

## Catholic Lay Activities.

### A Special Field: Welfare Work For Catholic Youth.

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Continued from last week.

#### Settlements.

5) Our settlements, which are now fortunately increasing in number, must extend the scope of their work. If the schools have not secured the co-operation of Catholic societies, the settlements could provide for "after-school" hours of a number of children. Those connected with the settlements may be even better prepared for such "extension" work than our teachers. When many amusements are "commercialized" and morally dangerous, as is the case in large cities, the settlement workers have a fine opportunity to help the children to find ways and means for much-needed physical exercise and social enjoyment. And don't say that all this smacks of "paternalism." It does not. And don't assert that "we got along without all this in the past." We answer: "New times, new duties," and that anything done for the child is like bread cast upon the waters.

6) We have already referred to the help the "visiting nurse" can give to the schools. Our Catholic hospitals ought to graduate an increasing number of nurses, who would find an attractive field for professional work in our schools.

7) The hospitals themselves should come in closer touch with our schools. Perhaps those taking the courses in nursing could occasionally visit the schools and, if possible, advise mothers on methods of improving the physical well-being of their children.

8) The Big Brother and Sister movement ought to be more developed among our people. In the Moral Court, the Court of Domestic Relations, and the Boys' Court of Chicago, there are non-Catholic representatives who are keenly interested in every case that is concerned with a member of their church. Here we reach perhaps the very fundamentals of success in our work with the younger generation. We must show a live, genuine and sympathetic interest in child life, in everything that concerns the child, his moral and physical well-being, we must be quick to sense any danger that may interfere with his normal development, and be ready to sacrifice even personal comfort to bring him that help and guidance to which, by virtue of his tender years and immaturity, he is entitled. Now the efficient and large-minded big brother and sister, particularly the one inspired by "the charity of Christ," will be able to do all this for the child, especially for the one that is handicapped in the race of life, and is retarded from the standpoint of normal mental and physical development.

#### Developing The Will.

Again, cannot all of us—priests, teachers, parents and social workers, strive more consistently to develop the will of our children and their resisting power to first evil influences? It is unwise and unjust to allow our boys and girls to plunge suddenly and unprepared from the anxiously guarded life of the parochial school, with its numerous incentives to virtue, into the world where an entirely different standard of moral values prevails, and where

evil influences turn up at every bend of the road. We do not mean that the teacher should draw lurid pictures of a wicked world which is only set on ensnaring the innocent; nor do we hint at the necessity of "sex-instruction." But we refer to the need of constantly presenting to the young not only the best models of a holy life, as exemplified in our saints, but also those motives and means of keeping their Christian character unswayed, which have helped many a youth to pass successfully through the stress of adolescence and to keep his faith in the ideals of younger and more innocent days. Will-training of this kind is highly recommended by our best teachers of youth, men like Father Barrett, Msgr. Guibert and Prof. Foerster. With regard to girls, the sound Catholic advice of women like Mrs. Catherine Conway, Virginia Crawford, and Margaret Fletcher, will, if wisely pondered, save many a life from disillusion and a bitter awakening.

#### Need of A Guiding Hand.

There are, finally, besides the causes of delinquency mentioned in the analysis referred to above, certain dangers which we can minimize by steady co-operation. That the movies are responsible for many a moral break-down in childhood is now freely admitted by men who can speak from authority. The pictures may encourage the child's tendency to wrong-doing, and instead of giving him worthy ideals may contribute to greater moral deficiency. Even the colored supplement of the Sunday newspaper, despite all assertions to the contrary, may sow a seed of moral decay in the child. "Night-life" in the large cities is a prolific source of moral evils, and there is absolutely no excuse for parents or guardians in granting children the liberty of streets and boulevards after dark. How some Catholic mothers can persist in neglecting their duty on this point, and that for years, and even when they are being made aware of the havoc such license is playing with the health and the religious life of their daughters, is hard to understand.

A careful consideration of suggestions of this nature may help us to stem the tide of the evil that has given much concern to social workers,—juvenile delinquency,—and enable our schools to accomplish their work with greater assurance of permanent results.

#### IV.

**Tasks For The Catholic Laymen**  
The digression into the field of juvenile delinquency and concomitant remedial and relief efforts offered a suggestion of intensive labors in one specific field. In the subsequent paragraphs we shall confine ourselves to a general outline of possible lay activities. At best we can but sketch a general program, which will give answer to the ever-present question: "What can and should the Catholic layman do?"

