

He Never Moves The Whole of Him

(A release of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference).

G. K. Chesterton called somebody a "dabbler in moonshine" one time. I've known myself to dabble in verse. Please note I didn't say "poetry".

I pulled up the roots of twenty years
To come to the city
"You can earn enough money by Spring"
The salesman said,
"To buy all the thing you want It's a pity
That you should stay on the farm in Winter.
The city is warm.
A couple of months is all you'll be gone"

Roots as old as that don't transplant easy
For the thousandth time
I came home from work today and no one there
To greet me
I remember turning the corner with loitering step
To lengthen my share
In some people I met. The city's unkind
The country folk I left behind
Would have invited me in

Generally besides being one of the most senseless things in the world it is also one of the saddest. Modern ways and means of thinking and living have multiplied the cases into the millions. A man for woman moves on and on from that one spot on earth where he was born and reared and grew to manly fibre. He moves and the roots stay there. For a man somehow gets rooted in the things and people he sees, hears, feels, touches many times through many years. Never when he moves does he move the whole of him.

MAKES NO STORY

But roots in a city are shallow and the city born and bred move with ease from one city to another. Their roots are not even deep in home and family, because home is hardly more than a house and family life (if there is so much as a family) little more than an eating together in the evening. A man picks himself up in Chicago to go live in Detroit. It may make a news item but not a story for it does not tug at the depths and heartstrings.

Now there is many and many a story been written of a man—old and young, with a wife and without one taking himself and his things into the country to live. Generally, it's a wholesome story and a happy story—a story on human scale of a tomato plant going from hotbed to garden or field. It roots deeply and bears much fruit; it ripens into sturdy seed.

Such things are not sad things. Such things are not even senseless things. The sad stories and the senseless stories—and the number that might be written are countless—are the stories of those who pull up and tear out their country roots to go live in cities. It is taking the tomato plant from the garden into a crowded hotbed. The tomato towers high above its hotbed fellows but its weakling seed dies out in four generations.

The roots lie deep in the country deep in the soil, deep in the home and family, deep in neighbors deep in the Spring's green grass and the changeless landscape white with snow, deep in things that grow and deep in the things that feed on the things that grow, deep in the valley's country Church and the mounds behind it, deep in Catholic thought and customs.

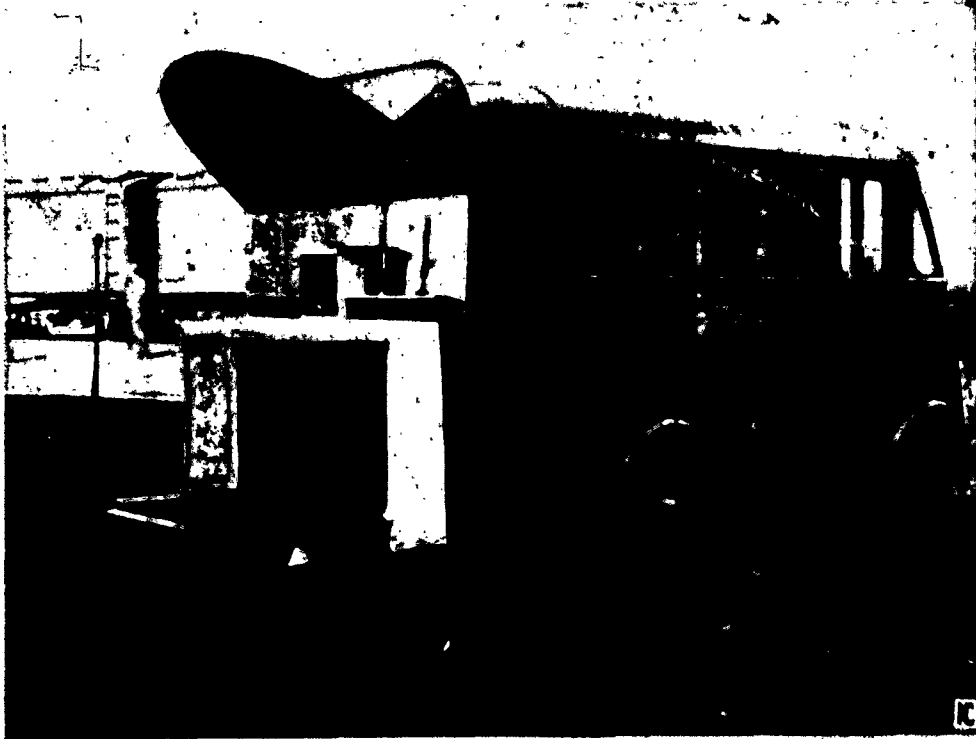
A man when he moves never moves the whole of him. A man who leaves the farm for the city leaves behind more than the half of him. But still he moves! Cicero used to exclaim in despair, "O Times! O Customs!" I say "O You Cities and Bright Lights!"
E. S. G.

