LARGER CIRCULATION PART OF 'PROGRESS IN PRESTIGE AND POWER'

Protestant Seminarians Present Play 'Monsignor's Hour' By Catholic

Chicago—(NC)—Garbed as Pope, Monsignor, and Cardinal, students of the Chicago Theological Seminary, a Protestant institution, presented "Monsignor's Hour," one-act peace play written by Emmet Lavery, author of "The First Legion," the play concerning Jesuits which has been witnessed in both the United States and Europe.

The production of the Seminary Players of the theological seminary at that institution was the first presentation of Mr. Lavery's new play in this country.

The play, which was published in the January number of Stage, formed the pivotal point of a chapel service dedicated to the cause of peace.

Dr. Fred Eastman, of the seminary, author of several plays and textbooks on the drama, directed "Monsignor's Hour". The program opened with a hymn, "The Prince of Peace His Banner Spreads," continued with readings and responses on the theme of peace, a prayer for peace among nations, and concluded with the presentation of "Monsignor's Hour."

"Monsignor's Hour" is scheduled for early production at the Magyar Szinhaz Theatre in Budapest, where Mr. Lavery's "The First Legion" is still playing, having recently passed its hundredth performance. The play is also mentioned as an early possibility for Vienna.

The one-act drama continues the experiences of Monsignor Carey of "The First Legion," this time in the cause of world peace, with a Vatican art gallery for background.

Mr. Lavery who is a Catholic is working with S. N. Behrman on the screen play for the MGM production of "Parnell."

Final Rites Held For Thomas Flood, Niagara Student

Thomas F. Flood, 22, of 404 Campbell Street sophomore student at Niagara University, died Friday, March 2, in St. Marys Hospital, Niagara Falls, following a brief illness.

Mr. Flood was a graduate of Nazareth Hall, Aquinas Institute and the School of Commerce. Well known as a basketball player, he played center for the Mt. Carmels, one of the leading teams in the Rochester Semi-Professional League.

His mother, Mrs. Mary Stafford Flood, is the sole survivor.

Funeral services were held from the home Tuesday, March 31, at 9 a. m. and at 10 o'clock in Holy Family Church.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

"Atheism is now the State religion of Mexico just as it is now the established religion of Red Russia . . . the political masters of that country are not just anti-Catholic they are anti-God." (T. L. Hunter)

Scholars must become workers so workers may be scholars

Apostates Of Boxer Uprising Now Seek Return To Church

Hsinkiang, Manchukuo, March 14—After 36 years, a group of old men who apostatized during the Boxer Uprising in 1900, have petitioned to be received into the Catholic Church again.

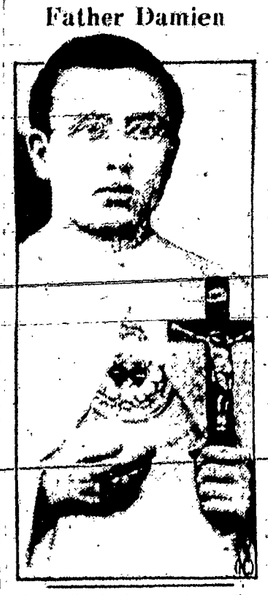
The Rev. Howard C. Gesselbracht, of Chicago, Maryknoll Missioner at Antung Hsien, Fushun Prefecture, investigated the matter and interviewed the men.

"I asked the group whether they had said anything that had a pagan tang in its meaning," he reported. "They said they had not. Then the catechist told them to tell the truth, that they could not deceive God. The oldest man said that of course they had to do all the pagans told them to and in their fear, they had burnt joss sticks and bowed before paper images, which is of course superstition.

"It seems they were only established two years when the Boxer trouble took place. They were Christians of an out-station and were visited only now and then, so they did not know much doctrine. If they show real faith, I think they certainly should be received back. So I gave them some catechisms and told them to study. They said they desire earnestly to return to the Church."

Before putting away a carpet sweeper or vacuum cleaner see that the brush is free from threads and hairs. A metal comb is useful for this purpose. Empty the dust from the cleaner on a piece of paper to be folded up and discarded.

Father Damien



This official photograph of Father Damien DeVeuster, Apostle of the lepers of Molokai, appears on the new prayer for his beatification, issued by the Congregation of the Sacred Heart, Novitiate, at Fairhaven, Mass. The remains of Father Damien, which are en route to Belgium from Honolulu, will be enshrined in a special tomb, in his native land.

Catholic Fiction Reading Furnishes Needful Recreation

The reading of good fiction is not merely a recreation but a necessity to broader culture. But all the emphasis is on that word 'good'. Catholic fiction is safe, it precludes the possibility of absorbing poison, a danger which more than ever confronts our present younger generation.

More than forty-five years ago Father Finn was proclaimed as the discoverer of the American Catholic boy. In the years that have passed his stories have been translated into French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, polish, Dutch and other languages. It seems remarkable that Father Finn's American Catholic boys should be as popular in Germany, France, Italy and other countries as they are in the United States.

