

Library Support

Old Things And New

By Rev. Benedict Egan

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 the wrong words...

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...

Shred and Ward are promulgating some wonderful books for the coming season.

Topping the list is Maitie Ward's biography of G. K. Chesterton. You may remember it was she whom Chesterton before his death appointed to be his biographer. There was a just complaint about his Autobiography that it seemed to be everyone else's biography and not his own...

Another item of exceptional interest will surely be Pageant of the Popes, 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, to couch the doctrine of St. Thomas Aquinas...

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)...

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, Ernest Hemingway, Paul Horgan, Elizabeth Madox Roberts, Phyllis Bottome, Agnes Repplier, Katherine Mansfield, Scott Fitzgerald, Sean O'Casey...

Books on the philosophy of history are especially needed 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 till 1000 years after the birth of Christ?

Yes, that is true for the simple reason that printing was not invented until 1500 years after the birth of Christ. Printing was then invented by John Gutenberg, a Catholic...

How far do non-Catholics, according to the Church, have concerning marriage?

Non-Catholics, though bound by divine or natural law, are not bound by the marriage laws of the Catholic Church. These concern Catholics only. Thus, the law which demands the presence of the priest and two witnesses does not apply to Protestants...

Is it right to clean your teeth before going to Holy Communion because you are unwell?

It is quite proper to clean the teeth before Communion and use water in 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, journeying its way to Bohemia as a gift to the Carmelite nuns of that city. Owing to the many and extraordinary favors granted to those who practiced devotion at the shrine, the number of pilgrims of the Holy Infant spread throughout the city and soon into every part of the world...

Please tell me how many Holy Masses are there?

The Office of Celebrations is used in England, also in the ordination of priests and in the consecration of Kings and Queens. The Office of the Mass is used in Confirmation. The Office of the Eucharist 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 set out to denigrate or profane these pictures. In anything of this nature we always have to use our common sense. No one is expected to keep files of all Catholic newspapers just because some of them may contain sacred pictures...

According To The Doctor

WATER - DRINK IT Most people do not drink enough water. They blot themselves with coffee, sodas, 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. More is lost through moisture exhaled from the lungs, and the natural secretions of the kidneys.

It's a 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. Nevertheless, doctors advise the drinking of at least six glasses of water a day. Water is vitally necessary to the healthy functioning of the human physique. Water makes up two-thirds of the bodyweight and also the blood and lymph which carry food to the tissues and in turn remove wastes.

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. Chew your food properly, drink before or after eating, drink enough water each day and you will insure yourself normal health, all other things being equal.

Feast Days

- Sunday, Sept. 14 - ST. BULDOGITS. Monday, Sept. 14 - THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. Tuesday, Sept. 15 - SEVEN DOLLARS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Wednesday, Sept. 16 - ST. 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.

Setting On In The World

What does it mean? Of whom does it speak? What does it tell? Perhaps you think the times have silenced its voice. These 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 dependent 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. But mere depression over things beyond the individual control does no good, either to the individual or in solving the problem. - Kitchener Record.

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. Gilis, C.S.B.

In The Ecclesiastical Review for July appears an article by David Goldstein on "The Catholic Approach to the Jews." He seems to have had the usual "approach" in mind of most converts...

To convert Jews to the Catholic faith is such a work as to be able to say that a great movement of the people of Israel toward the Gospel is under way is more difficult than being Protestant or even Protestant in the old sense...

It would be strange and, as a matter of fact, scandalous if Catholics were to go over to the Jews or those who don't accept the supernatural. I wonder if they would have altered the episcopate, the hierarchy, if they had been present when Our Lord said to a handful of rustic, "Go teach all nations, preach My Gospel to every creature." It is not only foolish but a kind of heresy to say that it should be done.

Such, in effect, is Mr. Goldstein's thesis. He calls not for isolated, voluntary efforts by a few individuals here and there, but for a great movement for the conversion of the Jews. If you think him a dreamer, if you put aside as an unrealistic aim and who says there should be a concerted world-wide movement to bring the Jews to the Church and to Christ, you are out of step with the Jews who have that movement. In fact, you are out of harmony with the King of the Jews Himself.

FIVE and TEN Years Ago

From Sept. 2, 1937, Edition Officially welcomed to the Diocese of Rochester and installed by Bishop John Francis O'Hara was the new Institute, the Sisters of St. John of Arc, given the domestic work at St. Bernard's Seminary following an interview with the Very Rev. Father M. Clement, A.A., Superior of the Congregation.

That the Spanish Letters that had received only \$400.00 of the \$100,000 collected in their behalf in the United States was contained in a publication released by the State Department of the U. S.

All Catholic missionaries laboring in the Far East were in China 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.