NICENE COUNCIL 16TH CENTENARY

THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE PRESIDES AT IMPRESSIVE **OBSERVANCE**

Washington, D. C., May 29.—At the Catholic University of America, under the presidency of the repre-sentative of the Supreme Head of the Universal Church, who delivered the principal address, a general convocation on Tuesday evening responded to the call of the Pope for appropriate observance of the sixteenth centenary of the promulgation of the Nicene Creed—the Creed, as one speaker reminded the great gathering. "recited to this day in all churches throughout the world that call themselves Christians.

One of the most impressive fea-tures of an occasion which was charged throughout with impressiveness was the rising of the audience to recite in unison the Creed which has remained unchanged for sixteen centuries as the public declaration of faith of Catholics in all parts of the world.

Following the address of the Apostolic Delegate, Dr. Healy discussed the profound importance to the early Church of the great Council and the Creed it formu-lated, picturing the critical period in which the Council was convened, and the stern war with Arius and his large heretical following.

"The august assembly of the bishops of the Universal Church which gathered at the Bithynian city of Nicaea in the year 325, known as the Council of Nicaea, is the first of the ecumenical councils of the Church," said Dr. Healy. "It was convoked primarily to pronounce judgment on the erroneous doctrines regarding the Divinity of Christ, which from the name of their author are known as the heresies of Arius. By reason of the heresy a conflict had arisen within the Church which threatened the life of Christianity as directly as that other great conflict with the forces of paganism from which, twelve years before, the Christian religion had come forth victorious after three centuries of conflict. Both conflicts, that against the armed forces of the Roman Empire and this new one against the intel-lectual strength of paganism, had their origin in the same source, the unwillingness of unregenerate humanity to pay divine honors to the Son of God."

For three centuries, he continued, Faith and Philosophy had been at variance on the question of the doctrine of the Person of Christ. In the strife, Philosophy had been somewhat cleansed of its heathen grossness, but Rationalism, with its teachings subversive of the essence of revealed faith, was persistent. Even priests and bishops had come under its influence, and false doctrines were taught in some Christian schools and from pulpits, carefully expressed in Scriptural phrase-ology and the language of Theology, to escape official condemna-

'Though orthodoxy and error had been long at war in many parts of the Church, Dr. Healy the "first violent outbreak took place in the city of Alexandria, and there heresy found a leader and standard-bearer in the person of a priest named Arius.

'Arius was a man of ascetical life and puritanical character, one rigorous morals were joined to a strange liberalism in He was a fanatic who conceived Christian life as something purely legalistic and formal, a liberal for whom novelty seems to have been the test of truth. was proud, avaricious and ambi tious, stubborn in maintaining his own views and intolerant of those

'Arius first came into prominenc during a controversy with Alexander, the head of the Diocese of Alexandria, in which he attempted to prove that the bishop had fallen into the error of Sabellianism in maintaining that Christ was begotten of the Father. This controwhich commenced in 318, soon spread to the entire Church in Egypt and was the cause of so much dissension that Alexander found it necessary to convoke a council of the Bishops of Egypt and Libya to deal with the rebellious priest and his adherents.

Traversing the twisted doctrines the heretics, Dr. Healy de-

'It needs no elaborate discussion to show that every idea and principle in the teaching of Arius can be traced to its source in the heathen thought of his time. . . Never, perhaps, did a more illogical theory Never, come from the brain of man than

"But illogical and inconsistent and self-destructive as this theory appears under analysis, it was vertheless, a grave menace to the faith of Christians and to the peace of the Church. The threat of Arianism lay in the fact that it gave to pagans without the Church, and to the semi-pagans within, not traditional Christianity and revealed

which was merely a disguise for a philosophy in which they already believed. . . It was Christianity in which Faith was subordinated to Reason, and which opened up through intellectual channels the way to the conquest of the Church which paganism had failed to accomplish during three hundred years of persecution.

