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DISCUSSES PHENOMENA

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"But the manner in which the

experiments were conducted seems

thing remains to be reemphasized : Truth can be served only if research

desire for sensationalism.

and establish the truth.

SAINTS

"We may say with truth," says the author of Golden Rules, "that the saints, one and all, were dis-

tinguished for their exquisite re-finement, charity and mildness, no

finement, charity and mildness, no matter whether they earned heaven in a kitchen, like St. Zita, or graced a throne, like St. Margaret of Scot-land; 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

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

the desert, like the first hermit, or exchanged the sword 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,

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#### ST. BONIFACE

GERMAN BISHOPS UNITE TO DO HONOR TO GREAT APOSTLE By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine ndent, N. C. W. C.) ogne Corresp

The German bishops are arranging for a great jubilee in honor of Saint Boniface, the illustrious apostle of olicity. For it was the great Eng-lish monk who brought Christianity to those territories and organized Cardinal Schulte, Archbishop of used everywhere.

Cologne, has published a pastoral

since the great Apostle of Germany cut the Donar oak—that holy tree

of the god Donar at Geisman in Hesse—and built from its wood a hesse—and built from its wood a chapel to Saint Peter which the heathens did not dare touch for fear of their own god. With that action, Boniface opened a new era for the tribes of Central Germany which were still heathen. ""The Bastern Parts of Germany, Boniface opened a new in the were still heathen. ""The Bastern Parts of Germany, Boniface opened a new in the tribes of Central Germany which were still heathen. ""The Bastern Parts of Germany, Boniface opened a new in the tribes of Central Germany which were still heathen. ""The Bastern Parts of Germany, Boniface opened a new in the tribes of Central Germany which were still heathen. ""The Bastern Parts of Germany, ""The Bastern Parts of Ger

a holy duty for an derinan carden lics. "The year 1924 brings us also the seventy-fifth anniversary of that glorious day when the St. Boniface verein was founded. That organiz-ation, bearing the name of the great Apostle of the Germans, the work-bring the instance of the great ation, bearing the instance of the great Apostle of the Germans, the work-bring the instance of the great Apostle of the Germans, the work-bring the instance of the great ation bearing the name of the great Apostle of the Germans, the work-bring the instance of the great ation bearing the name of the great ation bear at a tion Apostle of the Germans, the work-ing in his spirit, will bring help to those German Christian fellow-countrymen who have been separ-ated from the sources of the Faith."

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. Public meetings and festivities will be held in the autumn to honor the saint, since all Germans enthuse over the life and deeds of Boniface.

Saint Boniface, while he is revered by all Germany as its special apostle, was more particularly the saint of West and Central Germany. In the Rhineland, Christianity took root as early as the time of the Apostles. It was about fifty years after the birth of Christ when missionaries came into that region and worked in the districts of Cologne and Bonn. The first Cologne and Bonn. The first bishops of Cologne, Trier, Mainz and other Rhenish towns are said to have been disciples of the Apostles themselves. Roman merchants and soldiers also imported Christianity into the castles and towns where the Roman legions were stationed, Linus Bopp of Freiburg and Pro-and these Roman Christians in fessor Dr. Hans Eibl of Vienna Germany held Mass secretly in University. private houses or small chapels.

Organization followed rapidly, and there were many parishes in the Rhineland in the second and third centuries. Persecution at the time of the emigration of the peoples, however, destroyed Chris-tian villages and churches. It was the Franks especially who were the persecutors, until Clovis, their king, with the chiefs of the Franks and Alemans, embraced Christianity and was baptized at Rheims by St.

Remigius. FIRST PERSECUTIONS

But before that,

It was not until about this time that there came from England the Saxon monk Winfried, who was to become the benefactor of Germany in the consciousness or sub-con-in the consciousness or sub-con-

Boniface, the illustrious aposite the Germany, to whom nearly all the West and Central parts of the country are indebted for their Cath-the great Eng-rics; he held synods. He did what h monk who brought Christianity those territories and organized in it seemed was humanly, impossible to spread Christianity. He brought m into bishoprics that their faith ization from the Pope, which he

Boniface and his faithful friends letter inviting all to take part in the jubilee celebration. "The day is near," he says, "when 1200 years will have passed his tomb that the German bishops

#### WHERE PAGANISM LINGERED

In the Eastern parts of Germany, were still heathen. "To celebrate that day in this year with festivity and gratitude is a holy duty for all German Catho-lics. Wilheim IV. of Stiller, the most powerful prince of the Rhineland, in 1272 marched his Rhenish sol-diers to Koenigsberg, in East Prussia, and won great victory over

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 evangel ization of Germany. He is rightly to be honored as the Apostle of Germany.

#### CATHOLICISM AND OCCULTISM

By Dr. Frederick Funder

(Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C.) Under the designation "Catholicism as Satisfaction of Our Days,' a number of Vienna Catholic uni versity men lately arranged for a cism is the only possible satisfacweek of lectures during which prominent Catholic statesmen and men of science appeared as days. turers; among them the Federal Chancellor Dr. Seipel, the former Hungarian minister Count Albert Apponyi, Father Peter Lippert, S. J., from Munich, Professor Dr.

