SECTS PROSELYTING CATHOLIC EUROPE

METHODIST AND ADVENTIST ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRIA

By Dr. Frederick Funder good Samaritans who are doing a noble work of relief upon the economic battlefields of Europe there are sowers of cockle. The people of Austria have a lasting and grateful remembrance of the generous assistance given to them by the American Mission, but now they are having a painful experi-ence with certain sectarians who apparently hope to reap a harvest of "converts" at a time when many are forgetting, in the needs of the body, the welfare of their

Those who have been apprehensive that the leaders of the differ-ent American sects would not interest themselves in Central Europe for nothing, but on the contrary would seek advantage from the distress of the people were by no means wrong. A wide-spread activity on the part of these American proselyters is noticeable just now in all the larger towns of Austria and in different parts of

This propaganda is all the more rious in Austria because the people of this country until now have had acquaintance with but four Christian creeds besides the Catholic faith. Large sections of population, therefore, are unfamiliar with these sects, as they are also ignorant of their methods, their teachings and their true aims. It is evident that under these circumstances many may be easily

SECTS WHICH ARE MOST ACTIVE

studied the various symptoms which indicate the extensive activity of particular American sects and give: nerewith the result of his observa-

It is chiefly the Methodists and the Adventists that are conducting this propaganda in the cities and towns of Austria—often under the guise of charitable effort in behalf of the stricken people of the country. Numerous 'missions have been established by the Methodists in Vienna, St. Poelten, Graz, Steyr and Linz, where they are attempting their proselytism by means of lectures. These lectures are of a lectures are of a lectures and omit even Numerous general character and omit even the name Methodist. There is also an absence in them of any offensive remarks concerning the Catholic Church and her doctrines, the pur-pose being, apparently, to propa-ent in the sanctuary. The bearers gate a vague Christianity devoid of

dogma or sacraments. ianism, such as the itinerant preacher, Moeller, of Wuerttemberg, appear at these religious meetings, which angles are religious meetings, which appears are religious meetings. berg, appear at these meetings, which customarily are held in the evening. Occasionally, also, the "Bishop," Dr. Nielsen, of Vienna, attends. This propaganda is being waged especially among the working classes. In Favoriten, the district where the live, the church of St. Bonaventure, and interment took place in the convent interment took place in the convent interment took place in the convent together on Sundays and taking them to a "divine service with To Sister's father (her mother to her heath, Catholic church, seem greatly pleased when their little ones bring home money and foodstuffs from the Methodist.

ADVENTISTS HAVE LARGE FUNDS

Much more vehement and hostile are the tactics of the Adventists. Wilhelm Schefer, one of the most industrious of the Adventist preachers, triumphantly declared at Graz:
"The American General Synod has
allowed \$5,000,000 for the year 1921 to be spent on 'mission work' in Austria and Germany. With this money two new training schools were founded in Germany.'

The Adventists claim 20,000 adherents in Germany, but it is characteristic of the spirit enimeting this.

teristic of the spirit animating this small sect that it has raised 15,000,-000 marks for its propaganda among the German people. This was done by taking tithes among its relatively few members.

Colporters are carrying Adventist pamphlets and religious tracts into the remotest valleys of the Alps. Young folk receive training as preachers and pay for it by doing this work. They go from one Alpine valley or Austrian village to another knocking at the door of every farm house or workman's hut. In places where they fear being ordered away, they represent their literature as Catholic and intended to enlighten the people. A special publishing house has been founded in Vienna. (V. Brauhausgasse 40) where their books and writings are being printed.

writings are being printed.
Quite astonishing masses of printed matter leave this establishment. It issues the Sentinel of Zion, which circulates also in Germany to a considerable extent. With aggressive methods the Adventists are trying to gain followers by openly attacking the Catholic Church. In this connection their preachers say that they are now free to conduct a propaganda for their religion in Austria and that the law puts no obstacle in their way.

STUDENTS ARE ALIENATED Propagandists of the sects are busy among the students of the universities. One of the latest of the agencies for promoting this

the agencies for promoting this there were present in the sanctuary,

Christianity without church or dogma is the Christocrat Students' Association. A series of lectures was given under the auspices of this organization in the University of Vienna a few months ago. This was the first public manifestation of the club. Upon its invitations to Vienna, July 27 .- Along with the these lectures was this announce-

ment The Christocrat Students' Association is not a confessional body, but an independent confraternity open to all students who are convinced of the eternal value of religious life, independently of all dogmas of the Church. We conceive Christ not in the spirit of dogmatic theology or in some other. dogmatic theology or in some other traditional aspect; nor is the association a sect or a teacher of

This propaganda among the students is identified with economic relief and it is one of its arguments that large means have been supplied by the "World's League of Christoby the crats."

