Principles—Action

Men tend to ignore social principles if they are not put into action. Unfortunately, we Catholics sometimes have a tendency merely to invoke principles rather than to attempt to put them into action. This attitude is not in consonance with Catholic teaching, for, in the words of St. James, "faith without works is dead." — Bulletin, N.C.W.C.

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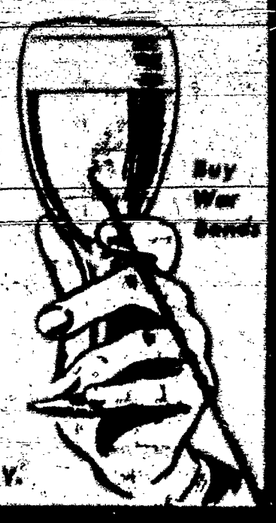

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A Teacher Blushes

Sister Grace Winifred of New Rochelle is blushing about one episode in her teaching career which has been given sudden prominence in the book **Men of Maryknoll.**

It seems Sister once had a trouble-making pupil named John Romaniello. While holding John after school one day, in her exasperation she threw on his desk a copy of **The Field Afar** and said to him shortly, "Read this and see how worth-while young men make use of themselves."

The boy did, and a few days later took Sister Grace Winifred's breath away by telling her he was going to be a missioner.

Sister kept her tongue in her cheek for a while on the ambitions of her class cut-up, but all went as he said. Today her incorrigible is Monsignor Romaniello, leader of the Maryknoll Prefecture of Kweilin in South China, affectionately known to the thousands of war-stricken Chinese he has helped as "Monsignor Moonface."

With Catholic Poets

Interior Castle

The moment is your castle, oh my King,
You walk its sunny terraces at noon,
Its battlements at dawn, the dungeon wing
Hears your first footfall with the early moon.

The moment is my castle if I choose,
If I surrender what I hold most dear,
All that I am, those whom I dread to lose,
And cast myself upon you without fear.

The moment is our castle, oh my Lord,
Eternal, sacramental, glorified,
Wherein we dwell securely. Any sword,
Attacking, shatters on the stone outside.

— Eileen Surles.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

with RUTH WYETH SPEARS

Buy Aprons from Your Scrap Bag

Now that your packages for soldier boys in far off places are wrapped and in the mail, it is time to think of a gift or two for Aunt Emily and Sister Sue, and others right here on the home front. Why not give aprons this year? Your piece bag is sure to have many odds and ends of rick rack braid and bias binding and bright scraps of material which will do for trimmings with a ¾-yard remnant of plain gingham or unbleached muslin.

The diagram gives cutting dimensions for the skirt and shows how to shape the waistline. It is

easy to add a straight bib if you like. Use wider belts, about 2¼ inches finished, for the bibless type and cut the ties about four inches wide. These three aprons will give you ideas for any number of trimmings. Be lavish with bright color for this is the season for gay gifts to bring good cheer.

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NOTE: These aprons are from Mrs. Spears' Book 4 which also contains directions for more than thirty other gifts and things to make for the home. Booklets are 10c each plus 5c to cover cost of mailing. Address: Mrs. Spears, Drawer 1/B, Bedford Hills, New York.

Daily Devotion

If we had a tender devotion to our Lord in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, we should think of Him a thousand times a day. — Louis Lallemant.

A Word to Parents

The tragedy of American life is that the home is becoming increasingly dental at a time when it is needed as never before. Parents forget that neither the school nor the world can reform the finished product of a bad home. They forget that their children are their first responsibility. — Mrs. Clelia Compton.

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