

ST. BONIFACE

GERMAN BISHOPS UNITE TO DO HONOR TO GREAT APOSTLE

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine (Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

The German bishops are arranging for a great jubilee in honor of Saint Boniface, the illustrious apostle of Germany, to whom nearly all the West and Central parts of the country are indebted for their Catholicity.

Cardinal Schulte, Archbishop of Cologne, has published a pastoral letter inviting all to take part in the jubilee celebration.

"The day is near," he says, "when 1200 years will have passed since the great Apostle of Germany cut the Donar oak—that holy tree of the god Donar at Geismar in Hesse—and built from its wood a chapel to Saint Peter which the heathens did not dare touch for fear of their own god.

"To celebrate that day in this year with festivity and gratitude is a holy duty for all German Catholics.

SPECIAL SERMONS ON SAINT

The Cardinal has ordered that on Trinity Day in all the churches sermons be preached in honor of Saint Boniface and collections taken up to assist poor parishes.

But before that, under the Roman rule, Christians had been persecuted in the Rhineland, Bavaria and Alemania, and the Thebaic Legion had fallen gloriously as martyrs.

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It was not until about this time that there came from England the Saxon monk Winfrid, who was to become the benefactor of Germany and to take his name in history—Boniface—from that fact. He was indefatigable. He preached everywhere, and the harder the task the more eager he was for it.

Boniface and his faithful friends died as martyrs at Bokkum, in Holland. The saint's body was brought to Fulda, and it is there at his tomb that the German bishops have their conferences every year.

WHERE PAGANISM LINGERED

In the Eastern parts of Germany, paganism still reigned several centuries, and it took kings and emperors, popes and bishops and innumerable monks to complete the conquest for the Faith.

But despite the fact that the Rhineland had been Christian centuries before he came, and that there still remained many years of hard toil to complete his task after his death, Boniface left a great impression by the vast work he accomplished and the foundations he laid for the eventual full evangelization of Germany.

CATHOLICISM AND OCCULTISM

By Dr. Frederick Punder (Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

Under the designation "Catholicism as Satisfaction of Our Days," a number of Vienna Catholic university men lately arranged for a week of lectures during which prominent Catholic statesmen and men of science appeared as lecturers.

Of the eloquent and scholarly speeches, which met with respectful admiration in liberal circles, as well as from Catholics, the lecture on occultism and the occult tendencies of our days by the Bueron scholar, Father Alois Mager, O. S. B., probably caused most comment.

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With regard to the occult phenomena, the learned Benedictine explained, there are nowadays two parties with strictly opposing views: the one can see in occultism nothing but fraud and deception, the other, however, simply accepts everything as facts and manifestations from the other world.

"Considering the experiments I could make personally in this domain," he asserted, "I dare to stand by the opinion that, although nowhere are the doors so widely open to fraud and deception as in matters of occultism, still there are appearances which are facts. This is my firm scientific conviction!

TWO EXPLANATIONS OF PHENOMENA

firmly during his researches that everything that had been uttered in spiritistic meetings had its origin in the consciousness or subconsciousness of a living man and that there is also a possibility of transmitting thoughts to a medium.

But if it is like that, the Bearon scholar declared, then occultism and spiritism do not bring man into contact with some other world but only with the world of ideas of living and cooperating men.

CLAIRVOYANCE LEADS TO NEURASTHENIA

And the same is also the case with the clairvoyance of anthroposophy, Father Mager declared. As experience shows, such anthroposophic exercises of clairvoyance lead as a rule to nervous breakdown.

DISCUSSES PHENOMENA

On a basis of the events he observed at these gatherings, the scholar says: "At every sitting, we could observe extensively those characteristic, sometimes simply amazing, knocking sounds, which undoubtedly are produced by intelligence, or, better, have to do with intelligent substance.

REPORT ATTRACTS WIDE ATTENTION

Dr. Ude's preliminary report has attracted wide attention, particularly since there has been an enormous spread of occultism in Austria.

SPIRITISM STUDIED BY PRIEST-SCIENTIST

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT BEGUN BY PROFESSOR OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

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One of the most intensely interesting experiments in the occult—a subject which just now is rousing passionate discussion in this country—has been begun at Graz, Austria.

SAINTS

"We may say with truth," says the author of Golden Rules, "that the saints, one and all, were distinguished for their exquisite refinement, obesity any mildness, no matter whether they earned heaven in a kitchen, like St. Zita, or graced a throne, like St. Margaret of Scotland; whether they sprang from the most degraded class, like St. Margaret, the penitent of Cortona, or stained the Baptismal robes with martyr's blood, like the gentle child, St. Agnes; whether bred at the plough, like St. Vincent, or in a feudal castle, like the sweet saint of Geneva, St. Francis de Sales; whether they passed their lives in the desert, like the first hermit, or exchanged the swag of a cavalier for the sword of the spirit, like the brave soldier of Loyola; whether they begged their bread, like St. Labre, or wielded a sceptre like the last of the Crusade kings—whether, in fine, they offered fair children to martyrdom, like St. Felicitas, or had served God in the cloister, like St. Teresa.

those who have unmasked numerous fraudulent mediums, and by quite a large group which defends it.

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