

**CRIMINALS IN RETREAT**  
 Roma, South Africa—(NCWC-Files)—Fifteen Basuto chiefs have made a three-day retreat at Buthe, a mission station of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Basutoland. At the close of the retreat the chiefs made a number of solemn promises in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

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**WARNINGS**  
 "WHAT'S the trouble?" asked the Monk as he stepped on the "Dunger" board and watched a very wet and dismal boy stagger across the ice-to-the-bank.  
 "He fell in," squawked the Monk, "but surely he could see this hazard warning all that the ice was not safe here!"  
 "Of course he could," replied the Robin with a perk of his head, "the boy can read. And another thing, I know that both his Mother and Father told him to be careful where he stepped, and I heard them I was looking for crumbs close by when they said it."  
 "Then what did he go falling in for?" asked the Monk.  
 "Ah! that's just it! You see I followed him down to the pond and sat on this board to watch him. He was a thin coat of ice, but he could see the warning notice. And when he stepped on his feet and set out I heard him say, 'I believe it's perfectly safe, and I prove it!'—He slits up in the nu-

"The end came my name on the post," said he to do so.  
 "Yes," chirped the Robin, "he did and the ice gave way and he fell in!"  
 "I expect he realized how foolish he had been when he and got his breath and 'mumbled out' 'I'm sorry!'"  
 "I hope so," said the Robin, "but I don't think that when there who tells a better that he does warn him against stepping on the ice. He'll do well to profit by the warning," said the Monk, as he stepped off.  
 "If he's sensible, it will apply to the Robin as he fitted away."  
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**The Pamphlet Survey**

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 Because there are over 60 titles suitable for the Lenten season it will be impossible to mention all. Therefore the compiler begins these Lenten selections with a directory of the publishers not mentioned this week. Secure their catalogs from which you may make a complete list. Additional titles will be mentioned during the next two weeks.  
 Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Clyde, Mo. Central Bureau, 3827 Westminster Place St. Louis, Mo. Loyola University Press, 344 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. Mission Press, Society of the Divine Word, Tecumseh, Ill. Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Ind. J. S. Pugh and Company, 7108 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. "Devotions in Lent," by W. J. Longenecker (American Press, 100 N. 7th Ave., New York City). Explains the liturgy and devotions.  
 "The Story of Lent," by W. J. Longenecker (American Press, 100 N. 7th Ave., New York City). Forty-day meditations.  
 "A Thought a Day for Lent," by J. M. Gillet (Paulist Press, 401 W. 23rd St., New York City). Forty-day meditations.  
 "Selected Prayers for Lent," by J. M. Gillet (Paulist Press, 401 W. 23rd St., New York City). General prayers, hymns, litanies and psalms.  
 "Lent, Its Meaning and Purpose," by Dan Guernsey (Paulist). Explained by title.  
 "Lent for Children," by A. Religious of the Cenacle (Paulist). Daily meditations. Illustrated.  
 "Remember Me: Daily Readings for Lent" (International Catholic Truth Society, 407 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N. Y.). Selections from spiritual writers.  
 "Lent in Old Palestine," by E. L. Curran (International Catholic Truth Society, Conventual discussion).  
 (NCWC FEATURES)

**NUN OPENS COLLEGE POSTOFFICE**



John Layden, daughter of Coach and Mrs. Elmer Layden, of the University of Notre Dame, is shown purchasing the first postage stamp in the new U. S. postoffice at Holy Cross, Indiana, January 2, from Sister M. Nazareth, C. S. C., the postmistress. Located at St. Mary's College, near South Bend, the office received its name from the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who conduct the school. (Acme photo)



**LEARNING HOW TO LIVE**  
 One thing that has probably crept into the Bible is the word "Blessed." Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. At bottom this attitude is simply a matter of honest acceptance. It engenders the ability to see things in their true light, the ability to laugh at one's self as well as at others, and the ability to keep one's spirit attuned to the wisdom and the providence of God. Cultivate it in little things every day by prayer, sincere effort, friendliness, and objective recognition. You will be surprised to see the greatness of the vision that will dawn upon you, the pleasantness of your daily contacts, the sense of self-respect and interest and even when you're right about the matter and can't have our own way, we're inclined to anger and resentment and refuse to cooperate.  
 Personal piety gets the better of us. Often we may do things to glorify the success of the group or the understanding of our own mind. It is not passed on to us, but to throw a monkey wrench into the machinery and ruin it. That may be the best thing to do in some cases, but let's be careful that we're not doing it out of jealousy and selfishness and feeling ourselves.

Our selfishness may take years to cure if it is not to become self-conscious toward all of our own defects and limitations, so much so that everything seems to come out of our own mind. It is not passed on to us, but to throw a monkey wrench into the machinery and ruin it. That may be the best thing to do in some cases, but let's be careful that we're not doing it out of jealousy and selfishness and feeling ourselves.

Selfishness and pride even when unassuming and unobtrusive when the person so motivated thinks he is doing what is best. He has caused many great mistakes and tragedies in history, and they cause untold misery and frustration and much unhappiness in the daily lives of perhaps most of us. Objective recognition of a mistake of language honor effort to make the best of what has to be done, and to be unyielding toward remaining not only one's personal sense of failure and ability, but also perhaps most of the great problems that face society.

Autopsies of this attitude Professor William Lyon Phelps recently said: "The spiritual life in which peace and self-peace are worked away like poisons is open to all, but first one must let one's self go. The more we cultivate the spiritual life the less we think of ourselves."  
 "And some day when we ever come these views that give satisfaction there will be people who won't hate foreigners, who won't hate people of another race and who will rejoice in each other's success."

"Papa," said little Horatio, "can you explain philosophy to me?"  
 "Of course, I can," said his proud parent. "Natural philosophy my son is science of cause and reason. Now, for instance, you see the steam coming out of the spout of that kettle, but you don't know why or for what reason it does so."  
 "Oh, but I do, papa," chirped little Horatio, knowingly. "The reason the steam comes out of the kettle is so that you can open your letters without you knowing it."

**Faith of Great Scientist Portrayed In New 'Story of Louis Pasteur' Film**

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The world recognizes that Pasteur had the foundation for this tremendous good to mankind, but in his own time he was for years derided, scoffed at, and humiliated. The great French doctors refused to believe that an humble little chemist, not even a doctor, could help the sick and dying when they called on the King of France. Pasteur's enemies, forced him to leave Paris and, with his wife and daughter, continue his studies in a remote province. He lived quietly among the peasants, a patient and unassuming man, until the word spread of his amazing discoveries. Then the world hurriedly beat a path to his door.

He became famous but he never forgot the poor. His film in Hollywood, Paul Muni has given the most emotional and gripping performance of his career. He reflects Pasteur's constant calm faith in contrast with the excitement which always seemed to

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