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GERMAN EMBASSY AT VATICAN

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

Dr. Eugene Klee, secretary of the German embassy at the Holy See, has been named counsellor of the embassy. He is the first Catholic ever to hold that post.

German Catholics are gratified at the appointment of Dr. Klee, particularly since the early close relations of Catholic Germany and Italy recently were recalled at the laying of the foundation stone of the Gregorian University at Rome. Members of the Faith in this country have ever had a deep reverence for the university, which lent German Catholicism great aid in an emergency.

Pope Gregory XIII., the reformer of the calendar, founded the Gregorian University, and the German College, in charge of the Jesuits, was affiliated with it. When the so-called Reformation drove the seminaries from many German dioceses, it was this college which trained many priests for the German field, when otherwise there would have been a dearth of spiritual workers.

German professors have had a leading place in the faculty of the university since the Sixteenth Century. When the Papal States were taken away, the world famed astronomer, Father Secchi, S. J., was permitted to retain his post so that his observatory might continue its valuable work.

CATHOLIC PUPILS WIN MOST PRIZES

Cleveland.—Catholic school students carried off the majority of the prizes offered in the Flag Story Contest conducted here by the Western Reserve Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. All of the sixteen prizes offered in the eleventh and twelfth grade group were won by children from Catholic schools and the winner of the first prize in the fifth and sixth grade group was also a pupil from a Catholic school. In each group the prizes were: first, \$25.00; second, \$10.00; and \$1.00 for each of the next fourteen.

Commenting on the results of the contest, the Rev. John R. Hagan, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, said:

"Our teachers have always tried to inculcate reverence for the flag and are unremitting in their effort to raise the standards of spoken and written language in our schools. No prize contest is absolutely indicative of the relative standings of different schools. However, insofar as this contest is indicative of the achievement in the teaching of patriotism and good English, the results are naturally very gratifying."

HOLY SCRIPTURE WEEK

Ottawa Citizen, March 9

The Franklin Theater was crowded almost to the last seat last evening, when the Catholic Truth Society held the first of this year's public gatherings for the discussion of the teachings of the Roman Church. Long before the time for commencing the meeting the audience crowded into the building, and when the chairman, Mr. W. L. Scott, K. C., President of the C. T. S., opened the proceedings he was faced by one of the largest and most interested audiences ever gathered together in the city on such an occasion.

His Grace, Most Rev. Joseph Medel Emdar, D. D., Archbishop of Ottawa, delivered the opening lecture, taking as his subject, The Church and the Bible. Much interest was attached to the Archbishop's lecture, on account of the fact that it was the first time His Grace had delivered a public lecture in the city. He had been heard as a preacher often, but not in the Capital on the lecture platform.

In addition to the Archbishop, Rev. Dr. John R. O'Gorman, of Cobalt, delivered the first of his series of addresses on the Bible. The meetings being held in the Franklin Theater every night this week will constitute the first Holy Scripture week ever conducted by the Catholic Truth Society, and the opening meeting was an indication of the widespread interest among men and women of all creeds in the subjects to be discussed. Representatives from other than Roman Catholic churches were scattered throughout the big audience.

His Grace's address, in the course of his fine lecture, gave a comprehensive summary of the need, nature, authority and utility of the divinely inspired Scriptures. He added that the best single document on the question was the Encyclical on Holy Scripture which Pope Leo XIII. issued to the bishops of the world in 1893. Following the footsteps of this great pontiff, the Archbishop first showed the necessity of supernatural revelation that mortals may know and reach the supernatural goal for which they were created. This revelation was in the early period of man's history only, but from the time of Moses, part of it came to be written down by men inspired by God for this purpose. Book after book was thus composed, the law, the early and later histories, the prophetic and sapiential writings, till, the century before Christ, the collection of divinely inspired books known today as the Old Testament had been completed.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was the object of the whole Old Testament, opened the minds of His apostles that they might understand the Scriptures, thus constituting these apostles and their successors, the bishops of the church, the official interpreters of Scripture. Moreover, by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, six of the apostles and two of their disciples wrote the twenty-seven books which, when gathered together, formed the New Testament and completed the canon of Scripture. The apostles, however, did not put all the teaching of Christ to writing and the authority they received from Him to preach the gospel orally, was not lessened, but helped by the composition of the New Testament. The Roman Catholic Church, he said, is therefore the organ of the unwritten revelation contained in the apostolic traditions and the interpreter of the unwritten revelation contained in her divinely inspired Scriptures. Since the Scriptures are the Word of God, since they contain no error, their utility for all who read them devoutly and understand them rightly follows as a matter of course. His Grace concluded by encouraging Bible reading of this nature.