the Universal Cauren to assemble in solemn conclave to bear witness to the Faith and to cast out from the Church the blasphemers who had denied that its Founder was Divine."
"Men who describe this venerable

synod of the Church like to dwell on the roster of bishops who were present, and to draw out the list of places from which they came," said Dr. Healy. "Never before had such an assembly taken place. Those who were to sit in the Council were not chosen because of their learning, though among them were men like Eusebius of Caesarea, whose encyclopedic mind embraced all departments of ecclesiastical science; not because of their sanctity, though many saints were present; nor for high station nor for service to religion, though many of them bore in their mulitated bodies and their sightless many eyes the record of the sufferings they had endured for the name of Christ during the days of persecu-

"Their title to a place in the quence or birth, but in being sucessors of the Apostles, witnesses to tradition and guardians of the Deposit of Faith. They came together that they might, not as individuals, but in their corporate capacity, give a definitive and decisive answer to that question which Christ asked of His Disciples three hundred years before when He said: 'Whom do you say that I am' and to which Peter gave his memorable reply, 'Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God.'

"They were not there to add new beliefs to the creed, not to intro-duce new dogmas, but to preserve and transmit the faith they had They had the duty of expressing the Faith, if necessary in current philosophical terminology, so that current philosophical error might not be permitted to impair

the integrity of revealed truth."
How the bishops held their solemn conferences; how Constantine was given the seat of honor at the opening session and with a feeling of awe addressed a discourse showing his full grasp of the sacred task at hand; how the great em-peror refrained from attempting to direct or control the deliberations, and how the debates took place, was recounted by Dr. Healy. Arius' small group of confident, militant defenders presented his creed, and finally the heretic and his doctrines were solemnly and formally con-

ageously about the great task of formulating a creed "so clear and explicit that none might thenceforth have any ground to plead ignorance of what the Church believed on the subject of the Divin-ity of Christ." And eventually there was evolved the Nicene Creed as it stands today. Summing up its importance, Dr. Healy said :

DOCTRINE FOR ALL TIME

"As a document the Creed of Nicaea is concise and clear, a pro-clamation of the true Faith drawn up to meet a critical emergency, a statement that left no loophole for compromise or evasion. It set forth for that time and for all time the doctrine of the Church on the Divinity of the Son of God. * * *"

'This Council is not only the most important event in the history of the Fourth century, but a landmark in the history of human progress and civilization," Dr. Healy concluded. "It asserted the true doctrine of the Unity of God, it vindicated the Divinity of the Son, and it proclaimed its faith in the Holy Ghost; it drove from the citadel of faith the spirit of heathenism, and ended the boldest effort ever made to subordinate Revelation to Philos-

Council of Nicaea was a symbol of unity at a time when the Church was still one fold under one shepherd. Its venerable Creed is still recited today in all the churches throughout the world that call themselves Christian, and may not we find in the fact that it is so recited a symbol of hope that the Church will again be united into one fold under one shepherd.'

THE CARILLON OF COBH

Dublin, Ireland.-Irish churches and convents possess many beautiful chimes that are a special joy when their tones float out upon the clear country air on a summer evening. Many persons are under the impression that recitals of bell music are confined to the Continent. They are not aware that two of the

years of persecution.

"In the face of such a menace the Church was stirred to the very centre of its being. It was not a time for compromise or delay. A call went forth to the bishops of the Universal Church to assemble in solemn conclave to bear witness to the Faith and to cast out from the control of t every Wednesday and Sunday night the chimes will keep the atmosphere Although a young man, the Carilloneur had wide experience, having played on the famous carillons at Antwerp, Malines, Bruges, Lough-borough, and Wembley.

ANGLICANS DISCUSS BASIS OF RE-UNION

"MALINES CONVERSATIONS" DECLARED TO HAVE ADVANCED CAUSE

Louvain, June 5.—The session of the Anglican-Catholic "Malines Conversations," just closed at Malines, Belgium, has produced satisfactory results described by an Anglican member as "progress in

Members of the conference had drawn up in advance a list of questions to be discussed, and typewritten copies in English and French were provided for each conferee. Continuing from last year, the Conversations dealt mainly with the historical primacy of the Papacy. It is permissible to say that the discussions brought the various points of view closer together.

