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Correspondence: I would make any sacrifice, even to the point of my own life, to see a Catholic newspaper.

Editorials

FIRST TEN YEARS

Sunday will be Founder's Day at Nazareth College.

Ten years ago, at the request of the Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, the Sisters of St. Joseph founded a Catholic College for women in Rochester.

The beginnings were hard. The college was not endowed. There was no income other than tuition, a fluctuating financial security, at best.

Nazareth College is now accredited by the highest state and national educational organizations, both secular and Catholic. On its faculty are nuns, priests and laymen who have taken degrees both here and abroad.

Contemporary conditions are a far cry from that September day in 1924 when 26 young women presented themselves for the opening session.

The most serious problem that confronts the directors today is how to cope with the growth of the college: the increased registration; the increased faculty; the increased schedule of courses; the financial burdens which loom up larger and larger day by day.

Yet the work of the college goes on — a splendid tribute to the faith and courage of the nuns who launched the enterprise and to the loyalty and generosity of the Catholic people who have supported it.

The greatest religious fact in the United States today, as the late Archbishop Spalding of Baltimore has so aptly said, "is the Catholic school system, maintained without any aid except from the people who love it."

No civilization rises higher than the ideals of its women; no civilization, as history proves, long outlives the loss of idealism in its women. Much gratitude then, is owing to such institutions of learning as Nazareth College which insures in its graduates, a balanced Christian training, and supplies light, direction and the power to live uprightly and usefully in our very difficult times.

Very properly, the CATHOLIC COURIER extends not only its congratulations to the college but its tribute of thanks to the Sisters of St. Joseph, to whose initiative and unselfish devotion to the cause of Catholic womanhood we owe this splendid institution.

A GREAT DRAMATIC POEM

The reversion of the stage here and there to themes of more serious intent would seem to indicate that the sobering influence of the depression was exerting itself. Both in the United States and in Europe dramatic productions of a deeply philosophic trend, which were dropped out in the ribaldry of more prosperous days, are now being given an audience.

A remarkable philosophic-religious drama, one which promises to live as a work of literature, was recently staged in various cities of Austria and Germany. According to the special correspondent of the London Times this play, "The Tragedy of Man," written some three quarters of a century ago, has been revived with great success in Vienna, Budapest and other centers.

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You can never lose by suffering. It is, after humiliation, the most precious thing the world contains.—Father Dignam, S. J.

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of the sixteenth century, the period of the birth of the exact sciences; Paris under the Terror; London in the ferment of the Industrial Revolution; and Phalanster, the workshop of the future, in which men are the robot-slaves of their vast machines—this last a remarkable prophetic vision.

Not intended for the stage, this dramatic poem is cause for no little wonderment. For Maritain rightfully said that art is merely the outward evidence of an inner philosophy of life—the thought of a people crystallized into "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." Every age has had its genius who, through the medium of art, would capture the scattered skeins of a people's thought and weave them into the poetic synthesis of an undying epic.

The recent success of the "Tragedy of Man" may be due in no small measure to its unusual dramatic qualities. But in addition, it evidences a revival of a sense of true values, based on a renewed consciousness of the serious import of life and of the need of a philosophic-religious interpretation of the baffling mystery of existence.

A SILENT PROTEST

The importance and real worth of the "Mute Manifestation" staged by Mexican Catholics, Sunday, September 9 in Mexico City is demonstrated by the fact that the National Revolutionary Party organized a counter-manifestation on the following day in which women employed in the various Government offices and dependencies, participated under the name of "Feminist National League."

The police made use of tear-gas in their efforts to disperse the Catholic demonstrators who had assembled early in the day previous to marching towards the Plaza de la Constitution. The police continued to interfere. But 30,000 men and women including students, as well as skilled and unskilled workers made use of various streets and avenues to reach their appointed destination in front of the national palace.

The following Monday a counter-manifestation was organized by the party in power in Mexico. Only 400 women and girls and all of them Government employees took part.

When the police were convinced that the Catholic demonstration in no way disturbed the public order, they withdrew and the demonstrators left the Plaza de la Constitution as orderly as they had come.

Senor Rodriguez, president of the Mexican Republic in commenting on the counter-demonstration of the Government employees stated that their expression of loyalty indicated that all the women of Mexico are not "with the reaction group and the group controlled by the clergy and enemies of the revolution."

Figure it out for yourself.

Current Comment

INDICTING THE MANY

One of the most unjust generalizations is the generalization which indicts a race or a religion for the sins of individuals within it. No race, no religion can do so and hope to escape the fate of persons who throw stones from the insecurity of a glass house. Because certain races have criminal records in our larger cities, one is grossly wrong to indict all the following of these races.

A rather unique tribute of filial devotion and an unusual feat in modern Catholic literature is the biography of his mother by a priest. It is the offering of the versatile Jesuit, Rev. Daniel A. Lord in his latest literary effort entitled "My Mother."

