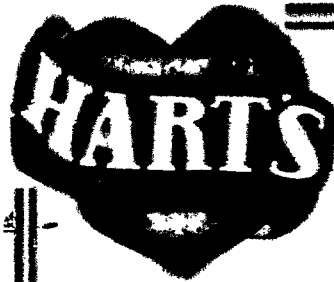


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Our Daily Bread

Our Lord taught us to pray: "Give us this day our daily bread." The orphans of the Near East today repeat this prayer with grim realism. Bread is often scarce with them! Five Dollars will support one of them for a month.

FAR UP THE NILE

A long way from the scenes of warlike activity nestled in a safe place far up the Nile, in the City of Assiut. In this quiet spot, ideally situated for the purpose, the Franciscan Fathers have established a seminary for training Egyptian youths to become priests of the Coptic Rite.

The Copts are an ancient Christian people of Egypt. Their ancestors were converted by St. Mark, first Bishop of Alexandria. Centuries ago most of the Coptic Church was led into separation from Rome. Because of that, Mohammedanism found easy conquest in Egypt and today only a minority of the population is Christian. Of these only a fraction are now Catholics. The others are known as "Orthodox Copts."

Within the past few years a considerable reunion movement has been under way, fostered by our zealous Coptic Catholic bishops and priests. Everywhere they have won the respect of the "Orthodox" conversions are held back chiefly by scarcity of priests. This is why the seminary at Assiut is so important. It aims to provide clergy who, as natives living among their own people can show them the way back to the Catholic Church.

It cannot be expected that the small, poverty-stricken Catholic Coptic community will be able to support this seminary. The Franciscan Fathers, themselves vowed to poverty, depend on us for help in feeding, clothing, housing and schooling these boys. We ask you to do something for them. A little over Eight Dollars a month—One Hundred Dollars a year—will completely care for a student at Assiut. Send us something for this Apostolic work.

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A True Story

She called herself an "outward farmette" when she sat beside the Executive Secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference at a 1941 Convention in Subiaco, Arkansas, but in the past year Ida Marie Hanisch has earned for herself a happier title. She is still a "farmette" but a highly successful one, not only in the acquisition of material values, but of spiritual values as well. She writes:

"Our seventy-acre farm is home to us; we are considered as being poor, which is true in a material way, but our riches lie in the fact that we have the health and happiness of living a full life on the farm. On this farm we have ten healthy bodies and may I add, ten healthy souls for God.

"It was the will of our Heavenly Father to take the queen of our home at an early date, almost twenty years ago. My little sister—two years younger than I—was not quite two years of age. Our ages, almost all two years apart, ranged from two to twenty. We boys and five girls, my oldest sister only sixteen. None of us ever regretted our childhood. We invented our own games and were happy doing so. Our father was father and mother both. Hard-working himself, he taught us to use our hands.

"Now only my father, my youngest sister and I are left on the farm, and our father was forced to retire four and one-half years ago when he became paralyzed on one side. For three and one-half years one brother was our chief support, then he married and began making a success of farming for himself. It was hard to part with this brother though we insisted upon his following his vocation, and not one of us has been sorry.

"My sister and I were left with four cows. Now we have sold a calf and four pigs which we raised by ourselves. This summer we had a garden, an orchard and vineyard, and canned plenty of fruits and vegetables for our own use. We wouldn't change back like we were before our brother married for anything because we know where we stand now and get a satisfaction out of being on our own.

"People who are reared in the city can't guess what they are missing. We on the farm would know if we were confined in town for a few weeks. Yet many people in the city wonder how we can put up with the drudgery of farm life. The satisfaction of working in the soil and with our hands, the security of our own home and land, working together with dear ones, the nearness of God in fields and sky these are the riches of country life."

Cheerfulness

A truly cheerful person is such a blessing to his or her surroundings that it may be of interest to consider the cause of cheerfulness. First it is founded on inward power and a pure patience and capability to bear suffering, loving and cherishing one's neighbors enduring and meeting them even though their presence be disagreeable. A cheerful person does not turn away from sorrow unsympathetically, but is armed to meet it, and endeavors to raise others above their trials also.

Like every other personal trait, it leaves its imprint on the features, and this probably is the cause of its contagious tendency.

A certain amount of cheerfulness in company or upon social occasions is common to all, yet the gayest of them all may soon afterwards fall into deepest depression and cheerfulness is not part of this character.

True cheerfulness is a happy, harmonious combination of different parts; a sound, unspoiled character, clear judgment, and a natural calmness in feeling and disposition, a sincere love for our neighbor and a childlike confidence in God.

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