

Library Signal

Old Things And New

By Rev. Benedict Shanley

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 sheets of paper...

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, but also in making the whole statement look slightly punch-drunk.

Shedd and Ward are promising some wonderful books for the coming season.

Topping the list is Maise 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 the pageant of the Pope, by John Farrow, whom 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, to couch the doctrine of St. Thomas Aquinas, chapter by chapter, in a language and form which appeal to the rank and file of modern readers.

Then there is to be a new book by Jacques Maritain. The Twilight of Civilization. You can say what you will about Maritain (and I have heard several unfair and uncharitable comments about him as a lecturer and even as a writer, one of the stupidest of them coming from a rather "influential" priest).

Off the beaten path even for Shedd 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, Ernest Hemingway, Paul Horgan, Elizabeth Madox Roberts, Phyllis Boltome, Agnes Repplier, Katherine Mansfield, Scott Fitzgerald, Sean O'Faolain, etc.

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, not according to wavering guess-work, but according to wisdom and knowledge.

'Quiz' Corner

Is it true that there were no printed Bibles 100 years after the birth of Christ?

Yes, that is true for the simple reason that printing was not invented until 1480 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 so 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, and its way to Bohemia and on to a gift to the Carmelite Fathers of that city.

According To The Doctor

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

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 90 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.

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Feast Days

- Sunday, Sept. 12 - ST. EULOGIUS
Monday, Sept. 14 - THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Tuesday, Sept. 15 - SEVEN DOLORES 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. JANUARIUS

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.

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

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There are three. The Oil of Catechumens is used in Baptism, also in the ordination of priests and in the consecration of bishops and deacons.

The Oil of the Sick 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 destroy or desecrate or profane these pictures.

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. Taxes, high cost of living, the all-out effort to win the war, buying bonds, etc., has not kept money from talking.

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, a conscientious steward of God's bounty or an irresponsible forgetter of His providence.

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.

Money whispers wherever it may be. In our needs it argues and debates. In our pleasures, it laughs or weeps. In our charity, it soothes or condemns. And it will have a voice in our trial before the judgment throne.

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 dramatizing 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. Gill, C.S.P.

In The Ecclesiastical Review for July appears an article by David Goldstein on "The Catholic Approach to the Jews." He seems to have used the word "approach" in place of some more militant or at least more confident word.

Probably most readers of this column and of The Ecclesiastical Review will say of such a project, "Impossible!" Mr. Goldstein would explicate the word "impossible," but he welcomes the word "difficult."

A convert himself, he has labored with splendid success for some 15 years to bring others to the Faith. He doesn't exempt an unbeliever in a published library. He gets around. In fact, he gets around faster than any other man I know.

He takes to everyone. In fact, I shouldn't be surprised if in his travels he has had more conversions than any other man in the Catholic Church or lay, in the United States.

To convert Jews to the Catholic Faith is such a hard job, 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 non-Protestants into the fold.

It would be strange and, as a matter of fact, scandalous if Catholics were to go over to the camp of those who don't accept the supernatural. I wonder if they would have altered the translation "impossible" if they had been present when Our Lord said in a handful of verses, "Go forth all nations and preach My Gospel in every creature."

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

Such, in effect, is Mr. Goldstein's thesis. He calls not for isolated, desultory efforts by a few individuals here and there, but for a great movement for the conversion of the Jews.

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All Catholic missionaries laboring in the Far East were reported safe 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.