Father Lord sub-titles the book as "the study of an uneventful life." Yet in the portrayal of the life of Iva Jane Langdon Lord is delineated a character that merits far more heralding than the heroines ordinarily held up for popular emulation. She is the typical Catholic mother.

In Father Lord's mother, every Catholic reader will see his own, with all those distinguishing virtues and endearing perfections, cherished sacredly in personal memory, for want of opportunity or talent to picture them in print for public admiration.

It was a wholesome bit of naive that prompted the noted priest to lift the veil on home sanctities. But Father Lord is a publicist by nature, with a literary style and popular understanding that endears him to a wide range of readers. Everyone who reads the book will thank him for the story of a mother, to whose distinctions may be added her gift to the world of so distinguished a son.—The Evangelist (Albany).

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Diocesan Recordings

International yacht races might be a better way to solve international disputes than international bloody conflicts. But then how would the munition companies make a profit?

A writer in the "New Yorker" says that among other problems presented by the textile strikers to the President is how to raise a family on \$10 a week.

In a conversation casually held this week with a non-Catholic friend who is an insurance man it was brought out that he believes a bonus should be given by the state for each child born in a family. He said it might be called socialistic or whatever anyone wanted to term it, but it was his belief that such a practice would lessen the burden on a father of a family and enable the better bringing-up of children.

Although none are ever killed in the rush for the door at the end of Mass there are many who still rush out before the closing prayers. It may be well, says the "Ave Maria" for those who are in the habit of leaving the Church before the "Hail, Holy Queen!" is recited by the celebrant of the Mass to keep in mind that the present Holy Father has recently raised the indulgence on this prayer to ten years. This, together with an indulgence of seven years granted by Pope Pius XI for the triple recitation of the aspiration "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us," makes these prayers said after Mass rich in indulgences. To those conscious of the privileges given them by their Catholic faith it is a source of wonderment that so many people will leave the church while the last Gospel is being said. Of course, some have a reason but many are just blinding themselves to the opportunity for reciting indulgenced prayers. So too, those who cannot wait for Benediction after Mass when the opportunity is presented overlook the treasures in heaven they could just as well store up for themselves if they would give the matter a little thought.

Brother Severin, C.S.C., late of India who has experienced the loneliness that is the missionary's lot in a foreign land in talking with a representative of this newspaper this week emphasized the need for people back home writing away letters to missionary priests, brothers and nuns. To the missionary working among a strange people in a strange land, a letter from home is a big event of the day. Especially does the worker for Christ in the foreign fields need these letters at holiday times such as Christmas. Personal letters for missionaries in the far flung places in China, India, Africa and South America could be sent now for the Christmas holidays. Nor should the missionaries in outposts in this country be forgotten. While missionaries are ever in need of finances to carry on, those unable to send money could send a letter and keep up the spirits and morale of those who have left home to carry the Church's message "to every nation."

There are still some people who say they can see no need for a Catholic newspaper when they can get the news in the daily papers. The treatment of the news from the Catholic viewpoint is one reason for a Catholic paper. In Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Catholic points out how a story appearing in the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette puts Pope Pius XI in a ridiculous light with respect to the visit to Castel Gandolfo of Mayor William M. McKelvey in New Haven, a secular paper carried recently in its columns a gratuitous and vulgar insult to the Catholics of that diocese and the world and the Hartford Transcript, official organ of the Diocese of Hartford took cognizance of the insult and asked for an apology from the offending paper. The apology was made, the offending statement was repudiated and a declaration made that there would be no more insults to Catholics in the columns of the New Haven paper in the future. It was just a short time ago that the Baltimore Catholic Review carried on a campaign against the Baltimore Sun for the Boston insult to Saint Ignatius Loyola. In Brooklyn, the Tablet is making life miserable for one Bernard Deutsch, a public official of the City of New York who went to Mexico and gave interviews in which he is purported to have declared there is no persecution in Mexico with authentic stories coming out of Mexico showing that tyranny and vindictiveness are reaching great heights. When Mr. Deutsch blamed the trouble on the newspaper man, the Tablet pointed out that Mr. Deutsch had made three distinct statements concerning the wonderful conditions in Mexico, that he had been quoted by a number of New York papers and the United Press and that he did not refute the interviews which he had given. And now

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known By M. J. MURRAY SAINT JOHN BOSCO AS A BOY, ATTRACTED THE AUDIENCE FOR HIS CATECHISM LESSONS BY ENTERTAINING THEM WITH ACROBATIC FEATS. In the Cathedral of Genoa there is preserved this SARCOPHAGUS traditionally believed to contain THE ASHES OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION: The word AMEN signifies assent and in the Apostolic Constitutions we read: LET THE BISHOP ONE THE OBILATION, SAYING THE BODY OF CHRIST AND LET THE RECIPIENT SAY AMEN. St Ambrose explains the Amen thus used as IT IS TRUE. THE OLDEST TOWN IN THE WORLD. JAFFA, in Palestine, is said to have been built by NOAH'S SON, JAPHETH, and thus is

