

GREAT NIGHT SCHOOL WHERE THOUSANDS SUPPLY DEFECTS IN EDUCATION

Twelve years ago the Young Men's Catholic Association of Boston instituted evening classes in a few subjects for the benefit of its own members. Sixty-five persons enrolled. This winter the Young Men's Catholic Association night school, open to men and women regardless of race, creed or color, is believed to be the largest evening school in America. Certainly it is one of the largest.

From 65 students, the school has grown to a registration of 2,500. Five nights a week the classrooms of the Boston College High School are jammed to capacity. Students come from more than 100 cities and towns in three States, some traveling from places nearly 50 miles away to attend classes.

The remarkable growth of the school has attracted attention throughout the country. Inquiries about its methods are received from educators and educational institutions in many States. Yet there is no secret to it. "Sound instruction by recognized experts" has been the rule followed from the beginning. Frills and fads have been cut out. Common sense instruction by the true and tried pedagogical methods, instruction upwards from a solidly-laid base have produced the results.

CHIEF AIM OF SCHOOL The chief aim of the school is to increase the earning capacity of its students in the shortest possible time. It teaches bookkeeping, or shorthand and typewriting so thoroughly and efficiently that its students are able to go out and accept positions after a single term of instruction.

But its evening classes (started at the suggestion of Rev. Thomas I. Gasson, S. J., then at the head of the college, and now of the faculty at Georgetown University) have no corporate or directional connection with the college. Occasionally the college faculty is drawn upon for instructors. Most of them, however, are recruited from the staff of Boston's leading public and private secular educational institutions.

Cardinal O'Connell has shown a great interest in the work of the Catholic Association's evening classes and has taken the work under his special patronage.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME The nineteenth annual pilgrimage to Rome, Lourdes and Oberammergau under the skilful management of Jules Hone, of Montreal, will leave Montreal on the "Canada" of the White Star line on Thursday, May 4th, to arrive at Cherbourg, May 12th, and depart immediately for Paris. From the capital the party will leave for Lourdes by Bordeaux, thence to Nimes, Marseilles, along the Riviera to Genoa, and finally to Rome. The Eucharistic Congress will be held there on May 24th to 29th, and the pilgrims will have a chance to attend. They will also visit Naples, Florence, Venice, Munich and Oberammergau, thence north to Cologne and back to Paris, London and Liverpool. The travellers will reach Montreal July 15th. First class hotels, sight-seeing excursions, tickets, baggage and other incidentals included for \$50. The tour is under the auspices of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, but is for gentlemen as well as ladies and priests.

OBITUARY MRS. MARY MULLIN Mrs. Mary Mullin, one of the best known and highly respected residents of South Algona, passed peacefully away on March 9th at the home of her son, Thos. D. Mullin, after a rather protracted illness borne with Christian resignation and piety. The deceased, who was the relict of the late Martin Mullin, had attained her ninety-seventh year.

A man of thirty, a gifted mechanic and automobile repairer, was promised a position as superintendent if he would fit himself to do the required clerical work. He had had very little schooling, but entered the Association's evening class and at the end of a season was given the promised position.

There are hundreds of just such cases as the foregoing. Every year men and women come to the association, rather timidly, to say that they have had only two or three years of schooling. They wonder if the association will "bother with the likes of them." Those are just the ones that are wanted. Personal interest is taken in their cases—a personal interest such as can be obtained in few educational institutions.

In contrast with these early-grade lessons are the wonderful classes on philosophy, social service, civil government, governmental finances and municipal and constitutional and advanced groups in Latin and higher mathematics.

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Success in civil service If you want an idea of results, note this: A few years ago a civil service examination for post office employees was held in Boston, in which 3,000 participated. When the results were announced, it was found that 43 of the 100 leaders were students in the school's civil service course.

So many graduates of the school obtained public jobs that the Catholic Association's instructors were charged with being in collusion with the examiners. And a former postmaster of Boston used to call his force of clerks the "Young Men's Catholic Association alumni."

In a recent State examination for an executive position under civil service, five out of the first seven on the list were graduates of one of the Catholic Association school courses. And in another examination for a similar place, graduates of the school captured 42 places out of the first 50.

One of the most popular classes is the three-year course in accounting. It is claimed that no finer course of instruction in this subject is to be obtained at any price. The authorities at the school tell of instances by the dozen in which men have benefited themselves by putting in a few hours a week at this work.

