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Eileen Makes the Grade

By MARY TENLEY DALY

Eileen, at 12 years of age, is 5 ft. 6 in. high—taller than the other girls in her class and, a much more depressing angle, taller than any of the boys. For several years now whenever there is a procession and everybody lined up according to size, Eileen brings up the rear, looking longingly at the front of the procession where the cute and cuddly members of her class march with the fourth and fifth graders. Utopia, for Eileen, means being cute and cuddly.



Mary Daly
 Sister Emilya Maceltye of the Sisters of St. Casimir, only nun in the first shipment of DPs to arrive in the United States under the new displaced persons law. A Lithuanian, Sister Emilya was taken prisoner by the Germans in 1944 with two bishops, three priests and five other nuns, and made to do forced labor in Germany. She has started life anew at the Convent of St. Casimir in Chicago. She is pictured as she arrived in New York, with two women who were physicians in Lithuania. (NC Photos)

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Teen Talks
Power of the Pen

By NORMA DE PREZ

Twenty-four hours are not enough! You dry the last dish, turn off the Super Club and trek with the texts up your desk for an hour of latin translation, three algebra problems, and a chapter in modern history. By the time you have digested a few years of New Deal legislation and discovered that X has equalled Y all the time, Mother is giving you the cue for the curfew.



Well, another day has gone by and you still have not written that bread and butter note to Aunt Mary, or dropped Bill that long promised letter. Although it may seem so, letter writing has not yet become a lost art. It is still an important means of communication. Your struggle in the stationery and stamp department will disappear if you remember a few simple rules.

Whether Hank the heartbreak's colors have changed to khaki or another campus, mail call means a lot to him. A letter from the hometown may be the best medium to soothe the recruit's aching muscles or the freshman's initiation. "But what will I write about?" you ask. "Nothing ever happens to me."

WELL, PERHAPS you haven't been offered a Hollywood screen test or stopped the music, but the Private isn't too interested in your public anyway. He wants to hear about the pep assembly at school your part in the Seniors play, the neighbor's new dog, the transition from campus or from books to barracks doesn't seem as difficult when the mail brings news of your first attempt at apple turnovers, the family's excitement over your brother's first formal hop.

Social letter writing should be keynoted by a natural informality. Be interesting, but be genuine. It usually helps if you try to picture the one you are writing to. Include enough common interest to make the recipient forget about K.P. and remember that the three day pass is due in a few weeks. Should you talk about yourself? Why not? Your letter is a bit of an autobiography but remember not to overdo the first person, singular.

Be concerned about the person to whom you are writing and you won't overwork the "I" department. Definitely NO tales of woe. Whether you are homesick, dateless or just plain down in the dumps, it isn't necessary to purposely make another unhappy. Unless you are penning an epistle to Mr. Anthony, it isn't fair to burden your reader with moods of blue indigo. As a rule, he or she will not be in a position to help you, and very frequently your woes have faded before the letter has reached its destination.

If you want your letters to have that conversational informality, don't skimp on enthusiasm and sparkle. The drama of a dash (—) the shout of an exclamation point (!), repetition of the person's name, masterfully mixed with a few lines of vivid description, will send smiles across the miles.

COURTESY correspondence is too often neglected. Those little notes of thank you, sympathy, congratulations, acknowledgments of invitations, and the like, are your emissaries. Nothing but your own sense of responsibility and thoughtful consideration of others, requires you to write them. Thinking is an important factor. Gifts and presents should be acknowledged at once. Bread and butter letters should be sent within a few days. Letters of congratulation lose all effectiveness if delayed too long.

If you are writing a business

Women's Viewpoint
What Do Catholics Say?

MARIE WEIDMAN

You just can't find a vacant ivory tower these days. All the really desirable ones, the ones with hot and cold running misconceptions, that is, are badly overcrowded with philosophers, who, having recognized that our world is teetering on the brink of chaos, have hied themselves a comfortable distance away to view the debacle from dry land. The lower rental towers of strictly imitation ivory are tenanted by an assortment of Marie Weidman atomic scientists, self-styled thinkers and liberal Protestant clergymen who are equally aware that ours is an age sickening unto death.



How this group reached this conclusion poses a problem; since they seem generally incapable of any serious intellectual effort, they undoubtedly acquired their knowledge of the situation through some kind of osmosis.

These three groups have in common the fact that they think the world has outgrown God. However, for individuals who revere religion and deny the Almighty, they talk ceaselessly of Him, decrying, ridiculing, blaspheming. Ironically then, though in a perverted fashion, they are possessed by Him. Their tumult is terrific as man dogmatically proclaims his solution for our sick world. Everyone knows just how to be rid of this myth of religion. Everyone wants to get in on the act.

ONE PARTICULAR intellectual colossus, a Professor Slace of Princeton, is absolutely certain the world is a vast spiritual emptiness. Man has lost the vision which is basic to all religions, he cannot go back to the faith again. "The light will not shine again" our civilization must get on without this opiate of religion. Apparently Professor Slace thinks of God as some vague, benedictive, beneficent presence, but he advises us that modern man has "no friend in the sky."

At this point he introduces an original twist. The highly intellectual, he believes, can live moral lives without benefit of religion. Because to be well educated means that one can fully accept life without the illusion of religion; quiet content is certain to follow. Living without religion means being genuinely civilized. If we cannot accept the real world, the world as it is, devoid of spiritual meaning, then our society will sink to the animal level.

Thus the professor from Princeton One wonders just how much more wretched our age is going to be after the professor lets loose upon the world the young men who have absorbed this philosophical claptrap in his classes. The only conclusion one can reach after a thorough perusal of his beliefs is never to send one's sons to Princeton.

A PROTESTANT clergyman in one of our leading periodicals titles his remarks "Is God Necessary?" and proceeds to indicate that Catholic dogma is left over from another, earlier age. Man cannot return to it. "You can't go home again" says the conclusion of the words of novelist Thomas Wolfe.

Yet young people do want to join something more than a Chamber of Commerce, he observes with a twinkle, so, each of us should "get down" to our own idea of God. Thus a common social faith will bind us.

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Will you be unmindful of the dear little Babe who shivered in a Bethlehem stable on the first Christmas night? Millions now share His suffering. Please help.

PUNTHALA'S HOUSE OF GOD
 Archbishop Ivanios, valiant apostle of India, writes that he has received 4,000 converts this year. He tells how one old man, a retired inspector of schools, rented an old tea shop for a chapel and has led twenty-eight families into the Church at Punthala. Now the Archbishop begs for a little House of God at Punthala. Can you give a thousand dollars for this?

BIG MONEY
 Even though it is near the once great Athens in Greece, Piraeus has, only wretchedly poor Catholics. Now they beg for \$180 to furnish their house of God with sacred articles. Won't you answer their prayers?

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
 Once in a while you must think of some departed soul. That is the time to have Mass offered for him, particularly during November. Write for our free leaflet on the Gregorian Masses, offered for thirty days. Ask also about arranging for these Masses after your own death. Your next Christmas may be spent in Purgatory.

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 The beautiful hands of a priest, full of divine power! You can have an adopted son in Christ, working every day as a missionary in the Near East. His six years of training costs only six hundred dollars. Can you adopt one? Even that dollar monthly to the CHRISTIAN STUDENT Support Club does wonders. Why not join?

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WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?
 Perhaps the Wise Men followed the leading string of a floating star from Iran to the manger of Bethlehem. Now we have terribly needy missions in the country. Can you give a special chance, costing fifty dollars, for one of them? We shall engrave your name on it and a priest will remember you every day at Mass.

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