

BOOK REVIEW

Barrett And Dawson

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LIFE BEGINS WITH LOVE by Dr. E. Boyd Barrett. Bruce, 1952. \$2.50. 114 pages.

This could have been expensive advice, this little book on how to be happy through kindness. Dr. Barrett has in his life commanded sizable fees as a noted psychiatrist with an office on Fifth Avenue. Yet it is much more like a few lost pages of addenda drifting down the centuries to us from the Isle of Patmos, exploring in simple and apostolic terms the meaning of "Little children, love one another."

IT COULD BE read aloud at home—there are plenty of those little anecdotes that are so welcome at evening, the surprising finger-in-the-dike deeds that ordinary human beings are continually performing in their "minor human contacts," which form, says the author, 95% of human life.

The optimism and gentleness of Life Begins With Love no more minimize the real hurdles confronting our self-love than does the language of Our God. "Unless the grain of wheat falling into the ground DIES, IT SELVES REMAINETH ALONE."

The basic precept of Dr. Barrett is the quiet dictum of A Kempis: "If thou hast any good, believe that others have more. It is no harm to thee if thou place thyself below all others; but it is great harm to thee if thou place thyself above even one."

Accepting this, one can make strides in such longed-for skills as how to train children for happiness, how to get acquainted with oneself, how to really honor men of all races and creeds, how to like an unlikely person, how to advance the Catholic press, how to serve one's country.

PRACTICAL hints for beginners are given, like listing all the promises we haven't kept, or all the unreasonable likes and dislikes we can discover in ourselves. Dr. Barrett summarizes his suggestions in "four blunt, homely rules: 1. Keep your promises. 2. Keep your temper. 3. Keep your mouth shut. 4. Keep your heart warm."

All doctors have a priestliness, a selflessness, about them. This little book by the author of Shepherds in the Mist reveals a personality that is all priest.

UNDERSTANDING EUROPE by Christopher Dawson. Sheed and Ward, 1952. \$3.50. 255 pages. Peace begins at home, true, with self and neighbor, but in our time no one feels exempt from the call to advance the peace of the world. Dawson's latest work offers us a useful first step.

Western man, he tells us, in past days studied his classical

and national heritage, and so equipped himself with ideals for his own life and for the life of men together upon earth. Now in the upthrust of a great alien and destructive force, a pit opening, all past dreams of international peace must recede until a way can be found for the very matrix of his Western world, the source of the dreams, Europe herself, to be rescued.

WESTERN MAN must study Europe as Europe studied Greece and Rome; he must know what Europe has been as a society of peoples, these two thousand years, that he may understand why we call her very possible ruin the "death of civilization."

Barbara Ward's article, "Good Reason for Optimism," in the Reader's Digest for this January, would be a good cordial to take before reading Dawson, who does not attempt to soften his necessary conclusions. She gives us the situation of the moment, a discussion of the Atlantic community and its accomplishments, and of Soviet loss of face throughout the world.

The tremendous implications of Dawson's survey of the history of Christendom then come home to us less startlingly, and we welcome a set of ideas that are tools for peace, almost radioactive upon "the confusion in which the nations seem to lie, showing up both the underlying pattern and the primary meaning of each motif in it."

DAWSON STATES his theses of the spiritual unity of Europe and its distinctive consciousness of personal responsibility (rephrasing in Freudian, for those who find the vocabulary of the Ten Commandments and of our Constitution a bit tame, the establishment of Christianity, as the translation of religion from the dark underworld of the Id to the Super-Ego. Then he deepens these theses as he "re-examines them in magnificent chapters, "Germany and Central Europe," "Eastern Europe and Russia," "Europe Overseas," "The Revolt Against Europe," and so on.

The basic chapter, "Europe a Society of Peoples," is invaluable; you will want to memorize it. Many passages on the peoples of Central Europe will lie on one's conscience and fruitfully: "Between Russia and Germany and Turkey there are nearly a dozen European peoples of whom we know hardly anything, and whose whole history has been left out of the ordinary Western education."

