prague came a letter completely refuting the falsehoods in the story published by the Express and giving facts which show that far from being the sort of man he was painted, Cardinal Skrbensky is a hopeless cripple as the result of an accident, and unable to attend to his duties. It was for this reason that he resigned his see, notified the Czecho-Slovak Government of his retirement and withdrew to the home of one of his brothers near Aussig, in Silesia.

The matter was then taken up by persons of influence in Catholic

circles and the Express was brought to retract and apologize, yet the fact remains that it was only after strong measures had been used the scandalous libel was withdrawn, and nothing but the foreign nationality and residence of His Eminence has prevented the inventors and disseminators of the story from seeing the inside of an English prison.

The Express has been obliged to pay the legal expenses of the Catholic solicitors who pressed the matter.

MAUDE ADAMS' GIFT IS FORMALLY ACCEPTED

New York, June 5.—The Lake Ronkonkoma estate of Maude Adams, a gift of the distinguished actress to the Sisters of Our Lady of the Cenacle, was formally accepted by that order last week with ecclesiastical ceremonies in which His Excellency, Archbishop John Bonzano, took part, assisted by the Right Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn. Miss Adams was not present at the ceremonies, which were inaugurated with a low Mass celebrated by the Apostolic Delegate, who later gave the papal blessing to two hundred guests present and delivered an address on the work being done by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Cenacle. The donor of the estate sent word from Tuxedoville, New York, that indisposition prevented her from attending. She sent as a representative her companion of twenty years, Mrs. Hugh Reilly.

Archbishop Bonzano stated in his address that the present Holy Father, Pope Pius XI., had heard of Miss Adams' gift and was greatly impressed by her generosity. The thirty years he spent as chaplain of Our Lady of the Cenacle at Milan had impressed the new Pope with the splendid work done by the order, declared Archbishop Bonzano, who expressed regret that Miss Adams could not be present to receive from him a personal message from the Supreme Pontiff. His Holiness, according to the Apostolic Delegate, was the more impressed by Miss Adams' gift because of the fact that she is not a Catholic.

The noted actress formed a decided attachment to the Sisters of Our Lady of the Cenacle during several retreats which she made under the direction of institutions conducted by them. She had not occupied her estate at Lake Ronkonkoma for several years and learning that the capacity of the convent at 440th street had become inadequate for the needs of the nuns, she donated them the Long Island estate, which is valued at \$200,000.

FRENCH COLLEGE HONORS MEMORY OF 968 PUPILS KILLED IN WAR

General Serrigny, Assistant Chief of Staff of the French Army, presided at the unveiling of a monument erected by the Catholic College of St. Stanislaus, in Paris, to the memory of the 968 pupils of the college who lost their lives on the battlefields of the World War. The monument was blessed by Msgr. De Guebriant, Archbishop of Metz, and the Rev. Fr. Serrigny, who presided at the ceremony, was a former pupil of the college.

The Minister of Public Instruction was represented by his cabinet chief, and M. Appell, rector of the University of Paris came to bring to the pupils of the great Catholic school the homage of the State. The French Academy was represented by Msgr. Baudrillard, who was at one time a professor in the college.

The glorious list of martyrs of Stanislaus College is the longest of any educational institution in Paris. At the head of the list is the name of Captain Georges Guynemer, the famous aviator who died at the age of twenty-three after an unrivaled career, and to whom a national tribute was paid only a few days ago at the Pantheon where M. Poincare proclaimed that he was "the symbol of the aspirations and enthusiasm of the army of the nation."

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SCHOOLEY.—On Tuesday, May 23rd, 1922, at the home of her son, Charles Schooley, 450 Driscoll Terrace, Peterborough, Ont., Julia Schooley, widow of the late Wm. Schooley, La Salette, Ont. May her soul rest in peace.

MARRIAGE

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