

Linked With Goodness

The particular assurance which befall you this morning: the veneration words which met your ears and "aroused" your spirit; the disappointment which was His appointment for today; the slight but hindering ailment; the presence of

someone who is it that to you—whatever this day meaneth not joyous, but grievous, in linked in "the good pleasure of His goodness," with a corresponding afterward of "peaceable truth," the very seed from which, if you only do not choke on it, this shall help to spring and ripen.

ST. GERARD

THE PATRON OF MOTHERS By Rev. Thomas B. Roche, C.S.S.R.

Despite the abundance of divine assistance for every emergency both spiritual and temporal, man founders about in an apparently helpless condition. This unhappy situation is not due to a deficiency of badly needed supplies. It arises from man's failure to develop and use the means already at hand. A man who starves in the presence of plenty cannot lay his death at the door of want. A man who falls spiritually when surrounded by abundant supplies cannot ascribe his failure to a shortage or absence of spiritual means. One, for example, who claims ignorance of God and of the eternal truths in himself at fault. All about him are priests, teachers, books and schools that will give him correct information and thus remove his unnecessary ignorance. The fault lies with us if in time of need we do not seek or make use of the adequate means placed at our disposal by God.

TIME OF CRISIS A good will and faithful use of the ordinary means supplied by God are sufficient to carry us through the common difficulties of life. But in the course of time there arise serious crises when a more abundant measure of assistance is required, or a more prompt and ready means of obtaining that supply is desirable and necessary. Be assured, my good friend, that God does not desert man in a spiritual crisis, it is man who discards God.

He may patiently await our fulfillment of the precept: "ask and you shall receive." God naturally looks for an indication of our desire for help. He will not force Himself upon us. A man calmly swimming in the river will attract no attention, but at his cry for help, others will immediately hurry to his rescue.

However, God does offer us exceptional inducements to seek His help. He places before us the extraordinary efficacy of some saint in special emergencies and crises. Autists and travelers in general repose great confidence in St. Christopher for safety on their journey, because of his well known efficacy in this particular circumstance of life.

Well established instances of protection awaken a deeper confidence and prompt us to solicit the intercession of a particular saint for some favor of a special nature.

In these latter days God has raised up a saint who is unquestionably endowed with extraordinary power in the familiar and ever present emergency of childbirth, namely St. Gerard Majella, an humble Redemptorist lay-brother.

A hostlet of novena prayers and special devotions will gladly be given the friends and clients of St. Gerard by his Redemptorist Confessor upon request in person or in writing to the Redemptorist Fathers, 188 Franklin St., Rochester, N. Y.

Perpetual Help Parish

Knights, Ladies Set Outing

Annual Family Picnic of Confraternity No. 49 and Ladies' Auxiliary No. 42, Knights of St. John, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish will be held at Schuette Park on Sunday, Aug. 1.

Joseph Zimmer and Georgiana Nienkamp are co-chairman, Joseph Riesenberger and Lauretta Kassman are secretaries and Clarence Gutberlet is Treasurer.

They are assisted by the following: Reception Committee: John Blitzer, President of the Knights; Julia Bowers, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary; August Maser, Ad-Elbert Fischer, John Hess, Fred Hess, Frank Fischer, John Kausch, Marvin Stephan, Theodore Schlaefler, Elizabeth LaFore, Lena Hess, Anna Fischer, Margaret Sohn, Teresa Gutberlet, Milona Schmebeck, Currie Heimes, Mary Finucane.

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Finance, Ned Scharrer, Edward Heberle, Frank Bague, Norman Meyer.

Entertainment, Fred Malick, Charles Gutberlet, Alice Trunk, Anna May Barrows, Francis Tallarida.

Music, Florence Zimmer.

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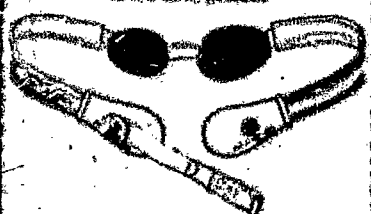
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Professor 14 Years Resigns To Be Nun

ERNAKULAM, India. After more than 14 years as a Professor of St. Theresa's College, here, Mrs. Elizabeth Uthup has resigned and has entered the Bridgettine community of nuns. Her name in religious life is Sister Mary Theresa and she is stationed at the Convent in Calicut. She is the author of several books and pamphlets written in Malayalam.