OBITUARY

SISTER MARY JOHN, O. S. F.

years, twelve of which were passed at St. Elizabeth's Convent, Alleghany, and the last three in the convent of the Church of Our Lady of Heart of Our Lord. correspondent of the Perpetual Help, this city. She was the excellent teacher of the eighth grade in the parochial school and will be greatly missed by the pupils. Sister Mary John's serious illness lasted three months, and it is needthose tired, patient eyes as they closed on this earth to gaze forever on her Heavenly Spouse, to whom she dedicated herself in earliest

morning. Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. Dr. Thomas

McCarthy and Edmund Duggan.

The burial took place on Wednesday morning from St. Elizabeth's Convent, Alleghany. A Low Mass was celebrated Wednesday morning in St. Flijabeth's Convent should be seen to be seen

Socialist parents, who died only a year ago, to her broth-ly would protest against

MRS. MARTHA C. HIGGINS

A most representative gathering of the religious and laity, Catholics and non-Catholics, met in Providence Chapel Thursday morning at 10 o'clock to attend the funeral of Mrs. Martha C. Higgins, honor president and moving spirit of the House of Providence auxiliary, whose death at the advandced age of eighty-eight years occurred Monday evening in her home, 208 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit. It seemed fitting that in this beautiful chapel should be held the last rites over one who for years and years had labored in the interests of the least of Providence, and that the least rites of the first meeting of Catholic professional men for Christian Art, which was held in Wurtzbourg, the which was held in Wurtzbourg, the support of Providence, and that the

At 10 o'clock the Mass at the central altar was said by the Rev. Patrick Burke, S. J., of SS. Peter and Paul's Jesuit Church, while the and Paul's Jesuit Church, while the
Rev. Father Slattery of St. Joseph's
retreat, Dearborn, and the Rev.
Francis Hewlett, pastor of St.
Charles' Church, Detroit, read
Masses at St. Vincent's and Sacred
Heart altars, respectively. Besides
the large representation of Sisters
of Charity from Providence, St,
Mary's Hospital, St. Vincent's
Orphanage and St. Joseph's Retreat,
there were large numbers of the

the Rev. Alonzo H. B. Nacy, of St. Paul's Church, Grosse Pointe; the Rev. Father Sullivan, S. J.; the Rev. James Stapleton, of Visitation the Rev. Alonzo H. B. Nacy, of St.
Paul's Church, Grosse Pointe; the
Rev. Father Sullivan, S. J.; the
Rev. James Stapleton, of Visitation
parish, the Rev. Father Trizisky, of
Holy Rosary.

The Requiem High Mass was
sung by a selected choir, — personal
friends of the decreased and

A Burns, and Ray Oberlisen, with Mrs. T. J. Kennedy at the organ.

The active pallbearers included William J. Kennedy, Everett Pingree, J. Henry Porter, James E. Canfield, Martin Moore and W. J.

son Frank, her daughters Agnes lowers? and Mrs. J.S. McCann, all of Detroit, "There exist, certainly, some her husband having predeceased her some years ago. Two daughters, Miss Minnie and Miss Gertrude, entered the religious life, the latter in the Convent of the Sacred Heart; both these religious passed to their tetarnal home a few years ago. The Died in Buffalo, Aug. 28th, Sister Mary John, O. S. F., (Coughlan), daughter of John Coughlan and the late Margaret Doherty Coughlan, sister of Sister M. St. George of the Ursuline Monastery, Quebec, Sister Mary Carmita of the St. Elizabeth Convent, Alleghany, Timothy and Gertrude Coughlan, Hastings, Ont., John Coughlan, of Calgary, Alta., Mrs. Chas. Black of Campbellford, Ont., and Mrs. S. J. Lamey of Bellevie, Alta. eternal home a few years ago. The sincere and loving sympathy of many friends has been poured out to those who remain to mourn the loss of who remain to mourn the loss of whom the state of the state o of the Franciscan Order for fifteen helpless, cannot but give them olation, give them every hope that long ere this a worthy mother has found refuge in the Sacred

ARTHUR MCCARDLE

Arthur McArdle of Detroit Mich. for thirty years one of the best known telegraphers in the United States, was run down and killed in less to say that it was borne in the true Franciscan spirit. Death surely was a release from great suffering and heaven opened on the streets of that City by a motor-cycle on August 11th. Interment was at Windsor, Ont., on ment was at Windsor, Ont., on August 13th, where hundreds of Detroit Telegraphers as well as operators from New York and Washington, attended.

Mr. McArdle was bornin Windsor, Ont., October 30th, 1869. He

Ont., October 30th, 1859. He learned Telegraphy in 1894.
In telegraph circles in most of the larger cities of the country, the name of "Artie" McCardle will be recalled as one of the brilliant telegraphers, a delightful companion and a valued friend. In Peel and Rev. Patrick Manion. Father Andrew, O. F. M., was present in the sanctuary. The bearers were six young boys, former pupils of Sister Mary John—John Richards, Joseph Dray, Vincent Meighan, James Dalton, James McCarthy and Edmund Duggan.

