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Crying In The Dark

By EILEEN LEARY

Do you live on the right side of the railroad tracks? It is an old question and the theme of many a love story. Son of millionaire marries mill girl. Fortunately the village of my childhood days was three miles west of the railroad tracks. The children of the millionaire and the children of the family "on the town" (today we call it "on relief") Eileen Leary were playmates. Imagine my surprise to move to a city and find a Wall called Society.

Funny thing about this Wall, it is built by Wealth and propped up by Old Family Name. Men don't seem to think so much about its proportions as women do. Men on either side of the Wall talk about their wives in the same tone of voice and hanker after hunting seasons and good fishing holidays. Women on both sides have many tastes in common—only Society woman won't always admit it—the carpenter's daughter. I often wonder what they would have done in the days of Joseph and Mary. Would they have admitted the carpenter's SON?

Headlines on a front page in a daily newspaper tug at my heart. The story of two American mothers, only a column apart tell the nation's story. "RESCUE TRY COSTS LIFE OF MOTHER." A woman tried in vain to save her six children from a fire which destroyed their flimsy home. The other headlines read, "BABE GAINING, BULLETIN SAYS." The well-known Countess Barbara Hutton Haulwitz-Reventlow, five and ten cent store heiress who had given birth to a son in England was to recover from an abdominal operation. Her son, who was born into the "utmost luxury" will coo, cry and say "da-da, mama" as six other babies once did. He will have a first tooth as each one of these children did. He will never be hungry or cold or die, because of a flimsy house, as these six children on relief did.

In a democracy thinking people do not expect the national "divvying" idea to be practical. Russia has tried it without economic success. But Christian thinking people should recognize, as one Catholic writer does, what a solution to our problems the Corporal Works of Mercy would be if practiced by the rich and the well-to-do. To feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to harbor the harborless, to visit the sick, to visit the imprisoned, and to bury the dead. The practice of these "would dissipate all bitter feeling between the rich and the poor, between capital and labor, and introduce among men that mutual good understanding necessary to ensure peace and contentment everywhere the best safeguard of the rights of all, and the safest guarantee for the progress and prosperity of all nations."

"Christianity like Communism is good in theory, but it just doesn't work out," said a charming young lady to me the other evening at a supper party. She had travelled extensively on the Continent. "Communism is being worked out in Russia, but Christianity has yet to be tried in actual practice," protested I.

Organizations of Catholic women hold high torches for public welfare; so do organizations of men. The individual woman is more concerned with the candlepower of her luncheon, dinner or reception. Individual man is standing by, awaiting his inspiration. Does his mother, wife, sister, sweetheart or friend want him to fight for social justice even with personal sacrifices or does she want him to amass more money to share with her behind the Wall of Society?" The prosperity of all nations and the lives of little boys and girls depends upon the answer of Woman. Think of it!

TO YOU . . . AND YOU

For you who come to bump-lit doors,
Feet tired with Pleasure's tread,
I wish you cupboards filled with chores
And less . . . much less of bread.

For you who climb to shabby dens
Where frightened gas jets leap,
I wish you Manna that God sends
And the precious gift of sleep.

—Esther Leary.

A CALL TO SERVICE

In Rochester, as in every big city, there are many pitfalls for girls lacking wise and understanding friends. Some girls are bewildered, discouraged, lonely, distressed, because they are not gainfully employed. Problems of livelihood, of continued education, of health; those problems incident to a lack of social contacts or to friction and dependency in their homes, fill young lives with perplexities and anxieties. There are motherless girls bearing the burdens of women on their young shoulders, and girls with no homes they can call their own.

One of the organizations affiliated with the Community Chest is the Rochester Girls' Service League and Big Sister Council, which has for fifteen years been meeting many of these needs and assisting in solving some of these problems. One hundred and twenty-five unselfish women are giving sympathetic, understanding service to the individual girl, whose companionship each woman cultivates through three or more friendly contacts each month. The Big Sister of the same religious faith as the Little Sister, was trained for the task and guided in her service by an office staff experienced in handling girls and their problems.

This so-called Big Sister teach a personal friend to her Little Sister) studies the girl's abilities, advises understandingly, encourages church affiliations, opens doors for wholesome recreation and further education, arranges for medical, dental, and optical care, and assists her in meeting life's difficulties more courageously and adequately. This friendly individual assistance continues usually from two to five years, or until the girl has made a satisfactory adjustment to independent living.

Big Sister service challenges Rochester women whose own life experiences, whose religion and philosophy of living have given them something which will enrich the girls they could guide and encourage along roads leading to happiness and usefulness. Unless more Catholic women are willing to interest themselves in this much needed work for Catholic girls, increasing numbers must be turned away to struggle on unaided. Can the women of the Rochester Diocese afford to close their ears to this call of service?

Directs Contest

Ellen Whelan, of Detroit, manager of the fifth annual short story contest being conducted by Kappa Gamma Pi, national honor society of Catholic women's colleges. Miss Whalen is a graduate of the National Catholic School of Social Service, in Washington, and received her Master's degree from Catholic University of America, in 1932. (Underwood photo.)