The underlying reason, no doubt, is that Father Finn's idea was to furnish Catholic boys and girls with high ideals. That he was able to do this in an entertaining way is borne out by the reading of his stories by hundreds of thousands of children. Many a boy has grown to manhood as a model Catholic because of these books; many a boy has received from their reading a vocation to the religious life and the sacred dignity of the priesthood. Catholic parents will do well to keep his books in mind when selecting reading matter for their boys and girls.

No less important is discrimination in the selection of adult fiction. Many Catholics lose sight of the fact that Catholic novels are available which possess all the requisites of entertainment, information and good literary style.

Isabel C. Clarke, among many such writers, has taken a place with the best books of contemporary novelists and produced what constitutes a library in itself of books of this sort. Our readers who have not as yet enjoyed the pleasure of her literary acquaintance will do well to learn more about the limitless field of entertainment which her novels provide.

15, 10 and 5 Years Ago

Catholic News Highlights

FIRST WEEK IN APRIL, 1921

Members of the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Council met in Washington this week and completed the formalities of incorporating the Council under the laws of the District of Columbia. At the conclusion of the three day meeting the members of the Committee were received by the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Bonzano who spoke appreciatively of the great work already accomplished by the Welfare Council under their leadership and gave them not only his own blessing but that of the Holy Father as well.

FIRST WEEK IN APRIL, 1926

Twenty-five ministers, writers and educators of the United States have gone to Mexico City where on April 10 they will hold a Seminar of International Goodwill. They propose to study the major Mexican questions now agitated, including the religious question and obtain the views of Mexicans upon them.

FIRST WEEK IN APRIL, 1931

The nation-wide response to the appeal of the Holy Father, to clergy and laity alike, to share in the hierarchical apostolate of peace is generously manifested in reports which have come in from many Catholic colleges, Newman Club, and lay women's organizations throughout the country, describing their observance of Catholic Peace Day.

(N.C.W.C. FEATURES)

"One of our troubles at present, is not so much that people do not believe in God, but rather that so few really believe in the devil."

The Business SPECTATOR

News and reviews of the business world presented as items of information. Material herein is not to be construed as representing editorial opinion of the CATHOLIC COURIER

NEW FASHIONS BY PROJANSKY SEEN AT SHOW

One of the most distinguished and chic fashion shows of the Spring Season was presented by Projansky in Odell's Petite Room Thursday afternoon. Proceeds were for the benefit of the Monroe County Society for Crippled Children.

The Promenade featured the new spring suits, coats, dresses, millinery, furs and Projansky custom-made costumes.

Comments on the fashions are made by Madame Dione, famous style artist just returned from an European tour as the models strolled under the crystals in order to give the guests an opportunity to inspect the peacock thing at close range.

Suits in this collection exploited the new fashions in so many versions that the smart person found a costume most flattering to her figure. Coats for every occasion were displayed from the swagger sports models to the model richly trimmed with furs for formal affairs.

A few of the hats were the sort that can be off from or at times with obliging [illegible] in a dozen or so ways. Definite clean-cut lines marked the hats, thus imparting femininity and charm by very simplicity.

Mrs. George C. Schlegel, guild president, was chairman in charge of the following hostesses: [illegible] afternoon: Mrs. John Hollahan, Mrs. John P. Boyle, Mrs. William B. Rochon, Mrs. Carlton Bates, Mrs. Harold H. [illegible], Mrs. H. Schuyler Earl, Mrs. James L. Hamilton, Mrs. Alfred Hart, Mrs. Philip Hoffman, Mrs. Frederick C. Herzog, Mrs. Raymond Y. Kistler, Mrs. Norman E. Mallory, Mrs. Thomas J. McNamara, Mrs. Peter F. Miller, Mrs. G. Lawrence Parlow, Mrs. Bert E. Rice, Mrs. Alvin Remington, Mrs. Otto H. Rohr, Mrs. William J. Schmitt, Mrs. Ann Stebler, Mrs. C. I. Whelman, Mrs. John E. Wright, Mrs. Charles Stanton and Mrs. Frederick M. Tobin.

Models were Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. Francis I. Smith, Mrs. [illegible] Taylor, Mrs. Elbert Scrutton, Mrs. Georgia Kavanaugh, Miss Helen Ahlege, Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. Betty Hitch and Mrs. [illegible].

Arrange Eucharistic Congress Itinerary

A fascinating itinerary has been arranged by the Luzon Eucharistic Congress to include ports of call in Hawaii, Japan and China en route to the 32nd International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Manila, P. I., from February 3 to February 7 of next year. En route to the Congress the pilgrims of Japan will visit at Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Kamakura, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Kowloon.

The pilgrims will be in Manila for ten days when they will visit Corregidor, the Empress of Russia to be used as a hotel during their stay in this historic city. The return trip will be made on the vessel visiting Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Kyoto, and Tokio before returning to the States.

The cruise will leave Vancouver for Manila on January 9, 1937 and will return to the same port on February 27, 1937.

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