Named Edwards Store Executive

A graduate of Niagara University, class of 1926, Edward J. Laughlin has been appointed merchandising manager of the E. W. Edwards and Son store. Announcement is made by James R. Slacum, general manager.



For the past eight years, Laughlin has served at the Edwards store in Syracuse and was merchandising manager there for the past six years. He and his wife have taken up temporary residence at Hotel Sagamore. He was formerly employed by the Standard Oil Company.

A Methodist Tells What He Likes About Catholics

CHICAGO—Writing in The Christian Advocate, Methodist publication, on what he likes about Catholics, Nolan B. Harrison, Jr., lists principally: "the way they hold high the

cross of Christ"; "Catholic emphasis upon the miraculous," and "Catholic emphasis on good works."

The article is one of a series by the author, himself a Methodist, telling what he likes about the various religious denominations. Following is his article on Catholics, as published in The Christian Advocate:

"Although we differ greatly from the Roman Catholics in many fundamental emphases, they have some special activities and attitudes which can be appreciated by Protestants.

"I like the way they hold high the cross of Christ. Let it be admitted that they, as the Reformers affirmed, have made somewhat of a fetish of the cross, and that they have overdone the symbolic in their frequent kneeling before the crucifix. Nevertheless, the Roman Catholic Church has unfailingly and unerringly emphasized first and always the death of Christ as something vital and of transcendent importance in the life of every man.

HAS A VALUE

"They never let that fact be forgotten. They put the cross high on their churches; they wear it about their necks; they hold it up before the dying eyes of men and women, and carve it in the marble over their dead. In recall against the emblematic we brush much of this aside as idle superstition, but it has a value. For Christianity is a crucicentric gospel.

"I like the Roman Catholic emphasis upon the miraculous in Christian life. While the rest of us go around apologizing for miracles in the New Testament, and trying to explain them in terms which we hope will please a scientifically trained and rather sardonic world, the Catholic not only affirms past miracles, he claims present ones. The Mass, the center of his worship, is to him a perpetual miracle.

"Healing shrines at Lourdes and Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre give no shock to the Catholic. We think he is mistaken in these evaluations, and we are not sure that any of his miracles are miracles at all, but we also think that he has a profound truth in his conviction that the God whom we all worship is a God who is above space and time and able to do far more than we can ever ask or think.

WHERE ARE THEY

"You cannot take the supernatural out of Christianity," said Professor Edwin Lewis. Nor can you! It has been tried numberless times and by great teachers with a powerful following. But where are these teachers, and where is their following today? The graveyard of dead cults shows their names upon its tombstones, and the great on-going stream of Christianity moves ahead holding at its center something more than the humanistic. "I like the Catholic emphasis on good works—their organized charity and benevolence. We Protestants, well versed in Paul's teachings, have often claimed that the Roman Catholics expect to be saved by what they do and not by faith in Christ. Perhaps some of

them have that attitude, but as our own Articles of Religion put it, "good works are pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ." Certainly when it comes to organized charity, to an army of men and women who give themselves to do good deeds in the world, the Catholic Church can claim a tremendous accomplishment.

"Of course, be sure, the works of Catholicism have not always been as naively good as they appear. They can and have used their hospitals for purposes of propaganda, their orphanages and missions for the same end. Some of their hierarchy is in command of the vast, far-flung network of charitable organizations and various 'orders' within the Church, have at times used this powerful machinery for ends which were not as perfect as might be supposed. But with all that, the sisters of mercy who walk the streets to rescue the helpless, the vast hospitals built to give healing to the people, the orphanages, the rescue homes, the schools and colleges, the hostels in dangerous regions—all these things speak of a practical and militant Christianity.

"Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works." So Saint James admonished those who had missed the true nature of Christian faith. So the world which does not understand Christian theology does not understand the dog of Saint Bernard searching in the snow for the lost traveler, and does not understand the lay workers of Saint Vincent de Paul, whose only doler is the city streets; whose only monastery the hovels of the poor. From all this we can learn—and should."

Bombed English Church Reopened

LONDON. Damaged in an air raid more than a year ago, St. John's Church, Bath, has been solemnly reopened by the Bishop of Clifton, the Most Rev. William Lee.

Members of the congregation did much of the restoration work. Before that they salvaged practically all the church's furnishings and helped to erect a temporary church.

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