Particularly, there was manifest cordial goodwill which should be helpful in eliminating future diffi-

CARDINAL MERCIER TO REPORT TO POPE

Reports were drawn up at the conclusion of the session and were unanimously adopted. Cardinal Mercier, under whose presidency the conference was held, left immediately for Rome to submit these reports to the Holy Father and to give him a first-hand account of the Conversations. A copy of the minutes also was addressed to the Primate of England.

His Eminence announced the conference through a communication to the Catholic press, in which he

"Tomorrow, Monday, several Anglican theologians will come for the fourth time to Mechlin (Malines,) under the patronage of their two Archbishops of Canterbury and York, to meet a group of Catholic theologians and amicably to examine with them the problem of the reunion of Churches, which is the object of eager discussions among

good fortune to possess the integral truth are in duty bound to ask this pointed remarks concerning the heavenly grace for those who are French Embassy to the Holy See. heavenly grace for those who are not so favored. I rely, therefore, during these days of conference upon the prayerful cooperation of both the clergy and the faithful of my diocese and of the whole of our beloved Belgium."

THOSE WHO TOOK PART

Those who gathered in the Archiepiscopal Palace of Malines for the Conversations were: On the Cath-olic side, Cardinal Mercier, the Right Rev. Mgr. Van Roey, Vicar-General of Malines; the Right Rev. Mgr. Battifol, Canon of Notre Dame, Paris, and former rector of the Catholic Institute of Toulouse; the Abbe Portal, Priest of the Mission, and the Abbe Hemmer, pastor of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Paris. On the Anglican side, Lord Halifax, Dr. Walter Frere, Bishop of Truro; Dr. Gore, former Bishop of Oxford; Dr. Armitage Robinson, Dean of Wells and close friend of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Dr. Kidd, pres-ident of Keble College, Oxford. Catholics and Anglicans sat

gether in the great salon of the still vibrating from the sacred union Archiepiscopal Palace, around a which had been made between the Archiepiscopal Palace, around large table covered with green. special groups were formed of the two parties. The sessions were held on two consecutive days, from 10 to 1 and 4 to 7 o'clock. Difference of language presented no difficulty; several members spoke English and French equally well, and acted as interpreters for their fellow members. Cardinal Mercier speaks English fluently.

Lord Halifax took the initiative suggesting the Malines Conversations four years ago. Inspired by a worthy ambition to work for a rapprochement between the separ-

THE DANGER OF FANATICISM

Unreasoning fanaticism is breed-ng laws and a general spirit of intolerance in America that threatens to halt all progress, Nicholas commands if not the bodies, at least Murray Butler, President of Colum-

class, Mew York. Such a spirit he called a reversal of Christianity.

Dr. Butler blamed this fanaticism on the "unfit" and those with "inferiority complexes," who insist on prohibitions and compulsions which would reduce all individuality to a "gelations and wobbling. to a "gelatinous and wobbling mass." He called upon those with courage to override the spirit which hounds all who dare to break from type and have a character and mind of their own. The tendency of the day, he charged, is to attack the foundations of Knowledge, and Courage is now brought under

violent attack.

"The Christian religion, which has been thought to play a beneficent part in the world, teaches a contrary principle, and its great institutions have for nineteen centuries been built upon foundations of a sort wholly different from this new doctrine," he declared. "All progressive and contrations of the contraction o progressive and constructive mor-ality has also been based and developed upon a contrary theory, and every sort of achievement, whether ntellectual, moral or economic, is the result.

These new barbarians, whatever their professions, have abandoned Christianity and they have deserted morality for the barbaric pleasures of torment and persecution.

Attacking public officials for a lack of the courage of their convictions, he declared that "judges, prosecuting officers and members of legislative todies, both national and State, talk, act and vote one way, and daily drink another." "They have neither the courage to give "Many people." he added "they have neither the courage to give have neither the courage to give voice to their true opinions nor the character to conform their private especially doctors who work on conduct to their public professions," he added.

"Cowardice, selfish fear, cringing personal ambition, constantly sap it is only fair the wellsprings of intellectual and have received." moral courage and weaken our respect and admiration both for our social order and our Govern
moral courage and weaken our or every occasion he had prayed for help, he declared, he had been able to think more clearly afterment," he warned.

