TO READERS OF THE GROWING CATHOLIC COURIER

GENERAL TO BE HONORED

San Francisco—(N.C.)—General Paul W. Malone, whose retirement as commander of the Ninth Army Corps area was announced here this month, will be awarded the Moraga Crest, given annually by St Mary's College for outstanding Catholic service in conformity with the European tradition of culture

BISHOP NAMED CHAIRMAN

Manchester, N. H. (NC) The Most Rev. John B. Peterson, Bishop of Manchester, today assumed the chairmanship of a committee organized to study individual cases requiring assistance as a result of the recent floods. The committee is to make awards on personal or real estate losses.

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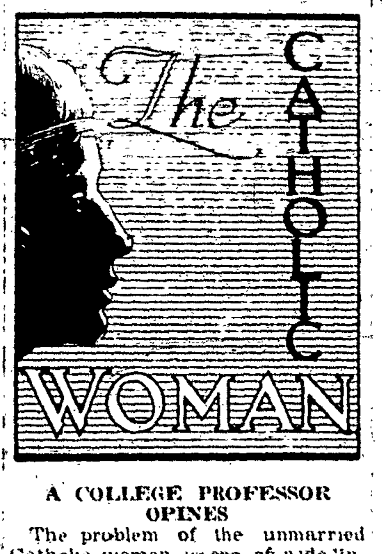


A COLLEGE PROFESSOR OPINES

The problem of the unmarried Catholic woman is one of wide interest judging from the number of letters that are being received and as many are from men as from women Here are some opinions from a man:

"Did our 'Miss' look 'within' herself before she complains of the situation 'without'—herself? Does she try to be pleasant, cheery, neat and clean, a good companion? Or is it otherwise? Does she try to make the boy enjoy her company when he takes her out—does she make her home a pleasant place for him to call? Is she grateful sincere and while not a 'flatterer' yet willing to say a good word even to his face?

"But to my mind, here is the BIG difficulty too many mothers insist, many in just so many words, others by whining and assuming a martyr' attitude that their daughters support them, especially in cases where the father is dead. I know this from personal observation. Many girls are too 'good' to see this jealousy and selfishness in their mothers; but it is true nevertheless. As a result, the boy gets sick of such treatment and walks out. This often happens even when there are three or four sons all married—yet the girl is too 'good' to marry, she must support her mother!

"Many girls stay single to take care of an invalid brother, sister or relative. In the meantime the boys of the family get married. If the girls had as much spunk as their brothers they'd get married too. Girls should be made to realize by pulpit preaching and classroom teaching that the boys MUST share responsibility equally with the girls and, of course vice versa.

"Some girls get wrong notions of what a boy should be like. They expect too much of him due to unfavorable and unjustifiable comparisons.

"Nuns (I have a sister who is a nun) often impart to girls incorrect ideas regarding men. Recently one nun told her class of girls that all the social evils in the world today come from girls wearing 'skirts' instead of skirts. I happened to hear that one and can only imagine what else she tells the poor kids. Consequently many girls are excessively prudish.

"What's to be done? Here are a few suggestions:

"1 Practical talks to girls on just how far their family responsibility goes, this from the pulpit and AT the parents as well as FOR the girls.

"2 More happily married mothers as teachers in our girls' high schools and colleges. I believe the nuns are marvelous, but most of our high school faculties are lopsided with nuns. There should be 5 to 10 per cent married women on the faculty.

"3 Less emphasis on vocations to the religious life and more stress on vocations to motherhood.

"4 More social life in parishes, more intermingling of boys and girls at school functions.

"I'm sorry if these ideas seem somewhat jumbled but I am rather busy at present. If you find any of these suggestions worthwhile I'll be glad. As I said above, the biggest hindrance to my knowledge is selfish parents, especially selfish mothers and brothers only too willing to take advantage of their good-natured sisters."

