

The New Year and Evolution

By W. D. Penypacker

IT WAS more than a quarter century ago that John, a young man then, saw the present century ushered in. As a man of mature years now, he looks back to that epochal midnight with interest.

It seems strange that that New Year's eve appeared different from any other in his life. And yet, the reason is not far to seek. There could be no other such midnight in all his life.

No other century would be ringing for him with such clamorous din of bells and whistles.

As he draws his chair close to the cheerful wood fire, the smoke from which has given the room an aroma of resinous incense, he cannot but become reminiscent. Before him are mental pictures imprinted upon his mind twenty-nine years ago—pictures which the coming and going of many winters and the joys of as many summers can never efface.

For more than a decade prior to 1900, John, his parents, and groups of younger and older folk in a small town met for a social evening and remained to welcome in the New Year. It was in those old-fashioned times when young folks and their elders frequently spent social evenings together.

All John peers into the ruddy embers he wonders if such things could be possible now. He knows that parents and children are rarely if ever together now at social functions and that they are seldom seen at theaters or in church in the same groups.

"But we did it, anyway," he murmurs in a tone of somewhat suppressed wonder that it could ever have been possible!

And this is as he recalls it:

The evening was cool and crisp; the sky bright and cloudless, the ground covered with snow, heavily crusted.

Consciously, he was not aware that this was different from any other night. Yet subconsciously he realized something was unusual. He might see many more New Year's eves—no, in fact, he has been privileged to do so—but he would never again see the passing of an old century, with its great epochal struggles and momentous achievements, and the arrival of a new one with a clean slate upon which humanity must transcribe its record of accomplishment—what would the next one be?

White, and unmarked, the page of an unwritten book—the year—spread before him. He was to be one of the billions of people to have part in transcribing a new record.

"The thought was impressive."

As broad grin sweeps his face, unobscured by others in the room. The fire crackles and crackles, the warmth of the fire made all drowsy. Laughter and wild festivities are no part of the present life of one who had reached adult life when the bells clanged and whistles tooted, and horns blew, as 1900 was ushered in.

Children, and in some cases grandchildren are out in the wild freshness of the night. Every one is doing it, by thinking but himself. A world of new ideas is being born, and the old ideas are being brought up, he admits, to be laid to rest in the past.

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Sports Tid-Bits

By JOHN LARMER

Well, folks, I was absent last week so could not wish you all a Merry Christmas. But I'm right on time to extend my greetings for a Happy New Year. May prosperity continue throughout the New Year, and may 1930 bring a bigger and better crop of sports news to this writer so that this column may provide a little enjoyment!

Here's a little tip: Keep your eye on St. Bonaventure! They are going to do great things in a basketball way this year. They have already notched five wins, and their most renowned victor, Colgate, whom they defeated, 23-24. Those four Rochester boys, Leo Sullivan, "Yanno" McNally, Joe Kennedy and "Rip" Riley, all Aquinas graduates, are furnishing the co-ordination of team play and the scoring power necessary for a championship team. "Yanno" has been running rings around opposing guards, while Joe Scahnd has downed the quint with remarkable floor play. "Yanno" and "Rip" are already being hailed as two of the outstanding guards in the East. Utecht and Connors alternate with the Irish quartet to form the regular Brown and White alignment.

In an All-Jesuit school contest, Loyola of Chicago romped to a 26-6 victory over Loyola of Louisiana at New Orleans last Saturday. This rang up the football season for Catholic Colleges, a season which brought untold glory to Catholic teams, especially to Notre Dame and St. Mary's of Oakland, California.

Connie Mack celebrated his 77th birthday last Monday. While receiving congratulations, he announced that he would not retire until forced to quit. Mack is facing his 25th year at the head of the Athletics, and during that period he has won seven league championships and four World Series. Apparently the diamond, with all its colorful contests, still has a firm hold on the grand old man, who has set a fine example for all Catholic sportsmen. May he enjoy many more successful and happy years!

Bill McCarthy's Niagara Varsity team completed a three-game, holiday trip when they defeated Albany Law School at Albany last week. "Jigger" Schaad was high scorer in this fray, with eight points. He was also the mainstay in the other two games against Toronto and St. Lawrence.

Niagara will play St. Bonaventure next week on the basketball floor. This will see Kennedy, Sullivan, McNally and Riley of Bonaventure lined up against Schaad and Marks of Niagara. All are former Aquinas athletes, and were once team mates on a great Maroon quint. The Bonaventure boys will also be opposing their former mentor, Billy McCarthy.

