

Spread of Catholic Poetry Is Goal of One-Man Press

New York — (NC) — With the release of two new works of poetry by major craftsmen, the one-man Monastine Press in New York City, has found itself half-way to its goal. And that goal for Clifford J. Laube, who "is" the Monastine Press, is the publication of ten volumes of significant poetry that will take a lasting place in the panorama of American letters.

The latest works are "The Last Garland" by Theodore Maynard and "A Journey With Music" by Francis Maguire. Mr. Maynard, the well-known biographer, critic, poet and essayist, has written a sequence of fifty sonnets in memory of his first wife. This is the most recent of his seven volumes of poetry.

MR. MAGUIRE, a New England poet who had extensive service in the recent war while in the Intelligence branch of the Army is a younger man but one whose work has been acclaimed and who, in "Journey With Music" takes his place among the accepted lyricists on the American scene.

The Monastine Press was begun a decade ago in Mr. Laube's home. An active Catholic and long a journalist, having worked on Denver papers and The New York Daily News, the editor-composer - proofreader - printer - binder of the Monastine Press is today the telegraph editor of The New York Times, and vice president of the Catholic Poetry Society of America.

The first volumes published by the Monastine Press are "The Lantern Burns" by Jessica Powes "The Sword" by Helene Sears Pius, "Trags" written by the publisher himself and his two books released this week.

Writer Dies Poor

Rome — (CIP) — News has been received here of the recent death, in great poverty and destitution of Demetrio Carabatti, a well-known Catholic writer and journalist in Bucharest, Rumania. His most outstanding work was a book on St. Francis of Assisi.

BOOK BITS

To mark the fiftieth anniversary of the death of St. Therese, commonly called the Little Flower, the Carmelite convent at Elsinore, Ind., has published a collection of her letters. These have been translated by Frank Sheed and will be published in this country in October.

Notre Dame University is the subject of a book from the pen of Francis Wallace. Entitled "The Notre Dame Story" it will be available on September 22. It is not primarily a football book, any more than the university is primarily a football institution.

Harper has just released a volume of almost 700 pages called "Holy Wisdom: Directions for the Prayer of Contemplation," which draws on many sources, ancient and more recent, for explanation of this highest form of prayer.

Japanese Religious Groups on Radio

Tokyo — (RNS) — Increased radio time has been given to Protestant and Roman Catholic groups here under a new schedule for religious programs announced by the Japan Broadcast Corporation which controls all radio broadcasting in the country. The new schedule will go into effect on Sunday, September 11.

Up till now Protestants and Roman Catholics have each been given a half-hour's radio time two Sundays a month, but hereafter they will be permitted to air programs four times monthly. The Catholic program will go on the air at 6:30 a. m. and the Protestant broadcast, sponsored by the United Church of Christ in Japan, will be heard at 7:30 a. m.

Balancing The Books

For All God's Children

By REV. JOHN S. KENNEDY



Lucky girls! I mean those students of the Assumption Convent school in England who heard Monsignor Knox preach a long series of five sermons on the Apostles' Creed. Fortunately for us, we can now share something of their privilege. The sermons have been published under the title "The Creed in Slow Motion."

You have probably read THE MASS IN SLOW MOTION. If you haven't, you should do so. He opened up the Mass to the person beyond the altar rail, drew that person into it, and enabled him to carry it away with him as he left the church. Only recently someone said to me that the "slow motion" was infinitely more to him since he read that book.

Here Monsignor Knox does the same thing with the Creed. That prayer is probably for most of us a formula to be hastily and distractedly recited now and again.

THE CREED is like the name plates on a series of doors down a corridor. You know almost nothing about the persons behind those doors if you go no farther than the name plates. So it is with us when we have made no exploration of the Creed. Here we have an expert guide, learned, witty, wonderfully patient and wonderfully practical.

