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The well known Franciscan missionaries, the Rev. Vincent Trost, O. F. M., and the Rev. Andrew Blenke, O. F. M., from Cincinnati, will conduct a mission at Holy Trinity church, St. Matthews, beginning Sunday morning, December 3, and closing Sunday night, December 10. The plain yet instructive words of these eloquent men will treat of the fundamental truths of religion, both moral and dogmatic. They will speak on the destiny of man, his responsibility to his God, the existence of a hereafter, the true church, confession, etc. In short they will convey to their hearers the most important lesson, namely, what they must believe and do to gain eternal salvation. The principal sermon will be held at the evening service, beginning at 7:30 each day from Sunday to Sunday. Non-Catholics as well as the members of the congregation are invited most cordially. Openings for the masses will be at 6, 7 and 8:30 o'clock in the morning.

CONSECRATION ANNIVERSARY.

Thanksgiving day was the seventeenth anniversary of the consecration of Right Rev. Herman Joseph Alerding, the beloved Bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne. Although there was no general observance of the occasion the students of the central Catholic High School and St. Augustine's Academy presented their annual programme in honor of the prelate. As Bishop of Fort Wayne Bishop Alerding rapidly won the love and esteem of the clergy and laity of that diocese. He has proved to be all that a Bishop should be—an admirable combination of the zealous churchman and the business man. He has been exceedingly progressive and under his regime his diocese has flourished. Many churches and schools have been built, new parishes have been established, the Central Catholic High School at Fort Wayne was founded, and works of charity and mercy have received great encouragement from him.

OPERA TO BE GIVEN.

So successful and pleasing was the recent rendition of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera "Pinafore" by the St. Martin's Sodality Club that another performance will be given in the near future at St. Martin's Hall.

SEVEN FASTING DAYS.

There will be seven fasting days in this month, the five Fridays and the two Ember days, December 20 and 23. Next Friday, December 8, will be the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

FATHER RYAN CHOSEN.

Rev. John A. Ryan, of Washington, D. C., has been chosen as the speaker for the baccalaureate sermon at the State University of Iowa on June 10, 1917. Father Ryan is professor of political science and industrial ethics at the Catholic University of America. He is the author of a number of books on ecclesiastical and social subjects.

EMMET—FRENCH.

Miss Jeanne Emmet, well known in New York society, is to wed William Barton French on December 4. Miss Emmet made her debut two years ago, and is one of the many descendants in New York of Thomas Addis Emmet, the Irish patriot. Mr. French is a son of Seth Barton French, late financier of New York.

NAMED AFTER SISTER.

Mr. Wilcox, of the Santa Rosa Postoffice department, has named one of his magnificent dahlias on exhibit at the flower show "Agatha." It may not be generally known, but in giving the flower the name of his sister, Josephine, the Superior Agatha, of the Ursuline College, says the San Francisco Monitor.

LONG LIFE TO THEM.

In this ecclesiastical province are four of the oldest Bishops in the United States—Bishop Foley, now in his eighty-fourth year; Bishop Chatard, now ending his eighty-second year; Bishop Richter, in his seventy-ninth year, and Bishop Byrne, in his seventy-fifth year, and our own Right Rev. Denis O'Donoghue is almost in their class.

DECENT PAPERS.

Only one daily paper, the Socialist Leader, would advertise the lecture of Joseph Slattery and wife when they lectured in Milwaukee recently. The Slatterys repeated their wild talks on the confessional and conventional life, and their subjects show what sort of lecture courses the Guardians of Liberty put on.

ELECTION RESULTS.

Wilson carried thirty States with 276 electoral votes; Hughes eighteen States with 255 electoral votes. Wilson's plurality on the popular vote is about 400,000. Wilson's vote in 1912, 6,248,000; in 1916, 8,580,000. Increase of 2,332,000. Wilson carried ten of the twelve States that have woman's suffrage.

HANDED A WALLOP.

The most satisfying result of the election in Ohio and in other States was the crushing defeat given to the so-called Guardians of Liberty. In nearly every instance the candidates endorsed by these American bigots were defeated. That they are completely eliminated from injecting their dirty grafting tactics into future elections is the opinion of many who look with contempt on their "pink" ticket—Catholic Columbian.

HALL FUND.

According to figures from the Treasurer of the Building Committee of Old Student's Hall, Notre Dame, Ind., the contributions now amount to \$40,270. Plans are being made to dedicate the hall during commencement week in June. This will be part of the diamond jubilee celebration at Notre Dame University.

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240 Dozen Very Fine All-Linen Sample Handkerchiefs; with embroidered corner; regular 50c to 75c values; all imported; each.....25c

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Late News That Will Interest Members Here and Elsewhere.

The campaign at Denver will add at least 200 new members.

The new club house at Omaha will probably be started in the spring.

Denver Knights feel sure they will pass the 1,000 mark before the year ends.

The Knights of Omaha have given the Boy Scout movement strong endorsement.

Supreme Knight Flaherty will visit Indiana councils from December 12 to 19.

Thirty-nine candidates were initiated at Omaha, and the mark has now been set for 1,000 members.

November was a busy month for a number of Oregon councils, whose initiations added strength to the order.

The Grand Knights of Oklahoma have formulated plans for the endorsement of the Catholic University at Shawnee.

Very Cruz Council, New York City, is looking for a site upon which to erect a summer home for its members.

Addressing the Knights at their banquet at Jackson, Miss., Bishop Gunn said membership means merely love of church and love of country.

A splendid initiation was witnessed last Sunday at Sioux City, when a large class received the degrees, with a banquet in the evening at the Martin Hotel.

After attending mass at Sacred Heart church at Vincennes, last Sunday, when dinner was served by the ladies of the parish, a large class was initiated and then given a banquet.

The Fourth Degree Knights of Fort Wayne, Ind., will on the death of a member donate a memorial chalice to the Catholic Extension Society, inscribed with the deceased Knight's name.

Instituted in 1902 with only enough members to hold a charter, Vera Cruz Council, New York City, now boasts 600, and is the proudest possessor of a fully equipped club house worth \$40,000, free and clear of all debt.

Under the auspices of the New York Chapter and the forty-two local councils the Paulist fathers, Rev. Bertrand L. Conway and Rev. James M. Gillis, will give a non-Catholic mission in St. Patrick's Cathedral from January 28 to February 4.

PLEGGED TO ABSTAIN.

Every priest ordained in the Chicago archdiocese of the Roman Catholic church will be pledged to total abstinence for five years. Archbishop G. W. Mundelein stated the past week. The Archbishop said he already has put this rule into force and intends to exact the pledge in all future ordinations. "If the young priests keep the total abstinence pledge for five years," he said, "it is easy to see they are likely to continue the practice for the rest of their lives."

POPULATION INCREASING.

According to estimates of the Census Bureau, based upon the increase shown by the Federal census of 1900 and 1910, the population of the Continental United States on January 1, 1917, will be 123,826,100, and with its outlying possessions 113,809,285. Treasury Department statisticians estimate the population of Continental United States as 103,002,000 on November 1, 1917, will be 2,386,866, an increase of over 14,000 for the year 1916.

DEATH CLAIMED EIGHT.

Death has been busy in the ranks of the hierarchy during the past year, the following Bishops having died: Archbishop Spalding and Bishop Colton, Maes, Seannell, Conaty, Doran, Shanahan and Northrop.

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