

"BETTER HOUSING PROGRAM" AIDS NATIONAL RECOVERY

Local St. Joseph Sister Collaborates In Writing Noted Chemistry Paper

Indianapolis—At the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Indiana Academy of Science, Doctor Frank J. Sowa, professor of Chemistry at Notre Dame, read a paper entitled "Ester Formation by the Use of Baron Floride," written in collaboration with the Rev. J. H. Nieuwland, C.S.C., Academy president, and Sister Mary Geraldine, Rochester, N. Y.

Sister M. Geraldine is a member of the Order of the Sisters of St. Joseph and is head of the Chemistry Department at Nazareth Academy, Rochester, N. Y.

Keynote address, "The Story of Synthetic Rubber," was given by Father Nieuwland, president, and professor of Chemistry at Notre Dame. He is personally responsible for the invention of Synthetic Rubber, a discovery which has attracted both in scientific circles and in the commercial field, in the form of "Duprene."

KILLS SERPENT

Georgetown, British Guiana—(NC WC-Fides)—An anaconda 18 feet long, was shot recently by Father Cary-Elwes, S. J., missionary in British Guiana. The natives are fearless of the anaconda, which is a water serpent of the boa constrictor family, and seek it for food, saying that it is better than eels' flesh. A small one, four feet, caught a year ago still survives in the Georgetown Museum though it has not been known to have eaten anything all that time.

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By REV. OWEN B. MAQUIRE, D.D.

GREEK 'CATHOLICS' NOT SUCH IN OWN COUNTRY DR. FORTISCUE CITED ON CATHOLIC TERMINOLOGY QUESTION HAS PRACTICAL MEANING IN U. S. NOW

I had intended to continue today to explain to you the purpose of the reform of Saint Teresa. But, as the old Romans used to say: "Sapienter est mutare consilium;" which means that it is the part of a wise man to change his mind—if there is reason for the change. But men that are not wise can change their mind. Even fools can do that. In any case, I have changed my mind in this particular; and you can place me in whichever of these three categories you wish.

I have, however, a reason. Last night (November 30, Friday) I read in an Elmira evening paper that "the Russian Greek Catholics opened a home for the aged at East Hill, Elmira," and that on this occasion there were present one "Greek Catholic Bishop and four Greek Catholic priests." This would convey to the average reader that in their own country these people are known as Greek Catholics or as Russian Catholics; and that in Russia or in other countries of what is called the Near East, they call themselves Catholics.

But: Don't believe that. In no country of the Near East are those Christians who are not in communion with Rome called Catholics, and in none of those countries do they call themselves Catholics. Of course, they claim to be Catholics. But so do our Protestant brethren in this country. They all accept and recite the Apostles' Creed in which they profess to believe in "the Holy Catholic Church." But the question is not what they claim to be.

Subject of Pope
The question is a question of fact; and the fact is that in all those countries of the Near East—Russia, the Balkan Peninsula, Egypt, Syria including Palestine—Catholic is the name of those and of those only who accept the supremacy of the Holy See, who recognize the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, as the Supreme Head of the Catholic Church. As Doctor Fortiscue has written, "in the Near East universally a Catholic means a man who is a subject of the Pope." Use is the law of language and of nomenclature.

Doctor Fortiscue has written three books dealing with the various religious denominations in the Near East: (1) The Orthodox Eastern Church, (2) The Minor Schismatic Churches, and (3) The Uniate or Catholic Eastern Churches. He has also several articles in the Catholic Encyclopedia on this same subject; the religious divisions in the Near East. On these questions he is the most authoritative writer in English. Perhaps I had better explain to you why he is authoritative.

He was a classmate and friend of mine at the University of Innsbruck. I knew him intimately. His father was a younger brother of a former Lord Fortiscue, and became a cleric; man of the Establishment; became later an Anglican Arch-deacon, and at the time he became a Catholic, had been nominated Bishop of Rochester (England, of course). Doctor Adrian Fortiscue was his only child by a second marriage, and was a baby at the time of his father's conversion.

The father had not to consider the financial difficulties that embarrass many Anglicans who become Catholics. He spent the remainder of his life, part of the time in France and part in Athens. Adrian therefore grew up with an equal fluency in three languages: English, French, and Modern Greek; and with a classical education in Latin and ancient Greek. Later he made his course in Philosophy at Rome, living at the Scots College and acquired a knowledge of Italian.

Apt with Languages
When he obtained his Doctorate there, he came to Innsbruck for his theology. He had an astonishing facility for acquiring languages. When he was only six months at Innsbruck he could speak German fluently. To obtain the Doctorate at Innsbruck he had to know something of four of the Oriental languages, among them Arabic. What we learned was not really much (except in Hebrew), just the grammar of each and a few pages translation. But that did not satisfy Adrian Fortiscue. His father and mother had both died. He was the sole heir, and could travel. He spent the long vacations in the Near East, two summers at a monastery on Mount Libanus where the language of the people is Arabic. Before he was ordained he knew Russian. Only two years after his ordination he published a bulky volume in German. Therefore, when he sat down to write on the Near East he knew his subject.

