

BOOK REVIEW

'The Bashful Chair'

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THE BASHFUL CHAIR, or on the timid worldlings: You have your niche Where you can keep the pose That your view is always rose...

MINGLED WITH THESE joyous commentary on children, grown-ups, priests, soldiers, martyrs, glowing from their contact with Life in the Church; and everywhere the consciousness of Christ, Christ born, Christ risen, Christ used and abused by His own, the Janitor callously summoned, Who says,

"I was busy pulling my arms From rusty roman staples; My feet were slowed in A blood puddle. I was waiting for you; So I was held up."

Other subjects get a brief, often a humorous glance; modern education, modern literature (a just commendation of Christopher Fry, a condemnation equally just of the recent exhuming of poor Bozzy's youth), his own poetic credo (defined with a chuckle on page 35, seriously on page 46; forsaken on page 57).

LITERATURE, Newman said, is the personal use of language, and it happens in this volume that the poems directly personal in the simplest sense — phrased in imperatives, dialogue, thinking-aloud gerunds — are those which plead most for re-reading and permanence.

On grief, for example: Tap on heaving shoulders Whisper to them: You are not gods But God's.

or on the happiness of Holy Week: And fell to rhyming And sea to shining And season's coming And rhythm humbling...

or on Christ's harvest: That tall gawky fellow, Lord! Yes, Then... you mean all... you want all? Yes.



The Lost Lamb Carrying a lamb and holding a candle, this aged shepherd wends his way to Christmas Mass in Provence, France, in the little village of Les Baux. The Mass is celebrated with reminiscence of ancient customs, and shepherds from the country round, wearing traditional long coats, bring a lamb as an offering. Sometimes a goat, decorated with flowers and ribbons, pulls a little carriage holding the lamb, and children of the community stage a manger scene to commemorate the birth of Christ at Bethlehem.

Lay Missionaries To Teach Indians

New York — (NC) — Responding to an SOS for lay teachers in Indian Missions, three men and one woman volunteered this month for teaching work among the American Indians. Enrolled in the Marquette League Lay Apostolate for Catholic Indian Missions are Gertrude McSpirt of New York, Charles L. McHarness of Seattle, Harold M. Mayer of Benton Harbor, Mich., and Francis Kieffer, veteran lay volunteer in missionary work.

Newark Archbishop Sets Installation

Newark, N. J. — (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark, will be installed as Archbishop of this see on January 14. The Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, is to officiate at the installation ceremony. The rite will take place at the Church of the Sacred Heart in Vailsburg, N. J., as Newark's new Sacred Heart Cathedral, now under construction, is unheated, and the old St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral is considered too small for the occasion. The Vailsburg church can accommodate 2,000 persons.

Estate Of \$334,500 Aids Charity

Cincinnati — (NC) — Three Catholic educational institutions will receive \$50,000 each from the estate of Charles F. Williams, Cincinnati business leader, who died September 11.

A total of \$334,500 will be distributed to nearly 40 institutions, most of them Catholic, under an entry of designation filed in Probate Court here. Under Mr. Williams' will, his widow was requested to leave the residue of his estate to religious, charitable, and educational institutions of her choice.

The three \$50,000 bequests designated by Mrs. Williams will go to Xavier University here; the University of Notre Dame, and the Cathedral-Seminary fund, a current campaign for the expansion of St. Gregory's Seminary and rebuilding of the old St. Peter in Chains Cathedral here. Mrs. Williams also directed that \$25,000 be given to the Jesuit Seminary Aid Association for the Support of Seminaries of Chicago, located at nearby Millford, Ohio.

Newspaper Editor Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Rev. Philip Hannan, editor of the Catholic Standard, weekly newspaper of the Archdiocese of Washington, is among seven priests honored by Pope Plus XII with the title of Monsignor.

Cures At Lourdes Church Holds Only 44 Miracles, Doctor Says 1,200 Unexplainable

Paris — (NC) — Of the 1,200 cures at Lourdes that have been certified as medically unexplainable, only 44 are recognized by the Church as miraculous.

This was revealed in an article in La Croix, Paris Catholic daily, by Dr. Francois Leuret, chief of the Lourdes Bureau of Medical Authentication which certified the cures.

Priest State School Head In Africa

Cincinnati — (NC) — When the British government needed a secretary of education for its Basutoland Protectorate in southern Africa, it chose Father R. L. Gullbeault, O.M.I., as the man best fitted for the job. The French-Canadian priest was teaching theology in the Oblate seminary at Roma, Basutoland, at that time.

Interviewed recently here, Father Gullbeault said, "It was just a temporary appointment. But I've had it for 13 years."

Of the 900 schools under his supervision, only 400 are Catholic. The rest are conducted either by the government or by Protestant sects. Asked if non-Catholic educators resented his appointment, the 40-year-old missionary replied: "It's possible that they did. But I just went ahead with the job."

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