

Library Signpost

Old Things And New

By Rev. Benedict Elmon

Just when there is greatest need for precision in an article, it sometimes happens that the typewriter and the proofreader conspire to print on their clearest morning...

The other mistake was the omission of a whole line in a sentence near the end of the article. This omission resulted not only in a plural predicate for a singular subject...

Sheed and Ward are promising some wonderful books for the coming season

Topping the list is Maizie Ward's biography of G. K. Chesterton. You may remember it was she whom Chesterton before his death appointed to be his biographer...

Another item of exceptional interest will surely be Pagant of the Peppa, by John Farrow, whom some of you know as a Hollywood director...

Fr. Walter Farrell, O.P., is this year completing the last volume of his Companion to the Summa, in which he has been trying, with brilliant success...

Then there is to be a new book by Jacques Maritain. The Twilight of Civilization. You can say what you will about Maritain...

Off the beaten path even for Sheed and Ward, will be a collection of 30 short stories about nuns, monks and priests, gathered by a Benedictine Sister from the writings of such authors as Morley Callaghan...

Books on the philosophy of history are especially needful for our bewildering time when people are more eager than ever for an interpretation of events...

'Quiz' Corner

Is it true that there were no printed Bibles till 1500 years after the birth of Christ?

Yes, that is true for the simple reason that printing was not invented until 1450 years after the birth of Christ...

Is it right to clean your teeth before going to Holy Communion because you use water?

It is quite proper to clean the teeth before Communion, and use water in the cleaning as long as we are careful not to swallow any of the water.

What is the history of the devotion of the Infant of Prague?

The original statue of the Infant of Prague came from Spain, found its way to Bohemia and came as a gift to the Carmelite Fathers of that city...

How far are non-Catholics bound by the Church laws concerning marriage?

Non-Catholics, though bound by divine or natural laws, are not bound by the marriage laws of the Catholic Church...

How can we know how many holy souls there are?

There are three. The Oil of Catechumens is used by baptism, also in the ordination of priests and in the consecration of Kings and Queens.

The Oil of Christ is used in administering the Sacrament of Extreme Unction.

Is it sinful to destroy Catholic newspapers and magazines which contain pictures of our Divine Lord and the saints?

No, for such actions to be sinful one would have to deliberately desire to denigrate or profane these pictures. In anything of this nature we always have to use our common sense...

According To The Doctor

WATER - DRINK IT Most people do not drink enough water. They'll boast themselves with coffee, or colas, maybe tea, sodas, beer or worse. But water - six, six.

The average person loses about one or two pints of water every day by evaporation from the skin, or insensible perspiration as it is called...

It is true part of this loss may be made up from foods, many of which, fruits and vegetables especially, contain as much as 50 per cent and more water.

Water, at medium temperatures, is far better than excessively cold or ice water. In summer time especially, ice water is so prevalent a standard cooler-offer that people just refuse to believe it does their stomach harm.

Water may and should be taken at mealtimes, but in the proper way. It is not good to bolt food and then use water or other beverages to wash it down.

Feast Days

- Sunday, Sept. 13 - ST. EULOGIUS
Monday, Sept. 14 - THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Tuesday, Sept. 15 - SEVEN DOLOORS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Wednesday, Sept. 16 - SS. CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN
Thursday, Sept. 17 - ST. LAMBERT
Friday, Sept. 18 - ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
Saturday, Sept. 19 - ST. JANAIRIUS

Story of man: Is cheerfully independent and indifferent and has a grand time; is tamed by responsibility and tries to please everybody, thereafter taking kicks in the pants. - Manchester 'Union'

Getting On In The World

MONEY TALKS What does it say? Of whom does it speak? What does it tell? Perhaps you think the times have silenced its voice...

It talks about you and me. As long as we live and after we have ceased to live, it talks. It tells what we are and what we were - honest or dishonest, just or unjust, charitable or self-centered...

It talks about the means we use, or have used, to get money. It talks about the way we save it, spend it, squander it, hoard it, or abuse its power.

Between Extremes

Work hard and play hard, but don't worry about the war situation any more than you can possibly help. That's eminently sane advice.

Medical journals report a rise in the number of mental cases requiring mental treatment in the last two months. It may be due to too much despondent brooding about the war.

Probably a good deal of this worry is made worse by listening to American radio commentators' dramatic war news. A good way to give the nerves a rest is by keeping the radio shut off.

Worry, of course, does nobody any good. One cannot shut eyes and ears to what is going on in the world. That would be unwise, even if one could do it.

Clips

With gasoline rationing, we predict motorists proud of their cars will soon boast about how many days, instead of, how much distance, they get out of five gallons of gas. - Newark (N.J.) News
Be yourself. You'll be found out sooner or later, anyway. - Joplin (Mo.) News-Herald

What? Convert The Jews?

By Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P.

In The Ecclesiastical Review for July appears an article by David Goldstein on "The Catholic Approach to the Jews." It opens in this way: "The word 'approach' in place of some more militant or at least more confident word..."

To convert Jews to the Catholic faith is such a vain hope, or to be able to say that a mass movement of the people of Israel toward the Gospel is under way is more difficult than to bring Protestants or Catholics into the fold...

So of converting the Jews, for as "realists" do you please. Add up all the difficulties. Discount the real obstacles. When you have counted them all throw in a lot of imaginary ones for good measure...

His boys and there, but for a priest who had converted the conversion of the Jews. If you think him a dreamer, if you put aside as an enthusiastic any one who says there should be a concerted world-wide movement to bring the Jews to the Church...

FIVE and TEN Years Ago

Officially welcomed to the Diocese of Rochester and installed by Bishop John Francis Collins was the new Institute, the Sisters of St. Jane of Arc, given the domestic work at St. Bernard's Seminary following an interview with the Very Rev. Father M. Glennon, A.A., Superior of the Congregation.
That the Spanish Legion that had received only 44,222 of the 117,000 soldiers on their behalf in the United States was contained in a tabulation released by the State Department of the U. S.
All Catholic missionaries working in the Far East had been in China were expected late and actively engaged in performing the duties of their various posts.
Plans for a new building to include class rooms, an assembly hall and a large recreation room on the grounds of Sacred Heart Academy, Rochester, were announced.