His early death, twelve years ago, was a great loss to the Church. I might add, for it is edifying, that with all his learning and high family connections, he was a humble, pious, retiring, exemplary priest. He fell ill and was told that only a serious

operation could save his life. "I need ten days to consider," he said. Eight of the ten days he spent making a retreat at a monastery. A week later he was dead.

It is in the first of the three books I have referred to that Doctor Fortiscue treats of those Christians in the East who are called and who call themselves "Orthodox." But if you cannot consult that book and yet desire to have further and correct information on the subject, you can consult his articles in the Catholic Encyclopedia, especially two of them, one under the term "Orthodox," where he explains its technical meaning when used as a name, and the other under "Eastern Churches."

In this second article he gives an account of the origin and present status not only of the "Orthodox" Churches, but of all the minor Schismatic Churches of the East. In writing the article (in 1909) he used the material which he had been gathering and preparing to embody in the three books which appeared later. But the article already shows abundantly how thoroughly he had studied the question not only in books and documents, but on the ground where these people live, and conversing with them in their own languages. Nothing so clear and comprehensive on this much misunderstood question had hitherto appeared in English.

The question is not merely academic. Don't believe that either. It has a practical meaning even for us here in the United States today. Thirty or forty years ago it had its practical interest for us. But in the meantime two events have brought it home to our doors. One was the World War and the so-called peace terms created in the Near East and the Balkans, and in consequence an interest in their religion and "national Churches." The other event was the immigration to this country of various religious groups from Eastern Europe and Syria including Palestine, representatives of the various religious denominations in their homelands. These two events and their consequences have risen to not a little confusion in this country, and the press, secular and religious, began to use a terminology, or rather a nomenclature, unheard of in itself and unknown and unheard of in the homelands of the new immigration.

The mass of the American people—excluding the formalists, our ministers and imitator instructors on all subjects under the sun and beyond the sun, and also including ourselves, Catholics had hitherto known practically not a thing of these religious denominations in Eastern Europe, Asia and Egypt. Hence we began to read of "Orthodox Catholics," "Russian Orthodox Catholics," and all the rest, and the terminology is used to confuse us as immigrants who are really Catholics, and for purposes of proselytizing. Some Catholic publicists have fallen into the trap. As an example, I read some time ago in a Catholic periodical that the Queen of Italy (by birth a Montenegrin) had before her marriage belonged to the "Orthodox Catholic Church."

"Orthodox Catholic" is as absurd a name as "Protestant Catholic" would be, or "Methodist Catholic." In all the countries where they are found in Europe, Asia or Africa, "Orthodox" is the name of those Christians who use what is called the Greek Rite (and should be called the Byzantine Rite) and who are not in communion with the See of Rome. That is what they are called by

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A Moral Estimate Of Motion Pictures Recently Released

(Queen's Work—Sociality Service)

Chicago Council, Legion of Decency, has classified the following motion pictures according to their moral fitness in a release issued December 7:

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HOME IMPROVEMENTS

by Paul T. Haagen, A.I.A.

MODERNIZE NOW!



A PRACTICAL LINEN CASE

IN EVERY house there is the need of a linen case deep enough, and with shelves properly spaced, so that blankets or sheets can be folded and laid neatly in the shelves. Experience has shown that the case should be divided into differentialized compartments with shelves of varying heights to accommodate sheets, pillow slips, towels, blankets or comforters. The proper sizes can be easily determined by each housewife to fit her individual household. These divisions may be easily arranged by anyone.

In addition to having in the linen closet ample storage space for the clean linen, many people think it desirable to allow space for a hamper for holding soiled linens, for it is set-

dom advisable to send the best linens, when soiled, directly to the basement. The plan shows an arrangement of linen closet, bedroom closet and a recessed tub in an adjoining bathroom. The depth of the linen closet occupies the balance of the space along one wall of the bathroom not occupied by the tub. A pair of doors should enclose this linen case, hinged at either side.

Mix Fresh Paint Daily
It is a good plan, when painting a house, to thin only enough color to last one day and mix fresh color every morning, rather than thin enough to paint the entire house and take a chance on the weather.

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WOMEN INTERESTED IN MODERN KITCHEN

Women visitors to the Century of Progress Exposition are showing a significant interest in the modernized kitchens featured there according to Mrs. Dorothy McGehean, home science expert and director of the Kitchen Planning Institute of New York.

"In a recent visit to the World's Fair," says Mrs. McGehean, "I was impressed by the crowds of women attracted to the eighteen model kitchens scattered among the various household exhibits, and I was even more impressed by the types of questions which these women were asking."

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