

DECLARATION OF CATHOLICS

Members of the Faith Are Warned Against the Tendency of Educational Legislation.

ADDRESS BY MGR. CONATY

The Attention of Catholic Educators Directed to the Need of Development of the High School Movement as an Essential Element to Educational Success—Must Not Bend the Knee to the Fetish of State Paternalism.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, April 12.—A declaration of the Catholic position on education in the United States was adopted today at the closing session of the national conference of Catholic colleges. The resolutions emphasizing the need of the maintenance of the Catholic educational system of the Catholic church in America, practically the entire college system of the Catholic church in America. The delegates on adjourning were enthusiastic over the results of their conference which, it is believed, has been a marked success.

The declaration adopted was as follows:

First—That this association of Catholic colleges respect its president, Mr. Thomas J. Conaty, respectively to call the attention of the United States to their annual meeting to the work of this conference in regard to the college conditions and especially to the importance of the high school movement.

Second—That the members of this conference be urged to maintain a constant vigilance against any legislative action which would tend to curtail the freedom and independence of the Catholic college system in America.

Third—That we earnestly urge the rights of conscience guaranteed to us by our American citizenship and call the attention of the system of schools which we have maintained at all expense and sacrifice.

Fourth—That we protest against the unfair and unjust discriminations resulting from such of the educational legislation and in regard to the maintenance and sense of justice of the American people to protect their own liberties.

Fifth—That this conference of Catholic colleges hereby declares its conviction that the Catholic high school system, with its leadership in the university, and thus we shall continue to maintain a high college standard.

Sixth—That we call upon all Catholics to recognize the imperative need of a more perfect organization of our educational system and we assure them that the Catholic high school system, with its leadership in the university, and thus we shall continue to maintain a high college standard.

Words of cheer from across the sea were received in a cablegram of congratulations from Pope Leo XIII at Rome.

The following officers were chosen to serve during the ensuing year: President, Right Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D. D., regent, St. Ignace university, Washington; secretary and treasurer, Rev. John Conaty, S. J., Gonzaga college, Washington; members of the standing committee, Augustinus, Rev. Lawrence A. DeLury, Villa Nova college, Villa Nova, Pa.; Benedictines, Rev. Vincent Huber, St. Benedict college, Peru, Ill.; Fathers of the Holy Cross, Rev. James French, Notre Dame university, Notre Dame, Ind.; diocesan, Rev. William L. O'Hara, Mount St. Mary's college, Emmitsburg, Md.; Jesuits, Rev. John Conaty, Gonzaga college, Washington.

It was decided to hold the next conference in 1902, the first Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after July 4, in Chicago.

Mgr. Conaty's Address.

Great interest attached to the closing address of the president of the conference, Mr. Conaty. With a vigor and polished eloquence that held the audience till the last word, he spoke in part as follows:

Gentlemen: The conference of Catholic educators has been directed to the need of development of the high school system, an essential element in our educational system, the study afforded to us of the plan and purpose of educational legislation should open our eyes to the danger of the closing of our hearts to the needs of the people. We are citizens as well as Christians, and we have to lead the way to the future of state progress and to the rights of our citizenship, the right to educate our people in schools, which our conscience approves. We appeal to the spirit of justice and fair play, and we appeal to the spirit of Christian charity, and we appeal to the spirit of Christian charity.

Education is a binding together of all the elements that make our system and a determination that we will leave nothing undone until we have succeeded in a complete unifying of our educational work. With a large high school development we can confidently assure our people that we will leave nothing undone until we have succeeded in a complete unifying of our educational work. The university stands at the head of our system and thus guarantees to college and university the completion of all the elements that make our system and a determination that we will leave nothing undone until we have succeeded in a complete unifying of our educational work.

The keynote of this conference is organization—unification. This calls for a binding together of all the elements that make our system and a determination that we will leave nothing undone until we have succeeded in a complete unifying of our educational work.

Mme. Jannaschek Receives \$5,000. New York, April 12.—The proceeds of the benefit given for Mrs. Jannaschek at Wallack's theater, this afternoon, amounted to \$5,000.

THE WISCONSASSET BURNED

Mt. Pocono's Most Beautiful Summer Hotel Is in Ashes—Fire Caused by an Explosion of Gasoline.

A Pittsburg Detective Falls Before Bullets from the Desperate Diamond Robbers.

Most Exciting Events Begin with the Murder of a Mt. Washington Grocer and End in the Capture of Four of a Gang of Diamond Robbers—Desperate Battle of Edward Wright and the Detectives—Four Thousand Dollars Worth of Gems Recovered.

FIGHT WITH GYPSIES ON THE MOUNTAINS

One Person Killed and Several Wounded in an Encounter Near Johnstown.

CHINA'S RESOURCES.

Committee of Ministers Has Reached Conclusion That \$300,000,000 in Gold Can Be Raised.

MANAGER WARREN IS IN CONTROL.

Central Railroad of New Jersey Will Allow Him to Settle Differences.

Neely May Sell His Brickyard.

Disastrous Blaze at Edgewood.

Tioga Postmasters.

Four Per Cent. Bonds Purchased.

BLOODY FIGHT WITH THUGS

A Pittsburg Detective Falls Before Bullets from the Desperate Diamond Robbers.

BAD GANG IS CAPTURED

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NEW JERSEY CENTRAL WAGE CONTROVERSY

No Material Progress Made Towards Settlement—Engineers Must Provide the Increase in Salaries.

THEORE HART DEAD.

The Well Known Journalist Expires at His Home in Pittston from Pneumonia and Brain Fever.

AGAINST PLATT AMENDMENT

The Cuban Constitutional Convention Places Itself on Record by a Vote of 18 to 10.

ALLEGED SLAYER OF RHODES IN JAIL.

New Krieger Story.

BASE BALL.

WEATHER FORECAST.

FRANK BOSTOCK INJURED

The Well Known "Zoo" Proprietor Encounters a Bengal Tiger and Is Dangerously Wounded.

BISHOP TALKS TO CANDIDATES TO CANDIDATES

Gave Some Sage Advice to the Young Men Who Are About to Enter the Ministry.

DUTIES THEY UNDERTAKE

We Want Young Men Who Feel in Them the Swing and Conquest of Victory, Said the Speaker, and We Expect You to Preach and Preach Our Doctrines and to Practice Them Which Is Sometimes Harder.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: INCREASING CLOUDINESS.

NEW TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Indications That France, Italy and Russia Will Soon Pool Their Interests.

RUSSIAN PRESS JOYFUL

Report That King Victor Emanuel Will Visit Paris—Germany Is Undisturbed by the New Order of Things but Is Satisfied That the Outlook for Peace in Europe Is Rendered Brighter.

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