DEFENDS EMBASSY IN CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER MEANS TALK TO IMMORTALS

Paris, France.—The solemn reception of M. Jonnart, former French Saith is a gift of God. A return to fill the chair of ex-President to Catholic unity, therefore, can be primarily but the working of His divine grace. They who enjoy the welcomed the new Academician. with an opportunity to make some

French Embassy to the Holy Describing the career of the new member whom it was his duty to welcome as one of the forty immortals, the eminent rector of the Catholic Institute recalled the conditions under which France had renewed relations with the Papacy.

"The Rome of the Popes found representatives of all nations hastening toward her. Benedict XV., before passing away prematurely, witnessed without pride the complete wiping out of the sorrowful and bitter recriminations with which he had been assailed during the sanguinary conflict. At that time he had remained the common Father of all; now, in the calming of passions this was admitted and he appreciated it. He showed himself the prince of peace, and the nations. thirsting for pacification, looked with gratitude and hope toward the Chair of Peter.

play a leading role in the organization of New Europe, missionary France a propagator of Christian ion throughout the world, France parties, understood or felt confusedly that she could no longer remain aloof from the spot which, as the ancient Instructions of our kings used to say, is 'the center of Catholicity and the city of all

Our most far-sighted states-

this way all the basic facts of a diverse, he went directly to Cardinal Mercier, whom he found benevolently inclined toward an agreement.

From the first, the Conversations

From the first, the Front the Republic turned in divorce case could at any time be divorce c truth, but a spurious Christianity finest carillons in the world are to have drawn a large number of im- the importance of your political toward the whole question in the ligion.

be found in Ireland, one at Cobh, Cork County, and the other at Armagh.

The Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, is determined that the rich chimes of Cobh shall be heard at their best, and accordingly he has appointed M. Staf Gebruer, who is a pupil of M. Denyn, and who is a pupil of M. Denyn, and who won distinction at the Carillon School at Malines, organist and School at Malines, organist and services and the other at imprudent of course, to found on the situation, the firmness of your attachment to republican institutations, and, finally, your spirit of wisdom. gave a peculiar authority to your mission. Rome replied by sending to Paris one of her most eminent diplomats who, for four years, had occupied with distinction the high post of secretary of his diocese that marriage is permanent, sacred, and indissoluble, and with the democracy of the New with the democracy of the New has expressed his pride in the definitions. years, had occupied with distinc-tion the high post of secretary of extraordinary affairs. Familiar with the democracy of the New World, ours would not frighten

"Of what good was the re-estab-lishment of this embassy? was the question disdainfully asked recently on every side. Indeed, of what good the souls, which, here below are inseparable from the bodies, of three bia University, declared in an inseparable from the bodies, of three eloquent commencement day address before the university's graduating whose judgment he may direct in one direction or another by a word in a day when opinion is queen Of what good, when this sovereign, even if he wished to confine himself to his spiritual role, cannot help, in order to safeguard the religious interests confided to him, having recourse to human means, that is to say to foreign policies? Of what good, when other nations, beginning with the one in which the Papacy has its See, are making supreme efforts, with the help of propaganda, to substitute their issions for ours, and through their missions their political and moral

SCIENTIST PRAYS FOR CLEAR THINKING

London, Eng.-Prayer aids clear thinking, in the opinion of Wing-Commander H. E. Willingham, medical officer of the Royal Air Force, and a non-Catholic.

"I have never carried out a day's work without offering up prayer

research. A Briton is rather loath mention such things as prayers, but on an occasion like this I think it is only fair to admit the help we

OF BRINGING PEACE TO DYING WOMAN

London, Eng.-The chance possession of a Catholic newspaper brought absolution to a woman knocked down and fatally injured at Torquay recently. And by an extraordinary coincidence the same paper's reporter picked the woman up and was able to obtain a priest for her. Trying to avoid an automobile

when crossing the street, the woman stepped back and collided with a cyclist. She was thrown backwards and fractured the base of her skull. F. J. Leipold, the Universe correspondent at Torquay, saw the acci dent, went to the woman's assistance and rushed her off to Torquay hospital in a taxicab. Whiist lifted into the cab she whispered her name to the reporter, and ver spoke again.

