New Building Dedicated; Bishop Warns Against Science Over-Emphasis

Honorary Degrees Conferred; Anniversary Honored

Science is but a part of human knowledge and cannot satisfy all human needs, Dr. John M. O'Malley, S.J., president of Canisius, declared last Sunday at the dedication of the Horan-O'Donnell science hall, and added a warning against overestimation of the value of science as a cure for all the ills of humanity. Despite overcast skies and threat of rain, approximately fifteen hundred persons attended the ceremonies at Canisius Villa. The event commemorated the 400th anniversary of the confirmation of the Society of Jesus by Pope Paul III in 1540.

Honorary Degrees

The program was highlighted by the conferring of honorary degrees by the Very Reverend Francis A. O'Malley, S.J., president of Canisius. Degrees of doctor of laws were bestowed on the Very Reverend Thomas F. Plassman, O.F.M., president of St. Bonaventure College, the Very Reverend Joseph M. Noonan, C.M., president of Niagara University, and the Reverend Michael J. Ahern, S.J., head of the department of philosophy at Canisius College and former president of Canisius. A doctor of science degree was conferred posthumously on Peter A. Grabau, professor of paleontology at National University, Peking, China.

Jesuit Education System

Father Plassman, delivering principal address, paid tribute to educational achievements of the Jesuits. "Have our educators not made a fatal mistake that, while pretending to have solved the riddle of the universe in the scientist's laboratory, they committed the graver error of solving the riddle of man and mankind with the same mechanical device?"

Tribute to the late Father James A. Horan and the late William J. O'Donnell. The cost of making possible the science hall, was paid by Father O'Malley.

Procession

Exercises were opened with an academic procession from the college building down Hughes Avenue to the Villa. The procession was civic leaders, local educators, clergy, nuns and students of Canisius, alumni of the college and the Knights of St. John.

Prominent guests included the Very Reverend James P. Sweeney, S.J., president of the New York Province, and the Very Reverend Robert T. Bape, superintendent of schools; Mayor Thomas L. Holling; Chancellor Samuel C. Capen of the University of Buffalo; and many other notables.