I don't know anyone who has, in a popular work, taken such risks. It is fresh from the single word "Laud" or just as well "the world" as used by Our Lord Jesus; or as cogently and sensitively explained why Our Lord remained in the grave three days or why these were forty days between the Resurrection and the Ascension; or written so humbly of the Last Judgment or of Limbo or of our relationship to the Holy Spirit.

These hints of the contents of this scintillating book will suggest to you that it keeps the reader's interest alive throughout, and feeds it good fire for the mind and for the soul. It is remarkable that in one slight volume there should be in combination such treasures of information and of spiritual quickening.

YOU HAVE here, in the space of a few paragraphs, St. Thomas' famous arguments for the existence of God summarized not perfunctorily but with a precision and an impact lacking in the usual work of apologetics.

You have such theory questions as paper infallibility, the inspiration of the Bible, salvation outside the Church, and the development of doctrine treated in a manner exact but homely, so that you and I can grasp them, really understand them.

At one point Monsignor Knox gets off a sparkling example of the jargon in which religious truth is sometimes presented. Perhaps some will be momentarily shocked by the offhandness of the style used by Monsignor Knox, its chatty informal-

ness, its illustrations. They may prefer to take offense at his comparing the clergy to sheep dogs (every good) or his saying, "Last Sunday I was talking to the devil" (in baptisms). But they will be unable to pin a single error on him, unless it be his startling and, to me, incorrect statement that "Our Church is the Church of Jesus Iscariot."

LET IT NOT be supposed that in speaking to children Monsignor Knox is at all patronizing. He is familiar, but he does not condescend. For his young auditors he set forth some of the most exquisite thoughts to be found in any of his works (concerning Our Lady, for example); some of his most delicious parallels (the action of the Holy Spirit at creation, on Pentecost, in our prayer, for example);

Some of his most penetrating insights into Plato's character, for example; some of his most devastating refutations of common error (Christ's going about doing good, for example); and some of his most moving observations on the loneliness of the later years for one who knows not God, for example.

This sort of book books deceptively easy. Actually it is a product of profound study, long meditation, astute understanding of human nature, mastery of the language, humor and humor such as reside in few. No one but Monsignor Knox could have done it so well. It will bring light and delight not only to children of school age but also to all the children of God.

The Creed in Slow Motion by Monsignor Knox, 238 pages. New York: Sheed and Ward: \$2.50.

New President

Italian Jesuit Predicts Collapse of Russian Rule



Very Rev. James F. Maguire, S.J., well known pastor of West Baden College, West Baden, Indiana, who has been named new president of 118-year-old Xavier University in Cincinnati. Father Maguire was born in Chicago 48 years ago. (RNS-NC Photo).

musical government of Russia will fall was said by Father Riccardo Lombardi, S.J., Tuscan, Italian priest who brought his Crusade of Love to the United States this month. "That now that collapse will come into prominence during the year 1942," Father Lombardi declared, "is the only possibility against the danger of a total Communist."

"Communism cannot be destroyed by an atom bomb," he said. "It will only come up again from the ruins. Prayer and the strength of free Christian nations throughout the world will win the Communists over to the cause of the Gospel."

Late in an address to the 26th anniversary celebration of the Italian Catholic Federation of California, Father Lombardi declared that the solution of all the problems that vex the world is "the Gospel of Christ applied to private and public life."

SPREADING in Italian before 4,000 Catholics delegates, he said: "The world now is marked

Navy Secretary Speaks at Honolulu War Cemetery Rite

Honolulu — (NC) — Thousands who came to witness the dedication here of the United States National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, heard Secretary of the Navy Francis P. Matthews affirm that the Declaration of Independence, the Federal Constitution, and the Bill of Rights are based on the Christian doctrine that all men are creatures of the same Supreme authority.

"I follow the newspaper serialization of MARY KNOLL MISSIONARY WORK."

PEACE OF GOD. The text is partially obscured by a large graphic element.