Mercy High Retreat To Be Conducted by Fr. J. Roger Lyons

The eighth annual retreat for the students will be conducted at Our Lady of Mercy High School, March 16 to 19.

Rev. J. Roger Lyons S.J. of the Queen's Work office in St. Louis, Mo., is to be the retreat master.

Services will consist of three days of prayer and meditation. The retreat will open with Mass on Monday in the chapel.

A High Mass which will be sung by the student body, will close the retreat on Thursday, after which breakfast will be served.

SODAL TALK

Recording the Activities of Rochester Parish Sodalities Union

"As Radical As Christ"

March is the month of St. Joseph. To quote an editorial, "The Gentle Gentleman of Queen's Work." He must have been gentle for not a single spoken word of his is recorded in history. Yet no more man ever had a wider influence on history. He taught the greatest Tradesman His trade. He dignified labor with hands that might have borne a scepter. He taught all husbands and fathers of all time the meaning of tenderness and devotion and faithful service of their dear ones. He guarded the world's dearest woman. The world is full of blustering men. The strong have prevailed. The dominant take their place in the forefront of the nations. He was merely gentle. He seems to have spoken little. He was not a too successful carpenter. The most significant leading he ever did was when he led his wife to Bethlehem and a new-born babe and its mother into Egypt. He was gentle. He was just. He was glorious. He was St. Joseph.

Remember St. Joseph Feastday, March 19. In honor of him for the intention of their fathers living or dead the Sodalists will offer their Communions on General Communion Sunday.

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Undoubtedly you have read of the World Catholic Press Exhibit to be held at Vatican City. It is good to know that the Sodality will be featured in this exhibit. Father Lord, National Organizer of the Sodality in the United States, will leave late in March to take charge of the American Sodalists' participation in the Exhibit. Incidentally individual Sodality news-sheets will also be figured in that Exhibit.

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SS. Peter and Paul Sodalists planned to begin their March meeting with the Stations of the Cross. We find three Study Clubs made up of Sodalists in this parish studying the Ceremonies of the Mass.

The new club room boasts a radio, the gift of a kind benefactor.

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Immaculate Conception Sodality had as its guest Miss Anne Brennan Chairman of the Speakers' Bureau. Her topic was "Sodality Organization." Immaculate has arranged its series of probation meetings for the instructions of candidates seeking admittance into the Sodality.

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Miss Helen Guntert President of the Rochester Parish Sodality Union will speak at St. Vincent's Sodality meeting Coffing on Sunday March 15. It's up to Sodalists is her challenging subject. We are anxious to see just what is up to Sodalists.

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Cathedral Sodality is planning to open the Spring festivities with a dance shortly after Lent. At the last meeting of the Sodality Miss Mary Leary was guest speaker, talking on Sodality organization. The reception of the Little Office of the Immaculate Conception and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament preceded the meeting.

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Just some suggestions:

Why not say the stations with Mary? Look ... Meditate ... Love ... for spiritual descriptions.

For meditation or mental prayer Father LeBuffe's new pamphlet "Pondering in Our Hearts."

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Sodalists are planning to take active part in preparation for and participation in the religious vacation school program for three summer. They will meet with Miss Miriam Marks Executive Secretary by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine on Friday and Saturday evenings to receive instruction on the preparation of vacation school materials. And the instruction of classes in the religious work.

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We wish to remind you of the Quarter Reader for March:

Virtue—Solidity of Piety.
Fault—Neglect of Duty.
Aspiration—"Jesus Mary and Joseph I give you my heart and soul."

Check up on your Sodality meetings.

1. Feature of a good meeting.

Starting and Stopping on Time.

Altar Society to Hold St. Patrick's Social

Macedon—The Altar Society of St. Patrick's Church will hold a St. Patrick's fete at the Macedon High School auditorium on Tuesday evening, March 17. Tickets are $.25.

Cooperatives For Parity

Under the prevailing system of mass production, mass capitalization and mass merchandizing in cities, cooperation among farmers in selling and buying is the only practical means of maintaining just exchange relations between agriculture and city agencies." **American Agriculture and International affairs** (NCWC, Washington, D.C.)

National Chairman

Mrs. Thomas Dignan, of Glasgow, Mont., secretary of the board of directors of the National Council of Catholic Women and chairman of its National Committee on the Extension of Religious Education. Plans for the further development of the work of this committee were discussed at the Executive Committee meeting just held in Chicago.

By Marie Cecelia McGrath, Ph.D.

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THE APPEAL TO YOUTH

The whole world today is bidding for the support of youth. The Youth Movement is everywhere. Governments in Europe are giving special attention to their children not that they may be educated into fine men and women, but that they may be made to thrill and glow with a particular social doctrine.

In Russia it is Communism; in Germany, Nazi-ism; in Italy, Fascism. England and France also have their Youth Movements, while in America several groups are striving desperately to harness the imagination and the vigor of youth to their cause.