At the hospital it was found that she had a copy of the Universe in her possession, and a phone call was put through to a priest, who arrived in time to give absolution before she died. The woman was afterwards identified as Mrs. Margaret Allanson, of Harrogate.

IRISH PROTESTANT BISHOP ALIGNED WITH OPPONENTS OF DIVORCE

Dublin, Ireland, -Senator Dougas, who recently brought forward a motion in the Free State Senate raising the issue as to the procedure to be followed for Divorce Bills in that assembly, is himself a Protestant professing a general repug-nance to divorce. His motion was concerned with matters of form. but some political observers some political thought it might serve the purpose of clearing the air by providing a men considered that after an absence of fifteen years, it was fitting that France should take her traditional place near the head of the Church of which she had been the Church of the Church of which she had been the church of whic men considered that after an absence of fifteen years, it was whole question. This, however, "To renew this bond, it was to you, Monsieur, that the Govern-

specifically stated to the clergy of his diocese that marriage is perma-nent, sacred, and indissoluble, and he has expressed his pride in the thought that the great majority of his fellow countrymen are strongly defending the true Christian view against all the attacks, whether open or insidious, of a decadent and self-indulgent world.

FRESNO TO HONOR "LITTLE FLOWER"

Fresno, Calif., June 12.—Fresno is to have the first cathedral in the world built in honor of the Little Flower. There are hopes that its

construction may begin soon.

This announcement comes fittingly at the same time that a cable has arrived here from the Rt. Rev. John B. MacGinley, Bishop of Monterey and Fresno, now in Rome, stating that the Little Flower has been designated officially as the patroness of his diocese. ess of his diocese.

Fresno bases her claim for the patronage of the newly-sainted Teresa on history. With the canonization of the little Carmelite, at which Bishop MacGinley was present in Rome, there has been recalled here again that in 1602 Juan de la Ascension, a Carmelite and hence a spiritual brother of the Little Flower, said the first Mass in California at Monterey, a part of this

Again, it is pronounced fitting that the youngest diocese in America with a resident bishop should turn for spiritual guidance to the young-est saint of the Church.

The picturesque story of Juan de ension recites that when the Carmelite pioneer came to a spot five or six miles distant from Monterey, he gazed upon it raptur-ously and called it Carmelo, the name of the holy mount whose Hebrew designation means "gar-den." Later Junipers Sans den." Later Junipero Serra, most famed of the California missioners, chose Carmelo for the central mission of all those he built in Cali-

Inspired by this bit of colorful history and by the new patron saint of the diocese, pious persons now also propose that within a year a after Juan de la Ascension the Carname, spiritual sisters of the Little Flower again will cause Carmelite sanctity to be exemplified at the historic mission.

AMIENS CATHEDRAL IS IN DANGER

Amiens, June 2.—Great fear has here for the Amiens Cathedral which is one of the finest numents in Christendom. A hole eight meters deep and thirty meters in circumference suddenly opened in front of the basilica. It is believed to have been caused by heavy rains which fell recently for days in succession. Fear was felt that the terrace in front of the cathedral would cave in, several days have now passed without further accident.

The cathedral, the sixth centenary of which was celebrated not long ago, is very solidly constructed, like all the great buildings of that time, but the land on which it is erected is rather marshy

The ancient sanctuary had passed through the four years of war without serious damage despite the fact that the city had been riddled with shells and bombs. All fragile parts of the portals, facade and choir were covered with a gigantic protective shell of sandbags and all the old stained glass windows were taken out and carried

FRENCH EX-MINISTER NOT ANTI-CLERICAL

Paris. June 3.-The ancient nurch of Sauveterre in Bearn, a historical monument has three nev M. Leon Berard, Minister of Public Instruction in the Poincare Cabinet consented to stand as godfather for one of them. At the banquet which followed the ceremony, the ex-Minister delivered an address in which he declared that 'to the new barbarism of confused doctrines, all the more pernicious because they are confused, there must be opposed European civilization made up of the genius of Athens and Rome and the genius of Christianity guarded by the century-old stones of the churches.