Maryknoll Makes Movies of China Missionary Work

Maryknoll — (Special) — Life, the vast wilds of unhappy China where Maryknoll priests still work for the salvation of souls, is graphically shown in a 16-m. picture called "The Miracle of Blue Cloud County."

The dramatized traveltogue filmed by Father Mark Tennant in Southern China, runs about 25 minutes and shows how the priest himself arrived at a small Chinese outpost where practically none of the natives were Christian.

They ostracized Father Tennant and warned their children against "the devil" and even refused to avail themselves of much needed, free medical aid.

The Maryknoll priest continued his lone struggle against prejudice by the local mandarin to "go back home" kept up his daily efforts to win converts.

By chance he was able to render first aid to the mandarin who met with an auto accident. This won over the Chinese of field and led to gradual progress of the mission.

A second Maryknoll film, dealing with the typical young Americans who enter the Order to perform this missionary work will shortly be released under the title, "The Kid Down the Block."

Priest-Writer Lauded for Inter-Racial Influence

New York — (RNS) — Father John LaFarge, S.J., associate editor of America, Catholic weekly, was one of five Americans cited by the Conference on Science, Philosophy

and Religion here for their "advancement of civilization through higher education. Improvement of intergroup relations, and the wide interpretation and dissemination of scholarly and scientific ideas."

In addition to Father LaFarge, the following also received awards from the Conference: Arthur Hays Sulzberger, president and publisher of The New York Times; Robert Maynard Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago; James Bryant Conant, president of Harvard University; and Frank P. Graham, U. S. Senator and president of the University of North Carolina.

"FATHER LAFARGE has played an important role in a number of movements to promote social justice, including the rural life program, the cooperative movement, the cause of international peace, and to improve human relations," the citation stated.

"Perhaps more than any other single man, as editor, writer and lecturer, Father LaFarge has induced Catholics of the United States to be conscious of their twin obligation, as Christians and as Americans, in work for the removal of race prejudice and its horrid train of hate, poverty, misery and injustice."

Cook Book Has 'Liturgy Menus'

Berlington, Vt. — (NC) — A liturgical cook book will be published next month by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. It was announced here.

The book will be divided according to the six liturgical seasons and will feature dishes appropriate, for example, to Lent, Easter, Christmas, etc. It will be designed for use in the kitchen and home economics classroom, according to Magr. Luigi G. Liguori, executive secretary of the conference.

Turkish State Aids Holy Year Trips

Valican City — (NC) — The financial and technical sub-committee of the Holy Year Central Committee has already received many replies from governments with regard to requests for the granting of special facilities for pilgrims planning to visit Rome in 1950. It has been announced here.

It has been noted with particular gratification that the Government of Turkey is ready to grant maximum facilities to pilgrims from that country. Non-Turkish residents will be given return visas assuring their re-entry into Turkey, and Turkish Catholics will travel on a collective passport.

London Catholic Employers Organize

London — (RNS) — An organization known as the Association of Catholic Managers and Employers has been established here with the official approval of Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster.

The new group will be formally inaugurated at a meeting early in the fall which Cardinal Griffin hopes to attend. The cardinal has already approved the association's constitution and appointed the first members of the executive committee.

Labor Encyclicals in Comic-Style Booklet

St. Paul, Minn. — (NC) — A 32-page comic-style booklet for adults, "Labor is a Partner," based on the papal encyclicals on social questions, has been published by the Catechetical Guild Educational Society here.

The booklet has been two years in preparation, and, in script form, was sent to leading priests and prelates in the labor field all over the country for comment and criticism. The printing of the booklet will be 50,000 copies, but it is expected that the circulation will surpass 1,000,000 within six weeks, the Guild stated.

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Labor Encyclicals in Comic-Style Booklet advertisement for a 32-page booklet.

Distinctive Diamonds & Mountings by Morgan advertisement for jewelry services.

London Catholic Employers Organize advertisement for a new professional association.

Advertisement for a booklet on labor encyclicals.

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