Throughout the Catholic world there has gone forth from Christ's Vicar on earth, Pius XI, the clarion call to rally round our Bishops in Catholic Action. The purpose of this and of the parallel Lay Apostolate Movement is to clothe our people with the supernatural power of the Christ life that they may despise the pleasure-loving world in which we live, that they may strive to correct the false principles of life in our society and that they may themselves live and teach others to live a Christ-life.

From one angle the most important thing in the world is to live a Christ-like life for me and ever to do it with self and sin. The conqueror is within us and not the enemy. The enemy is also outside of us.

But from another angle, the Christian life is the assistance in the world to live. It satisfies our whole nature; it brings untold joy in the living; and, really, it is not we but our Lord Who lives this life in us through sanctifying grace. None, it would be impossible, with Christ, it becomes simple. The purpose of our next articles will be to show how simply this life may be lived in Christ.

NCWC FEATURES.

Jesuit to Conduct Nazareth Retreat

The Annual Retreat of the Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association will be conducted March 14 and 15th at Nazareth Convent, the opening service being at 8:30 P.M. on Friday evening.

Rev. Andrew L. Bonagni, S.J. of Canisius College, Buffalo, will be Retreat Master.

Miss Agnes Eagan is Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Earl Bubbie, Mrs. Emmet Shaughnessy, Mrs. Amy LaVigne Hutchinson, Mrs. Robert Harmon, Misses Helen Curran, Mary Laraby, Mary Peters, Ruth Curran, Grace Keenan, Mary Eva Hefner, Irene Nash, Catherine Koehler, Margaret Frantz, Lucy Voelkl, Dorothy Mylie, Elizabeth Vogel, Adelaide Beisenbach and Jane Curran.

Alumnae members and their friends are cordially invited to attend. Reservations for one day must be made with Miss. Eagan on or before March 13.

Slain China Missioner Is Buried at Hospital Built in His Memory

Harbow, China (NCWC-Fides Service)—The body of the Rev. Angelo Melotto, Franciscan missionary shot and killed by bandits in 1923, was buried here, in a newly constructed tomb on the grounds of the hospital erected in memory of him.

The ceremony coincided with the tenth anniversary of the inauguration of the Melotto Memorial Hospital. Over 1,000 visitors were present at the interment, including the Italian and French Consuls, and Chinese military and civil representatives.

Rochester Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women

Office: 536 Columbus Civic Centre, 50 Chestnut Street

March, as we know, is dedicated to St. Joseph.

Our National President, Katherine R. Williams, sends us this message:

"Joseph believed he listened, he obeyed. The Child Jesus abode in his home, the Boy Jesus helped in his workshop and consoled him in his trials, the Man Christ closed his eyes in death and now Joseph abides with Him. We are told and have experienced, that Joseph has great power with Him even to our day. Let us, too, invite Jesus in this Holy Season, into our hearts, our workshops, and our homes. Let us ask St. Joseph to intercede for us, that we too may find that when we shall close our eyes His hand shall press our lids and His heart receive us into His kingdom."

Letters from Senator Royal S. Copeland, Senator Robert F. Wagner and from our Representative in Congress, James P. B. Duffy, acknowledge receipt of our request in the name of our affiliated membership for their support of the Kerr Bill and its companion bill in the Senate proposed to humanize and correct present immigration laws.

This week we have protested against the passage of a new Birth Control Bill introduced by Senator Copeland.

The following letter was sent Senators Copeland and Wagner and the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee: Honorable Henry F. Ashurst.

"In the name of over 20,000 members of organizations affiliated with the Rochester Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women we enter our protest against the passage of S4000. We are opposed to any extension of existing restrictions in the dissemination of birth control matter."

At the formal closing of the drive for subscribing memberships on March 1, a number of the Community women reported considerable returns still expected on pledges.

Mrs. E. J. Lucas and her staff of workers are to be congratulated on the success that has attended their efforts.

It is felt that the prayers at Carmel and Rev. Chas. Hilbert's inspiring talk on Catholic Action in Christ helped materially in making the Drive so successful.

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The proceedings of the National convention at Fort Wayne have been assembled and edited. Will they be printed? The answer is up to our affiliated organizations.

Orders for the 500 pages to be compiled by check or money order must be received at National Headquarters before the printer is pressed. Paper binding $1.75. Buckram binding $2.00.

The book contains the message of the National President, reports of National Officers and of the executive Secretary, addresses of not less than fifteen members of the Hierarchy, addresses by prominent clergymen, ash several Government officials, and a full report of all Section meetings.

We recommend the reading of page 3 of the March Monthly Message which is devoted to these topics.

Mrs. T. A. Kane, President of the Geneva Deanery, writes:

"Today I find the lilies beginning to lift their green heads. It always seems to me such a perfect illustration of the life of the world to come. Everything in the garden seems so dead and cold. It is interesting to watch the resurrection."

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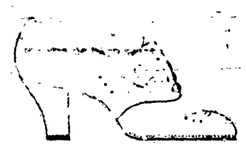

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SUZANNE DISCUSSES SUITS
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Suzanne

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