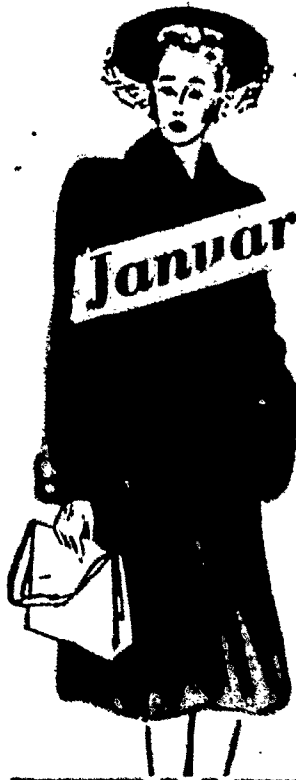


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DR. MCGUIRE

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the supreme majesty of the Blessed Virgin . . .

"A quite ordinary curtain, suspended with rings on a horizontal bar, has suddenly swung back, revealing the radiant Mother and her Baby. At the left we see the kneeling figure of the Pope; venerable age and authority bowing in the Divine Presence. He has taken off his tiara in humble worship; his left hand clutches his mantle, as if to protect himself from a glory almost intolerable; his right hand is extended, calling the whole earth to silent reverence.

"The difference between the ineffably charming faces of the two cherubs and that of the Divine Infant is notable. He came from God and his face is illumined with the light that never was on sea or land; He has the air of authority; even as a Child He is aware of imperial dominion.

EYES OF MADONNA

Mary stands lightly in easy grace, holding her Babe securely, affectionately, and without apparent effort.

"But why is this picture the greatest of all pictures? It is a simple group, to be found almost anywhere. It is not the consummate drawing of splendid coloring. What is it?

"It is the expression of Mary's eyes, a look that no copy of this picture and no other artist has ever been able to imitate. Innumerable lovely women live on canvas; innumerable works of art are devoted to worship. But Raphael gave to the eyes of this Madonna an unfathomable majesty and glory, as if the Blessed Virgin knew some secret unutterable, as if she were conscious of immortality. This picture has on the beholder a sudden, solemnizing effect; it is indeed the beauty of holiness."

Some one of the old inhuman tradition to which I have referred — if there still be such a one about — may retort, "Oh, that essay of Dr. Phelps is just rhetoric, and Raphael's masterpiece is just a work of art. These things have nothing to do with Christian doctrine." To which I might reply in a paraphrase of Belloc's answer to Dean Inge, "You are wrong. But be it but rhetoric, be it but art, have you or your kind produced anything such? Whence does that stream flow? Or what is it that fills such a man as Raphael (or as Dr. Phelps) with fire?"

But another and better answer can be given. Dr. Phelps' essay is entitled "Faith and Art." The essay was inspired by a remark he had seen attributed to Sousa, the noted bandmaster and composer. Sousa was reported to have said the reason why there are no great musical composers today is because writers of music do not believe. When faith returns, declared Sousa, we shall have great music once more. Remarkable on that declaration of Sousa's, Dr. Phelps notes that whether it be casually so or not, the fact is undeniable that in the present age there is a lack both of faith and of great art; and, extending the line of thought suggested by Sousa's remark, he wrote that splendid appreciation of Raphael's masterpiece, an illustration of Raphael's faith and artistic powers in combination. This picture, writes Louis Gillet, "is the most beautiful devotional picture in existence . . . Here the artist directly attempts the expression of the supernatural . . . An almost forbidding mystery fills this majestic canvas, truly unequalled in Raphael's work."

A copy of this picture—to my mind a very good one—will be found in Vol. XV of the Catholic Encyclopedia under the title "Virgin," p. 466. Its history and an appreciation (from which I have quoted above) are given in Vol. XII under the title "Raphael," p. 646.

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RESTORING MISSIONS SCARRED BY WARRIARE

Eritrea, on the northeast coast of Africa, has long been a promising mission field. Many converts have been made from the separated Coptic Church, and among the pagan tribesmen. The Mission has had zealous bishops and priests. One of the bishops and many of the clergy are natives.

More recently the war put a stop to progress. The country became a battlefield. The people were scattered. Most of them—poor already—lost everything. The priests stayed with their flocks while the fighting was going on, ministering as best they could. The people revere and respect them for their loyalty.

Now that actual warfare in this region is over, chapels are gone, and priests' houses damaged. Father Peter Villa, Prefect Apostolic of Gondar, writes: "In many mission buildings must be extensively repaired before they are again fit for Divine Service. The poor natives are in dire need. They will require help merely to keep alive."

The bishops and priests are anxious to resume their accustomed services, so badly needed by the people. But they cannot do so without aid.

Here is a wonderful chance to bring back Christ to console His poor. A harvest of souls is waiting. Five Dollars will support a priest for a week. Any sum will be most welcome to feed and clothe these poor people. What will you do to assist these valiant missionaries in Eritrea?

ENROLL YOUR FAMILY

Protect the welfare of your family by having it share in 15,000 Masses every year, through Family Membership in this Association. You can enroll your family (both living and deceased), for only Five Dollars a year.

FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

Place a Sanctuary Lamp in a mission chapel so it may burn always before the Blessed Sacrament for your intentions. You can supply a Lamp for Seven Dollars.

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The custom of having Mass said on thirty consecutive days for the deceased is very old. It existed before the time of St. Gregory the Great, who lived in the sixth century. He so often commended this practice that it became known as the "Gregorian Masses." If you would like to know more about this custom write for our free pamphlet.

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We need altars in some of our chapels, to take the place of the makeshifts now in use. Often these are mere boxes or boards covered with a cloth. They are not suitable places for offering the Holy Sacrifice. A decent altar can be created for Fifty Dollars. Make it a memorial to your loved ones.

THE PRIEST COMES

When you are ill the priest brings you the Blessed Sacrament enclosed in a small vessel, which is called the Pyx. Many priests in our missions need a Pyx, so they may carry on their ministry to the sick. You can give a Pyx for only Five Dollars.

CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

February is "Catholic Press Month." Catholics are asked especially to learn more of their press, to realize its importance. In these days we depend upon the Catholic press for accurate news, for guidance in many difficult problems. These notes come to you through your Catholic paper. Read it carefully and give it your support.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION

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PLEASE REPLY

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