I think this contributor (who incidentally is a widower and a college professor) has stressed one of the very concrete reasons why many women of today, Catholic and non-Catholic, are not marrying.

(N.C.W.C. FEATURES)

"Yes, But—"

Have you ever heard some one agree to a kind remark about a person and then say "Yes, but ..." The rest of the sentence spoiled the kind remark.

"Yes, he's a nice chap, but he's awfully stupid."

"Yes, she makes good grades in school but she has so few friends."

These are just two examples of uncharitableness in speech. The nice things that had been said were utterly ruined by the words that followed.

If you feel that you cannot say something kind keep silent. So long as you do that you will be safe from the sin of uncharitable speech. And your friends will increase in number with the coming of the years.—The Catholic Boy

Carved Head of Christ Will Be Gift to Pope

Paris, (NC) A glass artisan who has just been proclaimed in a contest the "premier craftsman of France" has carved from a block of crystal a magnificent head of Christ. This masterpiece by M. Collette will be presented to His Holiness Pope Pius XI as a gift from French Catholics during the Bonne Presse Congress at the Vatican in April.

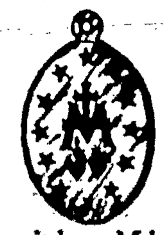
The Old Violin

'Twas battered, scarred, and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste his time on the old violin
But held it up with a smile.
"What am I bidden, good people," he cried,
"Who'll start the bidding for me?
A dollar, a dollar! now two, only two;
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?
Three dollars once, three dollars twice;
Going for three?" But no!
From the room far back a gray haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow,
Then wiping the dust from the old violin
And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody pure and sweet,
As sweet as an angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer
With a voice that was quiet and low
Said, "What am I bid for the old violin?"
And he held it up with the bow.
"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two,
Two thousand, and who'll make it three?
Three thousand once, three thousand twice;
And going and gone," said he.
The people cheered, but some of them cried;
"We don't quite understand
What changed its worth?" Swift came the reply,
"The touch of a master's hand."
And many a man with life out of tune
And battered and torn with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd
Much like the old violin.
A mess of pottage, a glass of wine,
A game, and he travels on.
He is going once, and going twice;
He's going and almost gone.
But the Master comes and the foolish crowd
Never can understand
The worth of a soul, and the change that's wrought
By the touch of the Master's hand.

(N. Y. Times Magazine Section).

A MEDAL STORY



By The Daughters of Charity Emmitsburg, Md.

JOHN PHILIP

John Philip was terribly disappointed when his mother said he couldn't go to the circus, because his Aunt Hannah was not coming and he would have to take care of the Briggs' baby while Mrs. Briggs and his mother went to Mass. The circus was to be on Saturday the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption. John was awakened from his sleep that night by his Uncle Bernard, who told him that he was going to take him for a drive early in the morning. So the next morning early John and his Uncle drove away to Rochester. They had breakfast in a big hotel, and John was surprised when he looked out the window and saw circus ponies.

Then came real cowboys on horseback. John Philip stared and stared. He thought he was dreaming. Then he heard music coming nearer and nearer. It was a band. Men in red and gold ... shining golden horns and big drums. The music came nearer. Soon they were passing the window. Then came clowns, real clowns in funny clothes and with painted faces. They looked just like the pictures on the red barn at home. They were riding little donkeys. They were making funny faces at the people. Everybody was laughing at them.

John Philip's eyes were getting bigger and bigger. His mouth was wide open but he didn't say anything.

Then came elephants, great grey animals with little tails and queer trunks instead of noses. Beautifully dressed men were riding on their backs.

At last John Philip could speak. "It's a parade. A circus parade!" he cried. His smile was getting bigger and bigger.

"I was wondering how long before you found that out," laughed Uncle Bernard.

But John Philip did not hear. He was leaning out the window watching the lions and tigers in their big cages on wheels. There were more music, more clowns, more animals, even monkeys and bears.