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

The Catholic Evidence Library is now listed in the registers of the Catholic Book-of-the-Month Club. It is certainly a grateful coincidence that our first book from the Club should be by a Catholic woman of our diocese. It is "Roman Spring: Memoirs" by Mrs. Winthrop Chanler, whose residence is now in Geneseo, N. Y. Of its pages the Club's Newsletter says: "They are the conversation, in well-modulated tones, richly refined, quietly vivacious, of a cultured woman, who is poised, self-assured without arrogance, inherently and by environment a lady. The recital never trails off into insipidity. It sparkles with wit and humor; it attracts attention by a needle-point characterization, by a subtle innuendo, by a famous name; it glazes by an anecdote or by a reflection; it starts up one's own memories and recollections, so that the reader would like to break in on the author, and also speak."

In this book, Mrs. Chanler is the genial mistress-of-ceremonies of a whole pageant of American and European society. "Wherever she went, she was within the intimate circle of the most distinguished, and what captivated her more, the most interesting people. She speaks of these as of dear friends, appreciative of them, but appraising them honestly and not concealing too many of their little peculiarities. The Theodore Roosevelt before and after the years at the White House, the Cabot Lodge, John Jay Chapman, Edith Wharton, John LaFarge, Henry Adams, Henry James and so many personages of legend and story pass in and out of the memoirs, and all become more notable and far more human."

Mrs. Chanler was born into a family whose ancestral traditions were characteristic of New England Protestant. But when she reached maturity, she heard and followed the call to Catholicism, as did her half-sister, Mrs. Hugh Fraser, and her famous half-brother, Francis Marion Crawford. After her conversion, "she braved the American society in which she lived, that social strata so Protestant to its very roots. She has contrasted bravely

to profess her Faith, not ostentatiously and offensively, but vibrantly so that all might know it and learn to respect it. In reading these pages, one feels the sincerity and loyalty of Mrs. Chanler, and one feels that her life, as her book, charmingly preaches the Faith that is in her."

"Roman Spring" will be ready for circulation in the C. E. Library on Monday evening of next week.

It is only just to publish the roll-call of the volunteer librarians, whose capable and conscientious services carried the Library through the summer months. They are Sodalis of Mary and (all but one) Nazareth collegiennes: Mary Doyle, Ruth Ehmman, Betty Frank, Helen Hayes, Lucille Kunz, Rita McNamara, Rita Malampy, Elinor Roche, Kathleen Whitfield. To them we give sincere thanks.

Another literary group with which the C. E. Library has been enlivened is the Spiritual Book Associates. The first book sent is Archbishop Goodier's "The Bible for Everyday." It is a sort of spiritual bouquet of some of the most beautiful and significant passages in the Old and New Testament. 365 choices have been made, and are meant to be distributed over the days of the year. Each selection is about half a page long, and is intended to be "chewed and digested". Of course, the book could be read within a week, since it has fewer pages than an ordinary novel. But this would be, not reflective, but merely formative reading, serving chiefly as prelude to a comprehensive perusal of the whole Bible.

It is interesting to read what Archbishop Goodier writes in explanation of the purpose of his book. He states: "There are many who would wish to read the Bible regularly, but they are put off by several obstacles. In the first place the book itself is so large; in the second place there is much which they cannot understand; thirdly, they may read many pages before they come to anything which seems to have any bearing upon themselves, or to be of any special interest to them. If they could be sure that every time they opened the Bible they would find something that would attract them, or a passage that would provide them with matter for thought, or prayer, or meditation, or instruction, they would certainly open it more often. It is to meet such a need as this that

the present selection has been made."

Canon 1276 of the Church's sacred Code orders that the Forty Hours' Devotion be held once every year in all churches where the Blessed Sacrament is habitually reserved. Each diocese is expected to draw up a calendar for its parishes which will so distribute the times of the Forty Hours' observance as to provide for an uninterrupted succession throughout the diocese.

The summer season is the only time when the Forty Hours calendar is interrupted in the Rochester diocese.

This inspiring Eucharistic devotion originated in the 16th century, and its observance has ever since been governed by a large body of regulations, laid down by Pope Clement VIII in 1592. Its original purpose was intercession for peace. "But it is now regarded more particularly as an act of reparation for the sins of men." In this our day it will be well for us to remember both intentions.

Congratulations to Nazareth College on its tenth anniversary! Faculty and alumnae and students have been unflinchingly cordial to the Catholic Evidence Library since its start; may we reciprocate with a sacred toast—"Prosperere procedat et regnat!"

It is no common honor that is conferred on the month that receives the Body of the Lord.—St. John Chrysostom.

Every drop of grace in the whole universe flows from the Blood that trickled in Gethsemane.—Henry E. O'Keefe, C. S. P.

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