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DR. ABELL TO SPEAK

By **MARY E. CAUFIELD**
Dr. Aaron I. Abell of Nazareth College faculty, a member of the Catholic Speakers' Bureau, sponsored by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, will address the Holy Name Society of St. Monica's Church, Tuesday evening, Mar. 10, in the church hall. The cooperative plan to promote justice, fairness, cooperation and

democracy in industry will be outlined by Dr. Abell, an authority on the subject.

The regular monthly meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Friday, Mar. 13, instead of Mar. 7.

Any family who has a boy in the United States Service and who has not as yet turned in his name to the rectory, is asked to do so as soon as possible, so that he may share in the prayers of the entire parish.

BARBAROUS BABIES
by
Right Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Wynhoven
Editor-in-Chief, Catholic Action of the South

WHAT SCHOOL?

What would you think of parents who, wanting their son to be a doctor, will send him to a trade school for his medical training and education? Or of a mother who needs two heads of cabbage in a hurry and rushes her daughter to the corner news stand? An insistence upon the futile effort in either instance, would mark the parents as plain silly, if not actually demented.

There are few fathers and mothers living in the United States who purposely wish their children to grow up irreligious. Still, more than half the parents in this great country do not give their offspring a chance to be trained in the formation of a Christian character.

One most important and essential fact overlooked by most parents, even the conscientious and religious kind, is that character training, religious instruction, is primarily the parents' duty. Sunday school, church, religious teachers, priests and ministers of the Gospel are ordained only to help the parents in their God-given task. With them, teaching and training children is simply a chosen assignment based on altruistic motives. They can quit doing it tomorrow, and, strictly speaking, nobody has any direct and individual claim

against them. But not so with parents; they are responsible to God and to their children for all eternity. They must some day give an account of their stewardship to the Great Judge.

Any moral education given outside the home is merely a substitute or extension of parental duty in this line. In fact, no agency can take the place of good parents in this respect in the early years of the child's existence. Religion and moral concepts should be of prime importance with the child. It cannot be made that, if parents leave the formation of these ideals to be instilled by strangers in later years. What will always be uppermost in the child's mind is the early impressions: how father and mother felt and reacted on the subject.

Due to our modern complex conditions, the school has become a necessary adjunct to the home in children's training and education. Every child has a mind, a heart and a will. The school that trains only the mind and does not fashion the heart and the will to become attuned to the love of God and His established purpose of life, fails miserably. The Creator does not primarily want smart people, materialistic and selfish; He desires happy people who will work out their eternal salvation through a beneficial, clean, moral life.

No child can receive this incentive or grasp the method of accomplishing it by attending a school where God and His Commandments are rarely mentioned, maybe completely ignored. This does not need proof. Our yearly mounting juvenile crime record convincingly indicates the truth; the ever-increasing number of outstanding educators who protest and warn against our godless school system attests to this actual national danger.

How can parents, with their eyes wide open and their minds not closed, still take the terrific chance of raising young barbarians through a defective, faulty and risky school education, destroying perhaps their own conscientious efforts in the other direction?

Teacher asked Johnnie what a cannibal was. His reply came, "I dunno, Miss Johnson." Ready to help her favorite pupil to the correct answer, she prompted: "Suppose you would eat your father and mother, what would you be?" Triumphant he replied, "An orphan, Miss Johnson."

Most of the boys and girls attending public schools are quasi orphans, for their natural protectors have left them stranded and defenseless. The big monster—be it ignorance, lack of appreciation of their sacred duty, false economy, senseless pride or dangerous ambition—has swallowed them up or made them useless to their children. What is worse, these parents have become a serious stumbling block to their children's real success in life.

Pagan tendencies have to be fought, if Christian civilization is to survive. The best way to do this is for parents not to send their children to schools where education is godless or pagan.

If you, parents, wish your children to grow up religious, you should not send them to schools where no religion is taught or where it is mentioned only to be minimized. Remember, you may not expect your boy to become a doctor by being an apprentice in a blacksmith shop. Neither can you expect to rear God-fearing children by sending them to a God-denying school.

Officers Named By Guild Members

St. Aloysius Guild will hold a meeting on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Mary's Boys' Home. The following ladies will serve on committee for Thursday's meeting:

- Mrs. C. Lechner, Mrs. J. F. Liese, Mrs. Agnes Lancer, Mrs. Agnes Mussbacher, Mrs. P. J. Maloy, Mrs. James Marthage, Mrs. Timothy Murphy, Mrs. Arthur Monaghan, Mrs. John Maid, Mrs. C. Marein, Mrs. Peter McNulty, Mrs. Catherine McIntee, Mrs. Charles McBride, Mrs. P. J. McCabe, Mrs. Wm. McMullen.

At the last meeting the following were elected: President, Mrs. G. Warnock; 1st vice-president, Mrs. G. Warnock; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Clara Crumens; 3rd vice-president, Miss Julia Halbleib; recording secretary, Mrs. J. Klemmer; financial sec'y, Mrs. C. Schmitt; treasurer, Mrs. L. Korth.

St. Aloysius Guild is also having a St. Patrick's Party at the Home on Tuesday, Mar. 17, at 1 P. M., in the meeting rooms. Any member who plans to attend this party is asked to make her reservation not later than Sunday, Mar. 15, by calling Genesee 6857-M, or Glenwood 4920-M.

Mrs. J. Klemmer is chairman of the affair, assisted by Mrs. J. Lenhard, Mrs. Theresa Donohue and Mrs. C. Schmitt.

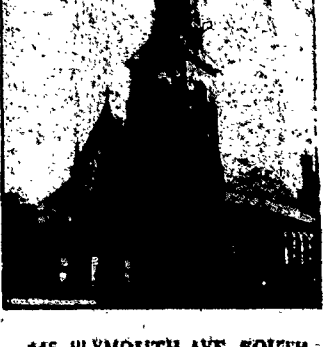
LOURDES WATER

A non-Catholic party said to me the other day that the cures at Lourdes may be traced to the chemical properties of the water. Is this true?

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