John Philip saw it all. He watched the last of the parade going down the street. He turned to his Uncle Bernard and said:

"I think you're the finest Uncle that ever lived. You brought me up to see the parade, didn't you?" His eyes were shining.

Uncle Bernard watched but he didn't say anything.

"I'll never forget it," said John Philip. "They were just like the pictures on the barn."

"I'm glad you liked it," said Uncle Bernard. He stood up. "Well, I think we ought to be going."

"Won't they be surprised when we get home?" said John Philip.

Uncle Bernard turned around. "Where do you think we're going? Home?"

John Philip nodded.

"We've just begun, boy," said Uncle Bernard. "We're going to the Lake now."

And before John Philip could say a word they were out of the hotel and in the auto. They rode and rode and rode. John Philip's hair was almost standing on end for the wind was blowing so. They came to the Lake. John Philip thought it must be the ocean, it was so big. And there seemed to be hundreds of boats big and little. He thought that some must be ships.

But that wasn't all. Uncle Bernard had brought bathing suits. Soon they were both in the cool water splashing around.

Then Uncle Bernard put him in a boat and rowed him for a while. At last Uncle Bernard said, "I think we had better start back or we'll be late."

"For what, Uncle Bernard?"

"For the circus of course."

(Medal Stories, published by the Whitman Company, Racine, Wis., may be purchased at ten cent stores and elsewhere.)

(NCWC FEATURES)

Mother of Bishop, Who Became Nun in Widowhood, Is Dead

London (NC) Five years ago the Bishop of Nottingham the Most Rev. T. Dunn, died at the age of 61.

Now his mother has died at the age of 91. The Bishop was her youngest son.

She died as a nun at the Convent of the Visitation, Harrow-on-the-Hill near here. It is now disclosed for the first time to the general public that the Bishop's mother entered a convent and survived him.

Born in London Sister Mary Magdalen was led into the church by the conversion of her brother, John Young, K. S. G.

In 1867 she was married to George Dunn of Newcastle-on-Tyne. They had four sons and a daughter.

When her husband died in 1892 her children were settled in life and she left four years later to enter the religious life.

She was a noted benefactress and she attributed her vocation among the Visitation Sisters to the fact that she presented the chapel of the Visitation to the fine Dominican church at Haverstock Hill Eng.

Priest Named Chairman of Legal Round Table

Chicago (NC) The Rev. John E. Noonan, S.J., Regent and Professor of Jurisprudence of the Loyola University School of law here, has been named chairman of the Round Table Council of Jurisprudence and Legal History of the Association of American Law Schools for the year 1936, it has just been announced. Father Noonan's appointment to this office, made by Prof. George G. Bogert of the University of Chicago, President of the Association, follows the ... of Prof. Julius Stone of the Harvard Law School.

Catholic Univ. Youths Win Places in Finals

Washington. Three former students of the Catholic University of America have received word from the American Academy of Rome that they are among those chosen for the finals in the competition for architectural students' prizes awarded by that institution. Those finally successful will receive two-year scholarships for study in Rome.

The students are S. Thomas Stathes, John J. Brust and Vernon F. Duckett.

Bachelor Alumni More Frequent At Communion Rail

Notre Dame, Ind. (NC) Bachelors among 945 alumni of Notre Dame University surpass the married alumni in devotion to Holy Communion, according to figures appearing in a religious survey of alumni disclosed in the Bulletin of the university.

The survey is described as presenting "an inductive study in practical Catholic Action" and many of the questions were designed to bring forth data regarding the Catholic Action of alumni. Questionnaires were filled out and returned by 461 unmarried and 484 alumni who graduated from the university in the course of the period from 1905 to 1934.

Under the heading, "Spiritual Sources of Action," the following question was asked "How often have you gone to Holy Communion during the last twelve months?" A total of 45 answer that they go daily. Of these 21 are married and 24 are single. In the reception of Sacraments two or three times a week the married men top the bachelors by four with 27, while in weekly Communion bachelors again are ahead with 94 as against 31 for the married alumni.