REV. DR. J. R. O'GORMAN
The chairman, Mr. W. L. Scott, K. C., President of the Catholic Truth Society of Ottawa, after expressing the indebtedness of the society to His Grace for the wonderful insight which he had afforded those present into the mysteries of Holy Writ, introduced to the audience the speaker who will have charge of the rest of the Holy Scripture week, Rev. Dr. John R. O'Gorman, parish priest of St. Patrick's Church, Cobalt, Ontario. Dr. O'Gorman stated that the task before him this week, that of discussing the scientific questions relating to the composition, preservation and use of the Bible, was singularly facilitated by the firm foundations laid in the official utterance they had just heard from the lips of the scholarly Archbishop of Ottawa. Any one who desires to study the Bible must first know what distinguishes this Book from all others existing in the world. This characteristic quality of the Bible is its divine inspiration. For the books of Scripture were not produced by the will of man at any time but the holy men of God wrote "inspired by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1, 21). The nature, extent and proof of inspiration formed therefore the scope of his opening lecture.

When we speak of the writer of the Bible being divinely inspired, we use these words in their literal meaning. God actually enlightened his mind and moved his will, and as a result the inspired writer wrote

down all that and only that which God wanted. The Book was, therefore, composed by God and man acting together. The human author was a free instrument in the hands of the Holy Ghost, who ever remains the principal author of all the Bible. In this way an epistle of St. Paul is really the word of God and really the composition of St. Paul. We must not, however, suppose that God dictated the epistle to St. Paul as one dictates a letter to a stenographer. The effect of divine inspiration was no less effective than dictation but it was far more intimate and psychological, and it in no way dispensed the human author from the labor of composition and deprived him of his liberty. The human author wrote freely in apt words and with infallible truth God's message to man. Inspiration extended to everything in the Bible and its existence was proved by the witness of the Church.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS LETTER

FAITH IS SOLID IN PAGAN LANDS
A Chinese girl, a mere mite of ten, inspired a Missionary Bishop to confirm her. The Bishop hesitated for the child was so young, but she pleaded so ardently for the Sacrament that he commenced to question her.

"Suppose you are confirmed, and the mandarin throws you into prison and questions you about your Faith, what will you answer?"

"I shall answer, that I am a Christian, My Lord."

"But if he orders you to renounce the Gospel what will you do?"

"I shall answer, 'Never!'"

"Then if he calls in executioners and says to you, 'You will renounce or your head will be cut off, what will you reply?'"

"I shall say, 'Cut!'"

The child was confirmed.

ABANDONED CHILDREN IN EGYPT

Abandoned children, sons and daughters of the lonely streets, are now being taken care of by the tender Sister Cecile, of the Daughters of Charity. She bought a strip of ground from the government at Cairo which lies on the fringe of the vast desert, and here she has erected a monument to her zeal, solitary and alone it stands in its mission of love, a refuge to the poor, deserted waifs of the vicinity.

EVIL HAS NO POWER OVER GOD'S CHOSEN ONES

A native of Fort Hall, East Africa, accused the nuns of poisoning those whom they visited during a plague, and he announced in council before the head men of the village that he determined to kill them and thus rid his country of the pest. But God watched, and the nuns warned of his intention departed from the village, taking different routes. Soon after, this black was poisoned himself by the meat he ate. This opened his eyes and, together with the humble administration and remonstrance of one of "those nuns," it brought him closer to Christian teaching and when a month later he took ill with pneumonia he called the nun who had ministered to him and begged to be instructed and baptized. His death was happy.