Catholic Colleges have turned to the court from the gridiron, and so far they are going along in fine fashion. Holy Cross opened up with a 32-25 win over Loyola; Notre Dame was nosed out by Northwestern in the opener, 30-28, but returned to form with a 32-17 victory over Iowa; Fordham displayed a brilliancy parallel to last year's great team in polling off Yale by a 30-16 count. St. Bonaventure is scheduled, having it been School of Physical Education, Clarkson Tech, Colgate and Thiel among its victims. Niagara has lost only one game in four starts, that to Cornell by a close margin.

At this date our local Aquinas basketball team looks like a real potential high school aggregation. In its

moment, protracted for ten minutes or more the darkness of the night is rent with distracting noises.

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Holy Cross Captain



The 1930 Holy Cross football team will be captained by Francis J. (Frank) Garrity, an able and spectacular player. Holy Cross ranked as one of the great teams of the country this year, as it has done for many years past, and it has played the best of them, always with credit to the team and to the college.

four contests it has not been given more than a workout. Dan Dowling, at forward, gives promise of being one of the outstanding forwards in the State, and possibly All-American material. If the Irish go to Chicago, in Adams, Dennis and McNally, Leary has a wealth of pivot material which he has never before owned in his three years at Aquinas. Welch, Hynes and O'Donnell, who round out the starting five, are players who give a big boost to the team play of the quint. In Huhn, Brennan, Burgess, Carroll, and Sargent he has a crop of rinky players who fit in nicely with the play of the regulars.

Fighting Irish Football Review To Be Published

Notre Dame, Ind., Dec. 27.—The Fighting Irish will soon release their gridiron annual, "The '29 Football Review," as a fitting reminder of their successful season, and as a keepsake for the thousands of fans who saw Notre Dame play this year.

The Review will contain stories of all games by nationally known sports writers, and the Notre Dame version of each game as written by the student writers who are members of the Review's staff.

An intimate, personal write-up of each individual member of the Notre Dame squad, and the associated coaches and managing staff will be found in the review. Action pictures of the squad members will accompany their stories.

Pictures of each game, pictures of the opposing captains and coaches and brief statements by the leaders of the Irish opponent are special features of this year's book.

Great Festivals Planned For Algeria

Paris, Dec. 27.—Great festivals are in preparation in Algeria to commemorate the centenary of the conquest and re-establishment of Christianity in that country, a centenary that coincides with the 15th centenary of the death of St. Augustine.

The Bishops of Algeria have decided to hold solemn religious ceremonies, many of which will be held about the time of the Eucharistic Congress at Carthage.

At Bonn, ancient Hippo, the residence of St. Augustine, Mgr. Thienard, Bishop of Constantine, is planning to celebrate a Mass in the open air on the principal square of the city on the anniversary of the death of St. Augustine. Another ceremony will occur the evening before at the basilica on the ruins of Hippo Regius.

At Algiers, Mgr. Leynaud will invite all the civil and military authorities to attend a ceremony in the cathedral a few days later, at which a Te Deum will be sung and an act of Thanksgiving. Following this, priests and others will go in procession to the dedication of the church at Cherchell, the ancient Caesarea of Mauretania, celebrated because of its bishops and martyrs and by the memory of St. Augustine, who went there to combat the Donatists. Cherchell is situated about 50 miles west of Algiers on the Mediterranean coast.

At Oran the consecration of the cathedral will occur on St. Catherine, the middle of Lent.

Marriage Group Organized By German Catholics

Cologne, Dec. 27.—The Katholische Eheanbahnung, an organization for the purpose of promoting Catholic marriages, has its headquarters in Cologne, at 8 Schleiense-Strasse. Two priests of the regular clergy, and prominent men and women are sponsoring the society.

The object of the Eheanbahnung is not only to give Catholic men and women an opportunity of meeting one another, but to disseminate proper instruction on what constitutes a Christian marriage.

Increased discussion of marital vows and efforts to introduce legislation that will make divorce easier and change the status of marriage in the German Republic, has caused consternation in the Catholic centers of population. The Center Party is leading the opposition to the proposed laws.

Aquinas Tossers Trounce Uticans

Mott Leary's Maroon-clad dribblers put on a classy exhibition of passwork and shooting Friday night to outclass Assumption Academy of Utica by 31-16, and thus extend their unbroken string of victories to four. It was the first loss in four starts for the Uticans.

