

EASTMAN THEATRE—December 21
MATTINE AND EVENING
CHRISTMAS OPERA and BALLET
'HANSEL and GRETEL'
with Olga Sherman and Marion Rice
'NUTCRACKER SUITE'
with Felina Blinn, Dorothea and
Suzette City Orskov
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The starlight night is clear and
cold. It is about 2 o'clock in the
morning. The crowd has just come
up from the pews after Midnight
Mass in the Church of the Nativity
in Bethlehem, which began
about 10 P. M. in the upper
church.

Crowds are still in the square of
rarest place — shepherds with
their staffs, the sturdy and the
weak, the lame and the blind, jostling
with the stately dressed here
are the leading officers of the
British Army occupying Jerusalem;
there too are the gayly dressed
French officers from Damascus,
and of course pilgrims from all
parts of the world.

One of our own American bishops,
a former Episcopal Chairman
of N. C. C. W., who was privileged to
say the first Midnight Mass usual-
ly said by the Metropolis of Jeru-
salem, stood also looking up at the
heavens. Such a night is etched
indelibly on the soul. You slip re-
solutely back to the manger, loath
to leave, and what thoughts rush
through the mind.

The first Christmas night there
were also crowds in the square,
for Caesar had decided to register
the whole Roman world, and a
census was to be taken so an ex-
act count might be made for possible
and future taxation. It was not
done as we do it today, but ac-
cording to the Jewish custom, ac-
cording to tribes.

Joseph and Mary, of the house
of David, were obliged to come
from Nazareth to Bethlehem to
register. Return Mary to her con-
dition being forced to make that
long painful four days' journey,
and after that trying experience,
suffering the humiliation of currying
ridges, she was admitted at the
inn. And as he lay in the manger,
the Queen of Heaven
and the Mother of God turned out
because there was no room! Her
heart aching, they go from
door to door—no answer; no
room; no room! The greatest hour
in all history had arrived. She
must find shelter somewhere. The
shepherd-like comes out of the hill-
side, and he is the only available place.
Went, warm, hungry and cold, she
falls exhausted on the straw.

We have need of that lesson of
humility today — proud, boastful,
self-sufficing people that we are.
The return of today can take
many lessons from the story of
Mary's life, but this one of abun-
dant, poverty, holiness and purity
we can especially cherish. Today
we can spot there hang mar-
vellous lights, lamps amid
the splendor of silver decorations.

There on the pavement is in-
scribed in Latin: "Here Jesus
was born of the Virgin Mary." But
on that first Christmas night, told
so soon in picture and story and
sung in song, we see Joseph stand-
ing guard while Mary wraps her
new born babe in swaddling
clothes, and in the morning Joseph
hurrying off to register, his
heart bounding with joy because
he can include Jesus in the family
register. Picture those stupid, self-
centered clerks, little dreaming
they were recording the greatest
fact in history. It is all so beauti-
ful, the angels appearing to the
shepherds, "watching" their flock
by night, the heavens resounding
with the celestial choir: "Glory to
God in the highest, and on earth
peace to men of good will."

How do we know how many
hearts will be touched by the sight
of the crib, how many
hearts, stony hearts, scarred
hearts will be turned back to God
by the reminder of the little Babe
of Bethlehem?

All young mothers, we feel sure,
will have cribs and shrines in their
homes and teach the little ones to
go often to them to pray. Some
day your child's prayer will be an-
swered and your shrine will be the
means of maintaining a home like
that at Nazareth.

Adapted from letter of Mrs. John
Ball Hood, National Chairman of
Committee on Shrines in the
Home.

Over 200 Nun-Dolls in Her Collection



A doll collection that would make it difficult even for Santa Claus to choose from, is that owned by Mrs. Margaret Sahil, of Hays, Kans. Only a small portion of the collection of 200 nun-dolls is pictured here. There are no two dolls alike, and they may be considered "medals" in the sense that they were, for the most part, dressed by the Sisterhoods represented. (N. C. W. C.)

Apostolic Delegate Extols
Saintly Persons In America

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hope and the charity of a saint."
Bishop of Marquette
His Excellency devotes the fifth
chapter of his book to Francis
Borgia, first Bishop of Marquette.
"Even during his life," Arch-
bishop Cioognant writes, "Bishop
Borgia was revered as a saint.
Since his death there has been a
constant desire for his beatifica-
tion."
Junipero Serra, O.F.M., Apostle
of California, is the subject of the
sixth chapter.
"Few missionaries in America,"
Archbishop Cioognant writes, "ever
lived a more faithful and energetic
life than Junipero Serra. The abili-
ty of an administrator and the
zeal of a missionary mingled in
him with the personal virtues that
mark a worthy priest and a true
son of St. Francis: deep piety
without ostentation, profound faith
without presumption, love of pov-
erty and simplicity without nig-
gardiness or slovenliness, deep-
hearted affection and sympathy
without softness or sentimentality."