M. Berard, belongs, like M. Poincare, to the republican party of the left which does not include the most militant Catholics in its ranks, but advocates generally a policy of tol-eration and deference toward re-

CATHOLIC NOTES

The Edward Kylie Travelling Scholarship—\$1,400—was awarded this year to D. G. Creighton of Victoria University.

Washington, June 6.-Word has been received here of the sudden death in Paris of Enoch Lewis White, prominent Catholic lawyer of this city. He was the private attorney for Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the late President, and was handling some legal matters for her in the French capital.

New York, June 5 .- Major Gen. Robert Lee Bullard, retired, one of the prominent commanders of the A. E. F. in the World War and an eminent Catholic layman, was granted the honorary degree Doctor of Laws, at the annual commencement of Columbia University here this week.

Baltimore.—Ground has been purchased here as the site for the new \$6,000,000 Cathedral for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The site consists of fifteen acres near Johns Honkins University. The purchase Hopkins University. The purchase was made by trustees of the estate of the late Thomas O'Neill who bequeathed two-thirds of his property for that purpose.

New York.—A fully equipped boys' camp surrounded by 200 acres of ground has been purchased by St. Agnes Catholic Church here. Mgr. John P. Chidwick, rector of the church, has announced that the camp is to be used in connection with the welfare work of the parish particularly for the benefit of the children. The purchase price was \$100,000.

London, June 1.—The custom of blessing a new ship, common enough on the continent of Europe, was witnessed in England this week when the French ship "Platon," built at Sunderland, was blessed when it took the water. The French cwners had requested a local priest to perform the blessing before the ship sailed.

Dublin, June 1.—Before leaving Ireland, where he had come for a brief business visit, Randolph J. Pugh, the British managing director of the First National Pictures, Ltd., acknowledged the reasonable attitude of the Catholics in Ireland who have been agitating for a rigid fornia. Here also the venerable who have been agitating for a rigid who have been agitating for a rigid exclusion of objectionable films. The First National Pictures is a big American picture corporation. The American picture corporation. The pictures should claim to be free from supervision.

Paris, May 30 .- French missionalso propose that within a year a Carmelite monastery shall rise at Carmelo, in the shadow of the tomb of the great Serra. Thus, 300 years after Juan de la Ascension the Carmelite gazed upon it and gave it its name, spiritual sisters of the Little at Yunnam at the request of the French Consul were not successful in their negotiations with the pirates and it is believed that Father Piton, who had been ill some time, must have died in captivity.

New Orleans.-The Louisiana Supreme Court has upheld the validity of the anti-masking law enacted by the last session of the State Legislature. The decision was in the form of an affirmation of the conviction in a lower court of Earl and Lee Craig of Rapides Parish, who went masked to the and attempted to flog him. Neighbors awakened by the prospective victim's outcries rescued him. Craigs were sentenced to serve from three to five years.

Paris, May 29.—The bakers and pastrymen and their employees of Epinal celebrated with great Epinal celebrated with great solemnity the feast of Saint Honore, their patron. Preceded by a statue of the Saint dating from the 12th century, they marched through the streets of the city in procession, carrying cakes which they distrib-uted after the ceremony to the poor of Epinal. This ceremony has been celebrated each year at Epinal from time immemorial.

New York, June 12.-A picturesque 500-acre tract in the heart of the Shawangunk Mountains near Middleton has been acquired by the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York for use as a boys' camp. It is being operated as Camp Hayes by the Catholic Camp Association, a subsidiary corpora-tion, and is under the direction of the Rev. Edward R. Moore, Ph.D., of the Division of Social Action of the Catholic Charities. There are mountains and valleys, a 35-acre lake, a 25-acre athletic field and a concrete swimming pool for beginners, on the property

New York, June 9.-The laying of cornerstones of two Knights of Columbus buildings, one in Manhattan costing approximately the other in Brooklyn practically complete, at the cost of 2,400,000, brought out more than 50,000 members of the order on Sunday. Cardinal Hayes in the course of his address said: 'Indi-vidual work and sacrifice of the large membership of the New York Chapter renders safe prediction that patriotic services rendered the Church and nation in the past will be continued in the progressive