AN AMERICAN SAINT AND MISSIONARY

American Catholics are wont to believe that in St. Rose of Lima America possesses its solitary boast of heroic sanctity, but if this contention cannot rejoice in the birthplace of St. Peter Claver who in 1896 was styled by the Church "the heavenly patron of all missions to the Negroes," at least the city of Cartagena, South America, can and should claim as its proudest mark of distinction that within its precincts he lived, labored and died.

All that remains of the Saint lies beneath the high altar of his Church in that city of his divine charities, and perhaps, under God, all the magnificent work being done today for the enlightenment and saving of the black races in Caribbean lands is due to the inspiration of this Jesuit Missionary who in 1622 signed his name in a perpetual vow as "Peter, forever the slave of the Negroes."

The record of his charities and sacrifices surpasses belief. "Forty years of labor among the most despised and wretched of the children of men" would sum it up in a few words, and what sublimities of thought and effort, what transcendent charity and love for humanity, what zeal for the glory of God are contained in these words!

Cartagena in his day was the chief slave mart of the New World. Human annals contain no story so black, as that of the brutalities of the early slave dealers, and in their midst, Father Claver moved as a veritable angel of mercy. No toil was too severe, no task too loathsome, no burden too great to relieve the ill and sufferings of his beloved slaves. He baptized more than three hundred thousand negroes. No wonder that at his death extraordinary demonstrations were made in the city. Thousands gathered before the college, all business came to a standstill. His interment had to be deferred from day to day until the love and grief of all were solaced by a last act of veneration of his remains.

CHINESE CATHOLICS
At the last census China had 2,203,800 Christians, served by

57 bishops, 1,481 European and American priests and 1,071 Chinese priests. During the preceding year there were 66,264 new converts. Wonderful work, but remember 44,000 Chinese die every day without baptism.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 29.—Sts. Jonas, Barachielus and their Companions, martyrs, were executed after horrible tortures during the reign of Sapor, King of Persia. They had refused to obey the orders of the King to worship the official Persian gods.

Monday, March 30.—St. John Climacus was so noted for his learning that while still very young he was called the "Scholastic." In order to perfect himself in the study of the lives and writings of the Saints, he retired to Mt. Sinai. At the age of seventy-six he was made Abbot of Mt. Sinai. The most noted of his many writings is called the "Climax, or Ladder of Perfection."

Tuesday, March 31.—St. Benjamin, deacon and martyr, was one of those who were martyred under the Persian King Varanes, grandson of Sapor III. The Saint was imprisoned for a year and then released with the admonition not to speak again of religion. When he ignored this order, he was tortured and finally executed.

Wednesday, April 1.—St. Hugh, Bishop of Grenoble, was fortunate in receiving from his earliest years the strongest impressions of piety by the example and care of his parents. His father, late in life, became a Carthusian monk after a long and honorable career as an officer in the army. St. Hugh was chosen Bishop of Grenoble but resigned after two years and entered the austere Abbey of Casadei in Auvergne. He lived there for a year until he was commanded by the Pope to resume his episcopal charge. He sought permission from the Holy See again to resign his Bishopric and take up a solitary life but this permission was never granted. The Saint died in 1192, and was canonized two years later.

Thursday, April 2.—St. Francis of Paula, left his home in Calabria to take up the life of a hermit. He established the organization known as the "Minims," so-called to indicate that they were the least of the monastic orders. Their members observed a Lenten fast perpetually. St. Francis is credited with having worked many miracles. He died at the age of ninety-one on Good Friday, 1507.

Friday, April 3.—St. Richard of Chichester, refused wealth and an offer of a brilliant marriage in order to study for the religious life at Oxford. He became Chancellor of the University and also Chancellor of the Diocese of Canterbury. Notwithstanding the opposition of King Henry III., the Saint was elected Bishop of Chichester and he governed this See with great wisdom. Under his rule many reforms were effected. He died in 1253 while engaged in preaching a Crusade against the Saracens.