"Holy Man of Santa Clara"
The seventh chapter deals with
Magnin Catala, O.F.M., the "Holy
Man of Santa Clara."
"Among the many missionaries
whose careers in America were in-
conspicuous in their own day, and
who even now do not receive the
acclaim they deserve," His Excel-
lency writes, "the holy man of
Santa Clara, who, loyally and un-
obtrusively serving the mission to
which he was assigned, spent an
unusually fruitful life of prayer
and good works."

The Venerable Felix De Andria,
C.M., is the subject of the eighth
chapter. He was first Superior of
the Congregation of the Mission in
the United States and Vicar Gen-
eral of Upper Louisiana.

Star appeared in Sky
"His labors," writes His Excel-
lency, "were indefatigable even up
to his death, which took place Oc-
tober 18, 1820. During his funeral
services, an interesting phenom-
enon was witnessed by many in-
habitants of St. Louis. On the morn-
ing of October 18, precisely at 9
o'clock, which is the hour of the
sacerdotal vestments, was laid out
in the hall for the consolation of
those who wished to see him for a
last time, although the day was
serene and the sun shone a large
and beautiful star suddenly ap-
peared in the sky, exactly over the
spot where the body lay. Its bril-
liance was visible to everyone for
the space of three hours, when the
funeral ceremonies were concluded,
it disappeared."

Samuel Charles Mazzuchelli,
O.F.M., Missionary Apostle, "Build-
er of the West," is the subject of
the ninth chapter.
"Archbishop Cioognant writes as
witnessing of this great missionary:
'Mazzuchelli was a saint. He was
the saint; immaculate of life; scrup-
ulous of duty; exquisite in tenderness
of pity; in every attitude the
image of God; his every relation
with fellow-men revealing the splen-
did lucidity of his inner soul; his
every act sending forth the fire of
him. This is the testimony of all
who had known him, or had known
of him.'"

Francher and Missionary
Chapter ten has as its subject
Francis Xavier Saels, O.F.S.B.,
Francher and missionary. "In a
letter sent out after his death to
the members of the Wisconsin
Congregation," Archbishop Cioog-
nant writes, "Father Heinsprach,

Nazareth
College in the
News

The Yule Season was ushered in
in gay fashion by all the stu-
dents of Nazareth last week. Being
the last week of classes, many par-
ties were in evidence. The annual
Resident-student's Christmas Party
was held at college on Thurs-
day Dec. 14. The guests of honor
were the dean, Sister Teresa Mar-
rie, and two of the faculty mem-
bers, Miss Loretta Kercher and
Miss Jean Goerin. The Rev. Leonard
A. Kelly, college chaplain was
present.

Committees for the affair were
as follows: Entertainment, Peggy
Moore; Helen Collins, refresh-
ments; Gertrude Stivington and
Betty Riely, Helen Murnan was in
general charge.

The whole Senior Class as well as
members of the faculty met Santa
Claus last Thursday evening at a
dinner in the college dining room.
The party traditional with each
person receiving a gift particularly
suited to him or her with an
accompanying comic verse.

The general chairman was Jean
Gouginer, assisted by Helen Murlina,
Olga Maciejuna, Anne Leahy and
Jean Mott.

The spirit of Christmas is not
confined to students only for each
year the Undergraduate Associa-
tion in cooperation with the Cath-
olic Charities fills many Christmas
baskets for the needy of the city.
These baskets are both filled and
distributed by the girls themselves,
toys, especially dolls are included
in them. Any afternoon this week
one may find a great number of
Nazareth girls in the Toy Dept. on
East Avenue, distributing toys and
clothing to the needy who apply
there. Little girls in New
Mexico will receive dolls in Christ-
mas morning due to the college
Fremont Mission Unit. Each year
the Unit buys hundreds of dolls
dresses them and sends them to
a needy missionary. This year is
no exception as the Unit has a
large family of dolls awaiting ship-
ment to New Mexico.

After all the tissue paper and
ribbon has been cleared away, col-
legians still have a wonderful time
awaiting them. On Dec. 24 the col-
lege is bringing the nationally fa-
mous orchestra of Al D'Annunzio to
the Masonic Temple ballroom. The
price is two-fifty per couple, for-
mal. Nazareth College will wel-
come everyone and hope to see all
friends of the college there. It is
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that it will be a complete suc-
cess.

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