The survey shows, the Bulletin explains, that "87 per cent of the married men, and 93 per cent of the bachelors received Holy Communion, during their last year at the university, once a month or oftener; now, as alumni, 55 per cent of the married men, and 65 per cent of the bachelors a general average of 60 per cent receive at least once a month."

According to answers to another question regarding the spiritual status of Notre Dame alumni, 259 said that the depression made them better Catholics and 454 said that it did not. Seventeen said that it made them worse. Indifference takes the lead in replies to the question "What, if anything, is wrong with your spiritual life?" Neglect is next.

In the section devoted to "Personal Example in Action," 343 unmarried men and 331 married alumni said they do not use intoxicants to excess, while 71 said they do, the bachelors in this latter class exceeding the married men. The greatest number reported that prayer is their principal agency for fighting temptations to impurity, while avoiding the occasions comes next.

In the use of "Aids to Intelligent Action," 423 said they subscribe to a Catholic newspaper and 472 do not. 453 subscribe to a Catholic magazine and 430 do not. 080 listen to Catholic radio programs and 253 do not. Father Coughlin leads the list of favored Catholic radio speakers, with 223, while the "Catholic Hour," produced by the National Council of Catholic Men, is next with 122.

To the question "How can Catholic writers strengthen their place in American literature," 47 replied "Write more for non-Catholic publications." Thirty-six recommended the study of Chesterton, Dudley, Belloc, and Dawson, while 25 thought the Catholic way of living should be brought into fiction.

"Bad example of Catholics" was regarded by most of the alumni in the survey as the greatest enemy of the Catholic religion today.

The survey reveals 75 per cent of the alumni answering as unreservedly opposed to mixed marriage." The figures show the married men opposed outnumbering the bachelors with the same attitude.

Ninety-two per cent of the alumni answer that they missed nothing by not attending a coeducational school. It is stated that "those alumni who, after Notre Dame, attended coeducational universities are the bitterest critics of coeducation."

The Pamphlet Survey

Compiled by Eugene P. Willging, Librarian, St. Thomas College, Scranton, Pa.

"Shadow of American Decline" by E. A. Schmiedeler (National Catholic Welfare Conference, 1312 Mass. Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C.) Advocacy of a general return to the land to offset the declining American population trend.

"Suggestions for Catholic parent-teachers associations" (National Council of Catholic Women, 1312 Mass. Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C.) Practical manual outlining aims, organization, order of business, committees, constitution and by-laws of a P. T. A.

"My Audience with the Holy Father" by R. K. McDowell (Paulist Press, 401 W. 59th St., New York City). The religious news editor of the New York Times describes a papal audience and a visit to Rome.

"Catholic Institutional Life as Shaped by the Liturgy of the Church" and "The Mystical Body" by M. Hellriegel and F. J. Sheen (Peoria Diocese, 607 N. Madison Ave., Peoria, Ill.) Addresses delivered at the National Conference of Catholic Charities and the Cleveland Eucharistic Congress.

"Pondering in our Hearts," by F. P. LeBuffe (Queen's Work, 3472 W. Pine Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.) Concise meditations on important words and phrases in leading prayers and ejaculations, designed to develop the habit of mental prayer.

"Mother of God" by R. B. Morrison (Queen's Work). Thought on the Blessed Virgin.

"How to be Happy" (International Catholic Truth Society, 407 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N. Y.)

(N.C.W.C. FEATURES)

Wisdom is better than weapons of war.

CARDINAL TO VISIT COAST

Vancouver (N.C.) His Eminence Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, will make his first visit to the Pacific Coast this summer, to attend the archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress to be held in Vancouver June 11 to 14.

DIVORCE BILL KILLED

Jackson, Miss.—(N.C.)—The Senate-approved "six weeks" divorce bill has been killed in the Mississippi House of Representatives. The bill would have reduced the legal residence requirement from one year to six weeks.

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