#### Exercise of Citizenship.

Let us begin our answer to this question with a duty which is of special significance in this "age of democracy," the faithful discharge of which is nowhere more highly extolled than in our country. We mean the duty of exercising citizenship. Have our men ever realized the power that is theirs in the wise use of citizenship? To refrain from use of this right through apathy, sloth or unconcern is unworthy of the true citizen. The baneful results to Catholics in countries like France and Italy for their remissness in this duty should teach us a lesson. The "children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light."

(Continued next week)

## Late News of Ireland

### Carlow

The ceremony of profession of Miss A. Cloury, Bangnaistown, Carlow (Sister Mary Cecilia), and Miss M. Flanagan, Cole Hill, Tullamore (in religion Sister Mary Emmanuel Joseph), took place recently at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, Auckland, N. Z. Sister Mary Dominica Fitzgerald died in the Poor Clare Convent, Graiguecullen, Carlow, at the early age of 26 years, six of which were passed in religion. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Flintfield, Faha, Killarney.

### Cork

Lieutenant J. F. Lenihan was elected petty sessions clerk for Ballincollig, Blarney and Farren by 13 votes to 11 for D. O'Connell. This was the third election, Mr. O'Connell having been twice elected and disqualified.

Cork Guardians and R. D. C. adjourned as a mark of respect to the late W. J. Hegarty.

Four lads were injured by revolver shots fired by soldiers in Inchicore, Dublin. One of the wounded, Padraic O'Connor, was shot through the thigh, but the others are not seriously injured.

### Dublin

Three issues per week: German, Lithuanian, 1; Two issues per week: Bohemian, 2; German, 1; Slovak, 1; Slovenian, 1. Weeklies: Bohemian, 2; Croatian, 1; English, 85; French, 3; German, 18; 18; Hungarian, 3; Italian, 4; Italian and English, 1; Lithuanian, 2; Polish, 7; Russian, 1; Ruthenian, 1; Slovak, 5; Slovak and Russian, 1; Slovenian, 2; Spanish 1.

Semi-monthlies: Bohemian, 1; English, 4; German, 1; Slovenian, 1. Monthlies: Bohemian, 2; English, 76; French, 1; French and English, 1; German, 10; German and English, 4; Italian and English, 1; Polish, 5; Polish and English, 1; Roumanian, 1; Russian, 1; Slovak, 1; Slovak and English, 1. Bi-Monthlies: English, 5; German, 2.

Quarterlies: English, 30; German, 2; French, 2; Polish, 1. Semi-Annual: English, 1. Irregulars: English, 6. Besides these three hundred and thirteen publications, there are seventy-two others, issued by Catholic seminaries, universities, colleges, academies and schools. Of these one is a weekly; twenty-eight are monthlies; fifteen, bi-monthlies, twenty-five, quarterlies and three, semi-annuals.

### Tipperary

When a motor lorry belonging to Jeremiah Ryan, Ardinnan, was conveying a load of food-stuffs, etc., from Glenmel to Ardinnan, it was held up near Knocklofty Bridge by two men with revolvers. When the driver stopped the trolley a large crowd of men, disguised in various ways, came out over the fence and without a word proceeded to take the stuff from the lorry and pitch it into the river. When their task was completed, the driver was allowed to proceed on his way.

William Fleming has made a claim for £90 compensation for a horse shot dead at Rearcross, County Tipperary, when drawing turf to the local R. I. C. barracks.

Thurles Bazaar, which continued for a week, excelled any of the many successful fetes of the season. The proceeds go to St. Michael's College, Dundrum. The attractions included horse jumping, donkey races, cafe chantant, aerial flight, etc.

### Waterford

J. F. Lane was appointed commercial instructor, Waterford Technical Institute, in room of T. J. McCormack, appointed principal, Armagh School. James Kenneally Bewley, Lismore, was found dead in bed.

## Great Growth Of Catholic Journalism In United States.

Benziger Brothers of New York have published a list of all the Catholic newspapers and magazines in the United States. In all, there are listed three hundred and thirteen publications, of which one is a semi-annual; thirty-five are quarterlies; seven bi-monthlies; one hundred and five monthlies; seven, semi-monthlies; one hundred and thirty-seven weeklies; two are issued three times a week; five are issued twice a week; eight are dailies, and six are published at irregular intervals.

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## SPEAKING TOUR OF PRESIDENT DE VALERA.

