

Balancing The Books

Blanshardites Search In Vain

By Rev. John S. Kennedy

Some wonder why I was a... I was a... I was a...



Perhaps those critics of the Church whose vocal cords are sturdier than their scruples expect to make prejudicial hay of the work's circulation.

He had a breakdown, went to Switzerland to recuperate, and while in a sanitarium there, came to the conclusion that the human mind is a paltry thing.

He did not turn to any form of Protestantism or to any other religion as, in his view, a religion that has even the least form of the reasoned statement of truth, is false and frustrating to the soul.

THE BLANSHARDITES will search this volume in vain for ammunition. Monastic living is, he says, immensely beneficial to those who enter upon it and to the world at large.

Moreover, the author states that priests, far from having closed minds, are required to search deeply practically every phase of human knowledge and experience.

There are, however, factual errors. For example, it is untrue that the Index applies only to lay people; that the new code of Canon Law was not completed until "many years" after the death of Pius X.

It is only the so-called rationalists who would maintain that reason exhausts the knowable. The true mystic goes beyond reason, not against it.

THE AUTHOR ALSO insists that there is no such thing as the human personality properly understood. The "I," he holds, is a noxious invention of that devilish deceiver, reason.

SHE'S A 'REGULAR FELLER'



World War II's "miracle girl," Patsy L., 15-year-old Chinese, shown with Fr. Frederic P. Gehring, C. M., famed chaplain of Guadalcanal, and Miss Eleanor Bumgardner, of Washington.

Weddings In Geneva

GIRUP-CAPOZZI

Geneva St. Francis de Sales Church was the scene of the wedding of Miss Carmella Eliza Girup-Capozzi, daughter of Mrs. Mary Capozzi, 122 N. Exchange St. to PFC Glen Raymond Girup, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Girup of Chicago on Aug. 25.

MARINO-LIBERATORE Geneva. Miss Olga Marie Liberatore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Liberatore, 40 Prospect Ave. and Avila Louis Ma...

less intellectual tag for the single, indistinguishable totality of being. To say "I" is, he avers, ludicrous pride, although elsewhere he states that he stood alone had to rely only on himself.

He says that perhaps his faith was lost because of the multiplicity of his duties and the consequent loss of time for prayer. But what strikes the reader is the stark absence of any indication of personal preoccupation with, and devotion to, Christ.

I WAS A MONK, by John Tettemer, 281 pages, illustrated, New York: Knopf, \$3.50

WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALYS'

Full Circle Again

By MARY TINLEY DALY



"We're down to four, so we're going out to eat!" Ginny announced to our next door neighbor. "Four what?" Carolyn Fallon asked. "Is there something I could lend you?"

"Four people," Ginny explained. "We always go out when we're down to four" (This is the first time it has happened in Ginny's lifetime).

So we ate out once and loved it—though, Markie, weighed the advantage of no dishes to wash against the disadvantage of "no seconds."

Then began the fun of preparing for the returning travellers: cleaning rooms, painting a bookcase and making new curtains as a surprise.

"I wasn't a bit homesick," Mary declared with a strange-hoed hug. "But gee, it sure is fun to be home. Everything looks so different—and so good."

Over lemonade and cookies everybody told the story of summer adventures and we stayed up even past adult bedtime, planning a long sleep Saturday morning.

Geneva Altar bouquets were of white gladioli Aug. 18 for the wedding of Miss Lillian Gloria Passalacqua, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Passalacqua, 213 N. Geneva St. and Sgt. Carlos E. Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Fletcher, 407 20th St., Dunbar, West Va.

The double ring ceremony was performed in St. Francis de Sales by Rev. Edward K. Ball, pastor of the church. Mrs. Anita Kitcher was organist, playing the traditional wedding march.

Mrs. Peter DeMatties, aunt of the bride was matron of honor and Miss Rose DeJohn, maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the Misses Olympia DeMatties, Marie Mazzeochi and the bride's sister, Miss Mona Passalacqua.

Geneva. Miss Rosalie A. Campbell daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Campbell of Gates Rd. was united in marriage to Cpl. Eugene Davison of Mr. and Mrs. George Davie, of Gorham, Aug. 22, in St. Stephen's Church here.

the telephone was tied up all afternoon with giggling confabs—and a religious program on the downstairs radio conflicted with a comedy program in Eileen's room and a swing session in Mary's.

There wasn't a drop of hot water left after all the shampoos, white shoes dried on the window sills, young people trekked in and out all day, the supplies of ice cubes, lemons and cookies were exhausted.

After Pat, Johnny and Eileen left for the evening and Markie went next door to baby sit, we four remaining sat on the porch, drawing sweaters around our shoulders against the chill of the evening.

"Well—we're down to four again," Ginny suggested hopefully. "Not really," Mary said, rocking back and forth. "And I think eight's better anyway, don't you?"

"Full circle's the better, no matter which the number." We rocked in unison.

Give Them Hope "At our age it would be hopeless to start again," said a middle-aged woman and her husband swept out of the house by the Kansas flood.

ALL-IN-ALL, that normalcy felt good, sounded good. What if

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