One man was getting \$24 a week as a bookkeeper when he started the course. After three years of hard work in the night school he entered upon a series of rapid advancements in his profession. Today his salary is \$30,000 a year. Six years ago a young chap, then a \$14-a-week ledger clerk, enrolled for the course. That man is now earning more than \$6,000 a year. So it runs with all the other courses—stenography, salesmanship, advertising, languages, English, mathematics, philosophy, real estate practice—about 30 subjects in all.

And in spite of the excellence of the instruction, the tuition charges are probably two-thirds lower than those of other evening schools in this city. The highest fee charged is \$85 a term, for Cost Accounting. This includes the cost of all books and supplies. There are plenty of courses at \$5 and \$10. The school has been made self-supporting and that is all. It is not a money-maker. It has no endowments. It is run entirely on a pay-as-you-go principle.

SACRIFICES MADE FOR AN EDUCATION How far it has reached out among the people may be judged from the fact that students are here this winter from as far away as Nashua, N. H., and Providence, R. I. The students who reside in those and other distant communities have to jump a train almost as soon as they end their day's work, travel nearly 50 miles, attend classes, and return on the midnight trains. That certainly is studying under difficulties.

A few years ago the son of a postmaster in a town some 40 miles from the city enrolled for a civil service course. He had to take a train for Boston at 5 o'clock, did not get back in his home town until after midnight, and then had to walk two miles to his residence. Just before he finished the course his father died. The young man became a candidate for the postmastership, took the examination, headed the list, and was given the appointment.

Hoary-haired men and women come here and drink in the "learnin'" that has so long been denied to them. They know that there will be no "showing up" of their lack of education. There are no roll-calls. No names are mentioned. There are no compulsory recitations; no embarrassing questions. But all the plain every-day subjects are presented by skilful instructors. And by dint of much individual attention rapid progress is made by nearly all who attend the classes.

Cormac, and Rev. C. D. O'Gorman, P. P. Brudenell. After the singing of the Libera, the body was borne by six sons and reverently laid in the grave. The great concourse of people that gathered to pay their last respects to the dead, together with the large number of spiritual offerings received was proof of the esteem in which the deceased was held. R. I. P.

REQUESTS FOR CATHOLIC PAPERS AND MAGAZINES

The Catholic Truth Society of Canada will gladly receive shipments of Catholic newspapers and magazines for distribution among the missions of the Canadian Northwest. There are many settlements in that territory where a Catholic paper is practically unknown, and the Society is receiving urgent requests from the missionaries for assistance, which they are unable to furnish from their present supply. Address The Catholic Truth Society of Canada, 67 Bond St., Toronto, Ont.

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WHAT MINISTERS SHOULD DO

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Bishop Fiske of the Episcopal diocese of Central New York preaching in Boston recently, said: "A good many people have got an altogether wrong idea of what the church is for and what the clergy should do. Here in America ministers have got into the way of regarding themselves moral advisers to the community in general, always exposing corruptions, advancing reforms, spreading propaganda, or worse yet, advocating and pushing any new legislation which they hope and expect will standardize the morals of men after their own particular pattern."

"I don't believe that it is the duty of preachers to secure good law and make good cities and create international brotherhood—save indirectly. We don't know any more about public policies or social system than other men; sometimes not as much."

"We ought to be concerned about law and order and public righteousness and industrial justice, but our main business is to make good men and women. If we can get good material, then out of it we can build good government and create a right social system."

PROSPECT FOR CATHOLICISM IN NATIONALIST INDIA

G. B. Lal, in The March Catholic World It is only, I repeat, an English-speaking missionary who can achieve any results today in India. Now, there are three great English-speaking countries: Britain, Ireland and America. Of the missionaries from Britain the writer has already said all there is to be said. Ireland, it is obvious, is much occupied with herself. And yet, if there be any people who can bring the Hindus within the Catholic Church it is the Irish. And when I say "the Irish," I mean the Nationalists or Catholics. Ireland, I repeat, is not in a position at present to send any workers

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DIED O'DONNELL.—At Downeyville, Ont., on Wednesday, March 1st, Mr. Richard O'Donnell, aged seventy years. May his soul rest in peace.

HARRINGTON.—At his late residence Emily Township, on March 5, 1932, Thomas Harrington, aged fifty-three years. May his soul rest in peace.

CASCAGNETTE.—At Kincardine, Ont., on March 17, 1932, Clement Cascagnette, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cascagnette, formerly of Riverdale, Ont., aged nineteen years. May his soul rest in peace.

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