During the month of November President De Valera will speak in the following cities: Nov. 5, Salt Lake City; Nov. 7, Butte, Mont.; Nov. 9, Spokane, Wash.; Nov. 10, Seattle, Wash.; Nov. 12, Tacoma, Wash.; Nov. 14, Portland, Ore.; Nov. 17, San Francisco; Nov. 19, Los Angeles; Nov. 20, San Diego; Nov. 24, Williams, Ariz.; Nov. 25, El Paso, Tex.; Nov. 27, San Antonio, Tex.; Nov. 28, Houston, Tex.; Nov. 29, Galveston, Tex.; Nov. 30, Fort Worth, Texas.

The "Federation of Clerical Associations" of Italy now numbers over a hundred different societies, and publishes a monthly magazine. Its head is Cardinal Maffi, Archbishop of Pisa.

## MANY FILMS EXPLOITED AS UNWORTHY

We Are Printing This Week the second list of Pictures by the Catholic Pre-Review Service of New York City, Who Refuse to Pass Only Those Meeting To High Standard Morality.

### By Charles J. McGowan

"Eyes Of Youth": Clara Kimball Young, Pictures Corporation—8 reels. A powerful, bulwarked with a worth-while moral. The star's heights in her interpretation of five widely known. For real entertainment "Eyes of Youth" takes the lead.

"Mystery Of The Yellow Room": All star cast Pictures—6 reels. It is remarkable in the absence of someness in which most mystery pictures have mered. "The Mystery Of The Yellow Room" is a crime, but that crime is not shown. It plays with the looker's sense of deduction, keeps him puzzled and sends him with a most unexpected solution. "Mystery Of The Yellow Room" was made by Mayflower Picture Corporation, recently produced "The Miraculous Man," Suitable for and juveniles over 12.

"Sacred Silence": William E. Russell, star (William Fox—5 reels). A worth-while story typifying the high honor dominating American soldier. Hero sacrificed to save a dead man's memory and a woman's life. This drama of life at an army post is of real interest. Young army captain whose chivalry almost resulting in disgrace for life, William Russell does some of the acting of his career. This is not a war picture for adults.

"A Roaming Bathtub": A Sunshine Comedy (William Fox—2 reels). A bit of unadulterated fun with a but please. Mysterious mechanical effects and many funny situations to a worth-while time. Everybody will enjoy it.

"Back To Nature Girl": A Sunshine Comedy (William Fox—2 reels). Hilarious from start to finish. A desire to see more of the same sort of fun. There's a plot, of course, but there's no sense in that a spectator loses track of it. If you like this.

"A Girl In Bohemia": Peggy Hudson, star (William Fox—5 reels). A satire on life in a most and stood section of Greater New York. A girl who peeks fame there and while up against it. Never until the so-called "Bohemian" has been so appealing, well worked out and will please everybody over twelve. It carries a worth-while message.

"The Lost Princess": Albert Ray, star (William Fox—5 reels). Romantic method of that what happened to the heroine in this film is open to them. It's a pretty story straightforwardly presentation by unusual subtleties. From a moral standpoint this picture will pass muster anywhere.

"Footlight Maids": A Sunshine Comedy (William Fox—2 reels). Intended to make you laugh—and fulfill. One of the best heavyweights who are put on a screen is featured. See if you recognize him—he's a real star in this picture. A delightful "bit" certainly.

Previously Approved films were: "The Egg Crate Wailor", "The Winning Stroke", "The Saddle", "Merry-Go-Round", "Jinx", and "Maniac".

Read the notice to Mr. Exhibitor, Can be had in or mail it to any motion picture distributor. It proves that seventeen million Catholics are interested in pictures.

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Ethel Barrymore noted actress, announced she will not appear again in pictures for some time. Barrymore is one of many Catholics who have achieved a big success.

Madeline Travers, the Fox star, announced she is the "green-struck" girl. A mother who is having an excellent record for herself at the University of California, asked Miss Travers to tell her "the story" from which her daughter was suffering. She invited the girl to visit a Fox studio on several days. An absolute cure was the result. Miss Travers lark after the activities she witnessed in a screen artist's work.

Motion Picture Exchange, which is operating in the country are providing their members with the best proved photoplays when their selections are of a convincing selling point.

### NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS

We are especially interested in the Catholic Photoplay Pre-Review Service. Urge producers, exhibitors, and distributors to keep us posted on all new pictures. Collect read them. The Catholic Pre-Review Service is a movement. Please mail them to your distributor—you will profit.