The burial took place on Wednes—The burial took place on Wednes—The main office until eighteen months ago, when he resigned to McDonell, ago May his soul rong anion, and a valued friend. In the field of commercial, press, broker, and racing telegraphy, he attained the foremost ranks. He returned to the Western Union Telegraph Company's Service in Detroit in 1908 and was Supervisor in the main office until eighteen months ago, when he resigned to Since March. months ago, when he resigned to enter the brokerage business.

Mr. McArdle is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Mary Kelly, and Mrs. T. P. Sullivan of Detroit, and Sister Daniel of St. Mary's Convent, Windsor, Ont., and two brothers, Hugh of St. Louis, and John, forthe working classes. In Favoriten, which is the district where the poorest people of Vienna live, women are gathering the children women are gathering that children and taking the housest people of the bosons. nected with the wire forces of the

A REVERENTIAL TESTIMONIAL

By Dr. Frederick Funder

Vienna.—Ever anew attempts are made to charge the Catholic Church with being averse to enlighten-ment and hostile to culture. It may therefore be of value to quote an opinion of a Berlin Protestant clergyman, published lately in the liberal Protestant weekly, The Christian World, on the merits of the Catholic Church with respect to Christian Art. It is a reverential

House of Providence, and that the Sisters of Charity, for whom she had such a loyal admiration, should continues: "We are drawing comform a large part of those who sincerely mourned her leave-takadequate mode of acting we—on our Evangelical side—are putting forward to this sacred cause of Christian Art, a matter that can not be taken too seriously. When and where do we find Protestants out of all parts of the realm assembling for a counsel held in common, for setting to work on a practical and earnest scale to solve the necessary problems of Christian Art? When and where do we have an organiza-tion for Christian art to the meet-ing of which our Established Church would send its representatives?

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"How very differently the Catholic Church—being in fetters, yet ever so free—knows how to avail itself of the signs of the time in order to adapt itself to life! We know the Catholic Church to have even taken up Christian Art, and it may proudly apply to itself the beautiful saying of Cardinal Fisher's, in 1912, cited at the Wurtzbourg Meeting: "Sacred Art is a regal cloak, robed in which the Church steps through continue." centuries.

"The Catholic Church may testify with deep satisfaction to have ever cultivated Christian Art, its tendency and its glory—you must admit this, whether you be willing to or

not-and, therewith, to have worked

Holy Rosary.

The Requiem High Mass was sung by a selected choir, — personal friends of the deceased, and included Mrs. A. I. Marentette, Mrs. George Bowen, Mrs. William R. Gregory, Mrs. J. W, Rochford, Mrs. E. L. Chevillot, Mrs. William R. Gregory, Mrs. J. W, Rochford, Mrs. E. L. Chevillot, Mrs. William R. Gregory, Mrs. J. W, Rochford, Mrs. E. L. Chevillot, Mrs. William R. Gregory, Mrs. J. W, Rochford, Mrs. William R. Gregory, Mrs. anything to say about Christian Art? Is it not for this church too? Does the Evangelical Church not have a foreboding of how many thousand hopeful young artists—tired of burnt-out materialism and impressionism, their souls Canfield, Martin Moore and W. J.
Nagel, while the honorary were
Charles Palms, Frank P. Byrne, Dr.
C. G. Jennings, Dr. H. Wellington
Yates, William A. Ross, Harry
Paxton, Louis Kamper, Joseph A.
Roe, William C. Crowley, Dennis B.
Hayes, Dr. F. J. W. Maguire, and
Charles F. Collins.

Mrs. Higgins is survived by her
son Frank her daughters Agnes

to the rearguard and are exposed to be ridden over.

The publisher of the Protestant periodical in question supplements this essay with approving remarks.

CATHOLIC ART TREASURE It is indeed highly gratifying that the after-effects of war were unable to damage Catholic art life. A general selling-off of works of art in the needy States of Europe has in the needy states of Europe less begun and valuable art treasures are being dispersed to the four points of the globe—mostly acquired by the new rich—but Catholic Churches are remaining inviolable treasuries of Catholic

worldly revolutions.

The Wurtzbourg meeting is to be followed up by this year's Cologne Meeting for Christian Art on September 26-28. At this meeting the effort for Christian cultivation will be continued.

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McDonell.—At Apple Hill, Ont., August 23, 1921, Donald Archie McDonell, aged eighty-seven years. May his soul rest in peace.

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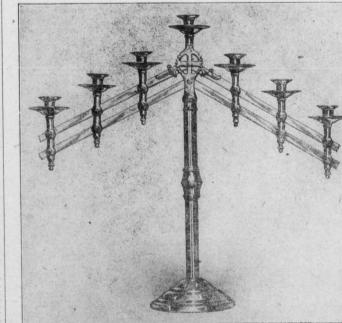
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