The gatherings, which took place at the former Imperial palace, the "Hofburg," in Vienna, were designed to show that it is the Catholic Church alone which can answer the many enigmatic problems laid before mankind in the 20th century,

and offer satisfaction to the longings and dreams of modern human beings. PRIEST DISCUSSES OCCULTISM

Of the eloquent and scholarly speeches, which met with respectful admiration in liberal circles, as well as from Catholics, the lecture

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

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. He preached the Gospel among the Dutch, the Frisonians, in the Rhineland, in Hesse. In Thurinzia scholar declared, then occultism and spiritism do not bring man into contact with some other world but only with the world of ideas of only with the world of ideas of living and cooperating men. Thus spiritism cannot be allowed to pre-less of whether research turns out battle. tend that it is able to connect us with extramundane spiritual beings. Purely spiritual beings have a much istic phenomena prove to be genu-ine, we shall have to accept and to Excellent hotel accommo more comprehensive and deeper knowledge of all things and of the relationship of the universe, of the destination and goal of mankind: they would have to convey us new

notions. But spiritism did not bring in an objective way. "The observations described as us a single new notion and what it has to reveal to us is frequently so ridiculous and trivial that those ghosts, if they should exist at all, would be far inferior to normal mediumistic phenomena can be con-firmed only by exact experimental research and critical observation. By this method alone shall we be in human beings. The mediumistic state does not signify an intellectual a position either to recognize these

and cultural elevation of man but is a state of morbidity which, to a inferiority or conducing to it. It destroys health and spoils the char-arter. And therefore the Catholica stream or deception—that is, to arter the man stream of the catholica stream of the catholica stream of the stream of t acter. hygienics when forbidding spiritism simple and convenient, but cerand occultism.

CLAIRVOYANCE LEADS TO NEURASTHENIA

And the same is also the case with attending several sittings with a the clairvoyance of anthroposophy, Father Mager declared. As experi-One of these sittings took place in rule to nervous breakdown. The

anthroposophic clairvoyance is not apt to convey notions which we present. could not obtain in a normal way The whole building of anthroposo phic teachings consists of Indian, Gnostic and modern scientific elements jumbled up to a curious entirety. Why should we wish to entirety. accept and develop a new comprenension which does not convey new For all those reasons the notions?

Catholic Church declines occultism and anthroposophy. Both are symptoms of the decay of the spiritual life of the present times. The question is whether the Catholic Church simply declines the occultistic and anthroposophical movements without being able to offer herself satisfaction to the longings of mankind? No, Cathol- "Here I should like to a

tion to the deepest longings of our It is founded upon two fundamental facts which are comprehensible in the pure light of reason : upon the existence of a personal God and upon the existence of immortal personified human souls.

And if it is proved that there exist such purely spiritual entities, then it is also proved that the next world exists, but the next world is nothing but the actual existence of purely spiritual entities. And with those there is possibility of com-munication. So far the Catholic Church takes the same view as the supporters of occultism. But Catholic faith is in frictionless harmony with scientific thinking, whereas occultism and anthroposophy are

GOD'S OWN REVELATIONS TO MAN God has speken to us through the Prophets. The Holy Ghost spoke directly through them. Here we have in reality a revelation from

WHERE BIG FISH PLAY For followers of rod and reel

"I start with the assumption that ither the psychologist nor the atholic dogmatist need shrink from These who experiment and three sons to "I start with the assumption that neither the psychologist nor the Catholic dogmatist need shrink from the problem of mediumism," he says. "On the contrary, I maintain that it is exactly the psychologist the largest lake of the chain the Catholic dogmatist need shrink from the problem of mediumism," he the sport to be had revisit these lakes year after year. Big Rideau, that it is exactly the psychologist the largest lake of the chain the contrary, I maintain the largest lake of the chain the contrary i no the contrary is the largest lake of the chain the largest lake th that it is exactly the psychologist the largest lake of the chain and the Catholic dogmatist who abounds with gray trout and black

this way or that, they have nothing to fear for their own scientific results. If the so-called medium-Clear Lake are plentifully inhabited

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explain them in a scientific manner, at the same time making them agree with the scientific psycho-logical results already established in an objective way. Hay be had at various points in the district. Illustrated literature and full particulars may be obtained from any Canadian National Railways Agent.