'Catholic Day' Opens Christmas Sale For Blind

NEW YORK. — "Catholic Day" opened the twentieth annual Christmas sale of articles made by the blind in the old Tiffany store on Fifth Avenue. The sale is sponsored each year by the New York State Commission for the blind.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William A. Scully was the principal speaker at a breakfast launching the sale. Articles on display were manufactured by 1,500 blind workers in 16 associations for the blind throughout the State.

JESUIT MISSIONS MOTOR CHAPEL



This completely equipped modern motor chapel will soon be cruising over the mountain roads of Jamaica, B. W. L., in search of souls, bringing Mass to many Catholics in the remote districts. It was donated by the Public Works Building Mission Circle of Boston to Bishop Richard J. Cushing, Archdiocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and was assigned to the Jesuit Missions of Jamaica. (N.C.W.C.)

'Peace to Men of Good Will'

"Suddenly there was with the angel a great multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."

When God sent His Only Begotten Son into this world a supreme and spectacular illustration of the truth that this world and the next are intimately linked was given, and that all earthly gains are of no value unless mankind created in God's own image proclaim His glory.

We are reminded of this at Christmastide. There are, however, few grounds for Christmas happiness this season. The thunders of war are heard over the entire world. The soldiers of many nations are engaged in mortal combat. The lust for riches and earthly gain has driven mankind away from God into a deadly struggle of war. Save for a few small countries governments have given way to the lower passions of mankind. Industrial peace is disturbed by strikes, and political peace has been subverted by dictatorships. It is almost a mockery for most of the world to re-echo the peace theme, "Peace on earth to men of good will".

Two thousand years ago the King of Kings, the Savior of the World was born. His Mother wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for Him in the inn. Thirty-three years later this same Babe King was crucified in order that mankind might be redeemed.

If God was so infinitely good to send His Son to save the world He certainly would let peace and justice and charity reign again over the universe if man would only put aside his hatreds, wrongs, selfishness, grudges, and desires for earthly gain and come back to Him, glorifying Him as the shepherds did on that first Christmas Eve.

Never before has there been more need for Christ than now. Without Him the world can do nothing. With Him the world can regain its life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

As Catholics and as Americans, it is our duty to kneel at the crib at this time and beg the Mother-of-Christ to help their fellow mankind that they might see the Light that will bring them back to Her Son the Prince of Peace.

"He was in the world, and that world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came into His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as

Oratorical Winner

LOS ANGELES. William Haupt of Loyola University here, has been adjudged winner of the Sullivan Memorial Oratorical Contest in which the Catholic colleges of the Pacific Coast compete annually. His topic was "Civil Liberties in the Time of Crisis." Competitors were students of the University of Santa Clara, St. Mary's College, the University of San Francisco and Gonzaga University.

received Him, to them He gave power to become sons of God, to them that believe in His Name."

HOME MISSIONS LAI DED

Little Rock, Ark. — A letter of high praise and congratulation on the conduct of St. John's Home Missions Seminary here has been received from the Vatican by the Most Rev. John B. Morris, Bishop of Little Rock.

St. Bonaventure's College Activities

ST. BONAVENTURE. The December issue of The Laurel, monthly literary publication the first to be published under the direction of Edward M. Horey, Cameron Mills, its new editor was distributed Tuesday.

Horey announced that the publication will feature articles more representative of student life. The December issue features a Christmas motif coincident with the appearance of the new magazine. Mr. Horey announced the following staff changes. James Magill, Auburn, formerly associate editor, has been promoted to the post of assistant editor, and the following additional associate editors have been named: James E. Aud, Silver Creek; James Coyle, Wellsville; John Burns, Olean; Edmund Brown, Washington D. C.; Robert Gauchat, Lancaster, N. Y., and Arthur Adolf also of Lancaster, N. Y.

ST. BONAVENTURE. The holiday recess at St. Bonaventure College began at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 17, and will continue until 8:00 A. M. on Monday, Jan. 5.

The Civilian Pilots' Training Course, in which ten students are enrolled, will continue through the vacation period. The Rev. Celsus Wheeler, O. P. M., moderator for the C.A.A. sponsored course announced. He said that applications for reinstatement of their right to fly have been granted for all ten, and all instruction, which was interrupted by the outbreak of war last week, has been resumed.

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