Saturday, April 4.—St. Isidore, Archbishop, was a member of a Ducal family of Cartagena in Spain. He succeeded his brother Leander in the archiepiscopal see of Seville and was remarkably successful in his battles against the Arian heresy. He died in 646 and was declared a Doctor of the Church within sixteen years of his death. His two brothers and his sister Florentina also are saints.

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INDIAN MISSIONS

Away to the North, on the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg, lies a week's journey in summer from the city whose name it bears, dwells a priest. He is a man small of stature and frail, so that one wonders what manner of collapsible energy he possesses that may be stored up in a body of such limited dimensions.

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About thirty miles south of Berens River and on the Western side of the lake, north of Lake St. George, Long Lake and Jackhead Lake, there is an Indian reservation. Twenty-five of the Indians are already baptized Catholics and, with the exception of a few Protestants, the others seem well disposed towards our holy religion. The Anglicans have erected a Chapel there and the Catholics are urging him to build one for them. They have no money and their poor little spiritual father is not better off. His heart is sad like that of a fond parent whose children cry for food which poverty renders him unable to provide.

His zeal is being rewarded in winning souls, and the necessity of having a chapel he realizes at this time more than ever before. There

is no house suitable or large enough now to hold his people. What is to be done? His only hope is that Church Extension may come to the rescue and he writes his Archbishop as follows:

Your Grace,—I have made another visit to Jack-Head Indian Reserve on the West side of Lake Winnipeg and, with the exception of a few Protestants, all the Indians show a very good disposition towards our holy religion. Twenty-five have already been baptized and received into the Church. Charles Laund, a French half-breed on the reserve, every Sunday holds a meeting of all the Catholics where he teaches catechism and hymns. Many who are not Catholics attend also. An Anglican church has been erected, for its few followers, on the reserve, so the Catholics beg of me to build them a small chapel where services may be held, as there is no house suitable or large enough for the purpose. My heart is sad, for I have no way of raising the money. I know you have none and my only hope lies in the charity of Church Extension Society. Therefore I ask you, Your Grace, to recommend my petition to the Society and forward this letter to Monsignor Blair. Hoping that he may be able to grant this important request and thanking you and Extension Society in anticipation. I remain,

Your Grace's devoted servant in Christ,

J. DE G.

Will some good friend send us \$500 for this Chapel? The act of charity will bring joy and consolation to the donor, gladden and encourage the hearts of the poor Catholic Indians, be the cause of great rejoicing to the faithful missionary and merit the eternal reward promised by Him in whose name the gift of even a cup of cold water shall receive a fitting recompense. Contributions through this office should be addressed to:

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THE SOWER AND THE SEED

The Rev. John Handly, C. S. P., who has been placed in charge of the Paulist Fathers' project of installing a high power radio broadcasting station to disseminate education in Catholic doctrine and Catholic activities, tells his parishioners in New York that "broadcasting" originated in the parable of the Sower and the Seed.

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while to broadcast the Word of God in spite of the fact that some of the seed fell by the wayside, and some on a rock, and some was choked with thorns. He thought it worth while because He hoped some would fall on good ground and bring forth fruit."

PAPAL MEDAL STRUCK IN HONOR OF K. OF C. WORK

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

A Papal Medal has been struck off in commemoration of the founding of St. Peter's Oratory, one of the Knights of Columbus recreational houses in the Eternal City. The institution which has won this signal honor for the Knights was accepted in 1924 by Pope Pius XI.

The medal bears on one side a likeness of the Pontiff and on the reverse a miniature of the facade of the Oratory with the great dome of St. Peter's in the background. A Latin inscription reads:

"To fulfill the wishes of our Holy Father, Pius XI., the Knights of Columbus at their own expense founded this Oratory of St. Peter for the Christian development of Roman youth."

Patriarch May Go To Jerusalem

By Dr. Alexander Mombelli (Jerusalem Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

In the religious and political quarters of the Holy Places the news that the Greek Schematic Patriarchs, Photius of Alexandria, Damianos of Jerusalem, and Gregorius of Antioch, are considering transfer of the See of the supreme authority of Orthodoxy from Constantinople to Jerusalem, has caused an immense impression.

The principal reason which seems to have suggested this step is the impossible situation created by the Turks when the new Ecumenic

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