Danny Dowling, Irish captain, was afloat the most outstanding player on the court. "Flip" sifted in six field goals, to lead the scorers with 12 points, in addition to breaking up the long passing plays of the visitors. "Pug" McNally was right on Danny's heels with a total of nine counters on four baskets and one free throw. Dennis, diminutive left guard, featured the contest for the visitors. He was the mainstay in their delayed offensive game.

Jimmy Welch chalked up two free throws when he made good on the opening whistle. L. Crego responded for the Green and White with another foul. Dowling staged a one-man spurt when he broke loose for three shots under the hoop. These were the result of clever feinting and fast cutting. Bernie Hynes zipped a set shot through to end the period at 10-1 for the Irish.

Collins, Utica captain, counted on a dribble-in shot to open the second quarter. Dowling responded for the Irish when he scored on a block play around Dennis. Collins again scored on a free toss. At this juncture Leary took out Welch and Dennis in favor of Huhn and McNally. "Pug" out-jumped Kowalczyk to start a display of brilliant passwork which terminated when Dowling counted on a set shot. The score stood at 16-4 for Leary's five at the half.

Collins, Utica captain, watched the second half from the bleachers. McNally took up Aquinas scoring when he pivoted away from Kowalczyk on a fake block play. Kelly, in place of Collins for the Green and White, came right back with a tally sifted through a single foul shot and came right back with a tally from the center of the court. Bill Huhn and Earl Gunn scored their only baskets of the fray and Kowalczyk feinted around Gunn to end the period at 24-9 for the Maroon.

In the final quarter, Leary made several substitutions. As a result Assumption held the Irish on even terms for four points on a field goal and two fouls. Jim Welch returned to the game, got free to sink his only field goal. McNally again tallied on a fake pivot play, and Dowling kept up the good work with his sixth basket. The Dowling committed his fourth personal and was forced from the game. Kowalczyk made good on a free toss and Louis Crego sifted through a pop shot to end the game at 31-16.

In the preliminary Aquinas Reserves, an aggregation of diminutive sophomores, kept their record intact by outclassing the Delmars by a 20-14 count. Maliborski and Marks led the scorers but Moore, promising center, was the outstanding player in the contest. Burke led the losers with a total of ten points.

Basketball Captain



The Captain of the Marquette University basketball team this year is Jimmy O'Donnell, and under his leadership the team has already commenced a very ambitious schedule. Jimmy is a great player, and he has an excellent team.

Master Musician Of Prague Honored

Prague, Dec. 27.—Prof. Joseph Boh. Foerster, the distinguished Catholic master-musician and rector of the State conservatory of music, has just been awarded the degree Doctor of Philosophy, honoris causa, by the ancient University of Prague. The importance of this occasion can be appreciated when one recalls that Professor Foerster is the first musician since Anton Dvorak to be accorded such an honor by the University.

A particularly striking feature of the ceremony that attended this honor, and which attracted the cream of Czechoslovak scientists and learned persons representing all branches of the fine arts, music and education, irrespective of creed, was the address of Professor Foerster himself. He declared that he has attained, in whatever distinction is his, only God's direction and with the help of the Holy Ghost.

Mexico Bishops' Joint Pastoral First in 3 Years

Letter Predicts Great Ceremony At Fourth Centennial Of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mexico City, Dec. 27.—The greatest religious manifestation in the history of the nation on the occasion of the celebration of the fourth centennial of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which will occur in 1931, is predicted in a joint pastoral issued by the Mexican Hierarchy on December 12th, the feast day.

The pastoral gives a general resume of the condition of spiritual welfare in the nation, and is the first letter of its sort to be issued by the Bishops since the resumption of public worship last June.

Speaking generally of the 1931 celebration, the pastoral says in part: "Now, for nearly four centuries the people of Mexico have been especially noted for their love and devotion, truly national in character, for our Most Holy Mother of Guadalupe. The heart of every Mexican burns with love for Holy Mary of Guadalupe. There is no Mexican who does not know and gratefully cherish and repeat the venerable story of her merciful apparitions.

"In the year 1931, four centuries will have passed since that day which is for us the happiest of all days on which the true Mother of God, the ever-pure Virgin Mary deigned to favor us with those sweet words which she addressed to Juan Diego.

Another Great Day

"By singular providence of God Who, in His adorable designs, determined the day on which the apparition of Guadalupe was to take place, this glorious centennial occurs in the same year with another of the highest importance for Catholic doctrine and for the life, itself, of the Church of Jesus Christ, namely, the centenary of the Council of Ephesus, at which with great solemnity and rejoicing was defined the doctrine of the Holy Mary's maternity of God.