OBITUARY

### MRS. BERNARD ROONEY

destroys health and spoils the char-destroys health and spoils the char-acter. And therefore the Catholic Church took a measure of spiritual or deceived from the beginning—is plot in the R. C. Cemetery. Solemn Requiem High Mass was chanted by Rev. J. A. Rooney, her son, assisted by Rev. T. J. McCarthy as deagon, Rev. J. B. Neville as subdeagon, Rev. A. O'Donnell as master of Assuming this attitude, Dr. Ude took up his personal study of the ceremonies. The other clergymen who assisted were Monsignor P. J. McKeon, Mgr. J. T. Aylward, Dean McManus, Revs. T. Connell, A. McNab, F. X. Laurendeau, J. A. Andrewjeski, D. Brisson, M. Brisson, L. Forristal, P. Mahoney, H. Pocock, J. G. Labell, M. O'Neil, J. P. On a basis of the events he ob-Gleason, T. Corcoran, J. Jordan, and

J. Gerard. served at these gatherings, the The late Mrs. Rooney died as she lived, in the bosom of the Church "At every sitting, we could received the last rites of the Church, observe extensively those characterwas conscious to the end and accepted her death as a Christian sometimes simply amazing, knocking sounds, which undoubtedshould, bowing to the will of her Maker meekly and with resignation. ly are produced by intelligence, or, better, have to do with intelligent A faithful wife, a kind mother and a good neighbor. Her religious and substance. And we could further observe that the medium was in floral offerings were many. She leaves to mourn her loss her hus-The so-called 'contacts' on arms and feet, difficult to explain but wholly on arms and hand, five sons and one daughter, Rev. J. A. Rooney, of Windsor; George of Toronto; Bernard of Oklohoma; Harold of Windsor; devoid of fraud or conjurer's tricks, I was able to confirm myself, and to Joseph and Mrs. James Summers of "Here I should like to say that I Sarnia ; and four brothers, and one sister, John, Thomas, Michael, Peter, do not possess any disposition toward hysteria or lack of willpower. On the contrary, it is just and Mrs. J. Cronin, all of Sarnia Her pal-bearers were six nephews, because I am neither hysterical nor lacking in will-power that I am in-J. J., J. P., J. F., T. A., Joseph and Clair Langan. Kind reader say a clined to be skeptical about these prayer for the repose of her soul

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have made about the phenomena will be borne out, further research Bays is truly edged with a thousand will show. "But all that we have observed interesting bays each with its own so far has nothing to do with what is commonly called spiritism. It

and exploration. seems to me no longer doubtful For those who prefer sport the

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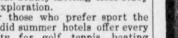
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under the on occultism and the occult tend-Roman rule, Christians had been persecuted in the Rhineland, Bavaria and Alemania, and the Thebaic Legion had fallen gloriously Thebaic Legion had fallen gloriously as martyrs. Later, at Cologne, Mainz, Xanten, Bonn and other towns, churches were built in honor of these martyrs. The Basilica of St. Gereon, in Cologne, is the most imposing and interesting of these venerable edifices. Thus, it can be easid that in the

venerable edifices. Thus it can be said that in the fourth and fifth centuries, the whole district near the Rhine had parish organization had been intro-duced everywhere. Monks came With regard to the occult phe-With regard to the occult phe-With regard to the occult phe-With regard to the occult phe-

from England, Scotland, Ireland and France to make the Gospel known in those districts more removed from the Roman civilizanomenons, the learned Benedictine explained, there are nowadays two parties with strictly opposing views : the one can see in occultism tion and commerce with Roman Christians. Local tradition in many nothing but fraud and deception, the others, however, simply accept places still preserves the memory of those early apostles. everything as facts and manifesta tions from the other world. The



have in reality a revelation from the other spiritual world. And how careful the Church was in watching that no false Prophets should steal in. A greater and more positive proof of whether the never been given than through Catholicism. Besides the Catholic Church is the only sphere within which the mystic vision of God has developed to perfection. The Cath-

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT BEGUN BY PROFESSOR OF

> CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY By Dr. Frederick Funder (Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

One of the most intensely inter-

theory of declaring everything as fraud mainly depends on the un-masking of mediums; and because passionate discussion in this country masking of mediums; and because some of them were deceiving all are regarded as swindlers. The un-masking of mediums, he said, has masking of mediums, he said, he s

"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. Austrian scientific world. Second, matters of occultism, still there are appearances which are facts. This is my firm scientific convic-Dr. Ude, approaching the subject from a thoroughly scientific stand-point, has reported, after the first group of sittings, that he has

TWO EXPLANATIONS OF PHENOMENA

"There are two ways to explain witnessed extraordinary phenomena which he believes were not prothe occult phenomena : the spiritistic and the animistic theory. The duced by fraud or conjurer's tricks and which he believes partook of former explains the occult appear-ances from the actions of ultraand which he believes partook of psychical powers. He is continuing his experiments, and expects to re-port later whether he has discov-ered any explanation of these hapmundane circles and regards the phenomena as manifestations of ghosts of some other world, whereas animistic" theory holds the view penings.

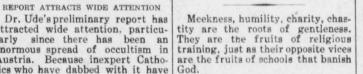
that the occult appearances are to be explained from powers which lie DR. UDE EXPLAINS HIS PURPOSE Dr. Ude assumes a wholly sciendormant in the human mind and

dormant in the human mind and become active only in a state of 'trance.'" Father Mager declares himself for the ''animistic theory," for again and again he found it con-

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