"About the year 1521, there lived in the vast regions of South America certain tribes which in the midst of the natural wealth by which they had been endowed by the most merciful Lord of nations and of individuals, still groveled in the shadows of idolatry and polytheism. Among them those who were weak were the victims of those who were strong and there was no one to protect them. These tribes lived a life that was sad, full of affliction.

Our True Mother

"The Most Holy Mary, true Mother of the true God and true Mother of all men, cast an eye of mercy on those, her children, and had the goodness to come herself in person to be their Apostle and to console them, even as the most tender mother fondles and consoles the least and most needy one of her children.

"Know she lovingly said to Juan Diego: 'That I am the Virgin Mary, the Mother of the true God.'"

"Why are you sad? Am I not here, who am thy Mother? * * * I desire that in this place a temple be built in my honor in which I, as your mother and the mother of all the natives, may be venerated. * * * Every one of these words, beloved sons, as you know from your earliest infancy, fell from the most pure lips of Mary as a divine balsam to allay the sufferings of the people of Mexico.

One Debt to Virgin

"The most Holy Mary came to teach us. She, who is the true Mother of God, she who is our own true mother, she, who as our mother, has a loving care over us, we owe it to her to have recourse to her in our afflictions and in our necessities.

"Heed not, beloved sons, those who seek to hold back our uncontrollable love and gratitude for Mary, most Holy, the Virgin of Guadalupe, is not a symbol of our race; she is not the private possession of our nationality, but it is true that to our Mother of Guadalupe, Mexico owes her nationality and to her she owes what is left to her of her heritage of faith which she came to bring to us. The Virgin of Guadalupe is not an importation brought by the first missionaries. She is not a foreign myth invented to attract the Indians to the light of the Gospel. By documents which are irrefutable and most ancient and by the testimony of tradition history proves that loving apparitions of the Virgin of Tepeyac are historical facts. They cannot be disputed and all the most Holy Virgin teaches us, all that she has to say and continues to do for Mexico proves that this is no vain imagining but a fact gloriously allied to Catholic doctrine and not the creation of poets, nor an empty superstition."

American Catholics Lauded In Speech At Paris Institute

Paris, Dec. 27.—The activity of American Catholics was eulogized in an inaugural address at the solemn session of the reopening of the Catholic Institute of Paris, by Mgr. Ginsty, Bishop of Verdun, who visited the United States some months ago.

He described the mighty effort that is being put forth in the United States in the intellectual field and praised the part being taken in it by universities, schools, institutes, museums and libraries founded privately. He proposed as an example for France the generosity of American Catholics, and urged that Paris be given from the material point of view a Catholic Institute worthy of its great renown. Foreign students who come from everywhere and French students themselves, he said, should find their surroundings more attractive and comfortable.

Ambassador



MGR. BORGONCINI DUCA

Monseigneur Borgoncini Duca is the new ambassador from the Vatican State to the kingdom of Italy. He is an able and capable representative.

To Double Girl Scout Members In Five Years

New York, Dec. 27.—A development plan, conceived by Mrs. Nicholas F. Brady, chairman of the board of directors, is now being initiated in the Girl Scout organization at a cost of \$3,000,000. The plan calls for expansion of the membership from its present figure of 200,000 to over 500,000 within the next five years. It also aims at putting the national organization on a practically self-supporting basis.

Why the plan was necessary and what it will mean for the girl and her mother is explained by Mrs. Brady for the benefit of Catholic readers. For fourteen years Mrs. Brady has been active in the Girl Scout movement. In 1920 she was appointed chairman of the finance committee, and in 1921 she was elected treasurer of the organization. Then in April of last year she succeeded Mrs. Albert Hoover as chairman of the board, when Mrs. Hoover became honorary president.

Object of New Development Plan

"The ultimate object of the development plan," Mrs. Brady said, "is to bring girl scouting within the reach of more of the ten-million girls of scout age in the United States. For many years socially minded leaders have been pressing us to extend the constructive influence of girl scouting to more of our American girls. The plan is simply a means by which we may increase the quantity of our work, not only without impairing but even while improving its quality."

"We have always been able to interest the girls themselves," Mrs. Brady continued, "for our program includes all activities which instinctively appeal to those of teen age. We give them an outlet for their energy, not only in the country but in the city. Through our nature study, our dramatics, our home-making, our hikes we keep pleasantly occupied the leisure which is so apt today to be misdirected by commercialized amusements. Play, after all, is work done for its own interest, not for gain, done in cheerful company, amid pleasant surroundings. Girl scouts always take their fun in groups. If, without their being aware of it, that fun has a sound educational and cultural basis, why so much the better for the church, home and school whose work we really supplement."

Need of Leaders

The greatest obstacle to the growth of girl scouting heretofore, Mrs. Brady declared, has been the scarcity of trained leaders. No girl scout troop may be formed, unless a leader trained according to the standards of the organization is available to head it.

"We need leaders," the chairman of the board asserted, "who are young enough not to have forgotten what they liked in their school days and old enough to have authority in the group."

Mrs. Brady pointed out the opportunities girl scouting affords for the socially minded as officers on local boards. She pointed out the opportunity for the girl scout to do for the organization. She expressed the hope that Catholic women would avail themselves of these opportunities.

"I myself," she said, "came into this organization because it is non-sectarian in character and because its code of ethics is fully in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church. According to the terms of our constitution we are open to girls of all creeds. Our theory is faithfully reflected in our practice. We make no attempt to supply our girls with religious teaching. We aim to develop in them all the natural virtues, to which by birth, race or faith they are heirs. The cultivation of the supernatural we leave to their own churches, to which all Girl Scouts are encouraged to go for guidance."

St. Paul Nuns Win Oxford Degree

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 27.—Sister Maria Stella and Sister Antonine, two Sisters of St. Joseph and both members of the St. Catherine's College faculty, returned to St. Paul last week after having spent more than two years as students at Oxford University. They were awarded at Oxford the University's highest scholastic degree in the departments of English Literature and Language. They were also awarded the Oxford Bachelor of Arts degree last August, and at the end of seven year matriculation period will be awarded their Master's degree. After receiving their degrees at Oxford the sisters spent some time doing research work in Lyons, France, and later went to Rome, where they were received in private audience by His Holiness, Pope Pius XI. They arrived in New York on the S.S. DeGraves last week and came direct to St. Paul, where they have resumed their work at the College of St. Catherine.

Archbishop Hanna Tells Old Church's History At Jubilee

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The story of Old St. Mary's Church, told in all its romance and history, association Sunday by the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco. His Grace preached the sermon at the Pontifical Mass, concluding the eight-day observance of the Diamond Jubilee of the famous church.

The church, built in 1864, was many years the cathedral of the archdiocese of San Francisco. In honor of the celebration of its diamond jubilee, dignitaries of the Church from three western states and superiors of many orders were present for the final ceremonies.

In reviewing the history of St. Mary's, the Archbishop, who is presented by the Rev. Thomas Burke, C.S.P., told of the coming of the padres to California, the founding of the church with the erection of the tower, and the building of the church with the city of the State.

"Before the declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, our own old mission in San Francisco was founded," he said, "and that day its light has never for a moment been extinguished. And in this mission itself, Old St. Mary's stands as a place of history and romance in this romantic city of ours."

New York Hospital Nurse Group Joins Catholic Federation

New York, Dec. 27.—Alumnae Association of St. Vincent's hospital, New York, at a recent meeting, voted to join in a branch of the International Catholic Federation of Nurses. All members will receive the Courier of the I. C. F. N., official publication of the Federation.

Before the vote was cast the Rev. Edward F. Garesche, S.J., General Spiritual Director of the Federation, outlined the remarkable growth of the society since its establishment many years ago. He described the growth of the nursing profession among Catholics, and declared that there are now in the United States alone 425 schools of nursing conducted by Sisters, with 20,000 nuns, of whom only about 1,000 are Sisters.

Nearly a third of the nurses in the U. S. are Catholics, Father Garesche said, and the I. C. F. N. meant to give them, and nurses general, wider and deeper spiritual and educational advantages and opportunities.

Bishop Gerken of Amarillo, Texas

Says of Church Extension:

"Our Holy Father saw fit to establish the Diocese of Amarillo because of the more than 50,000 square miles it represents for the Church in which many thousands of members of the Fold had drifted from Mexico across the Rio Grande. The bishop of this diocese depended upon The Catholic Church Extension Society for great assistance in providing the essential clergy aid, church building and school accommodations for the care of the scattered sheep threatened with the loss of the Faith. This aid Extension has given generously. There is no missionary bishop better able to appreciate the great benefit of The Catholic Church Extension Society to the Home Missions. I pray God to grant it ever increasing success in its noble work."

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