"ALTHOUGH the period between the (World) Wars saw the re-emergence of the suppressed nationalities of Eastern Europe, our main attention was focused on Russia, and we never made full use of our opportunities . . . to become acquainted with the history and culture . . . which have been traditionally a part of Catholic Europe and which have had far more in common with the West than with Russia herself."

But quotation from such a work is ruinous to its truth; far better to spend a few gainful and unforgettable hours learning direct from Dawson Europe's whole story and incidentally how to read history, how to evaluate numerical population as against culture, how to avoid over-simple interpretations. The book also interprets the East, the history of Asia—Dawson the scholar works with the knowledge that you can't know anything finally unless you know everything (almost).



ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL ADVISORS—His Excellency Bishop Kearney this week greeted two newly named members of the Men's Advisory Board of St. Mary's Hospital. The two new members, shown left and right of the Bishop, are: Theodore F. Lemm, vice-president and general manager of E. W. Ed-

wards & Son, and Frank E. Wolfe, vice-president and treasurer of Timely Clothes. Also seen in photo are (left) Dr. Leo F. LaPalm, chief of staff at St. Mary's, and (right) Harold J. Coleman, president of the Will Corporation and chairman of the St. Mary's Advisory Board.

Bathing Beauty Contests Hit By Prelate

Brisbane, Australia. (NC)—A warning against participation in beauty contests by Catholics has been issued here by Archbishop James Duhig of Brisbane.

In a pastoral read in all churches of the archdiocese at the height of the summer and bathing season here the Archbishop said:

"IT IS DIFFICULT to reconcile with the Christian ideal of womanly modesty the beach beauty competitions now so widely advertised and illustrated in the press and encouraged for the sake of gain."

"Surely no parents who have the honor of their daughter at heart would desire to see her parading in scanty bathing costumes before the eyes of the curious multitude that hordes to amuse itself in things that degrade rather than elevate."

"I feel confident that I am not appealing in vain when I request our Catholic parents not on any account to allow their daughters to take part in such vulgar exhibitions so contradictory of all they have learned at home and schools and church."

"And I feel equally confident that our girls, whose virtuous lives I have so often commended, will not only abstain themselves from these exhibitions, but will use their influence in every way to counteract and condemn them."

Pope Sends Peace Plea To Adenauer

Berlin. (RNS)—Pope Pius XII sent a telegram to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer congratulating West Germany's chief of state on his 77th birthday.

The message said: "May God grant to the Chancellor's efforts to achieve peace and freedom for his fatherland the outcome which will be a true and permanent good for the whole German people."

New Advisers Named To St. Mary's Hospital

Three prominent Rochester business leaders were named this week to the Men's Advisory Board of St. Mary's Hospital. They are Theodore F. Lemm, vice-president and general manager E. W. Edwards & Son; Frederick M. Tobin, president of the Tobin Packing Company; and Frank E. Wolfe, vice-president and treasurer of Timely Clothes.

The new members were welcomed at a meeting held at the hospital on Monday evening. Joining with the Men's Advisory Board at the meeting was also the Medical Advisory Board.

HIS EXCELLENCY Bishop Kearney, who serves as honorary chairman of the Men's Board, cited the need of expansion at St. Mary's and of support for the hospital's research and medical education work. He expressed the hope that financial assistance for these programs could be obtained through an increase of bequests to the hospital from those who draw up their wills.

Sister Martina, director of the hospital, explained present expansion needs as calling for a new wing to house a dispensary; internes, resident and house staff physicians; anesthetists and technicians; the Sisters who direct the hospital; a medical library; and a chapel.

DR. LEO LAPALM, chief of staff at St. Mary's, reported on the progress of the hospital's new medical education program. Through a agreement with Georgetown University Medical School, doctors from that institution come to St. Mary's each month to conduct lectures and clinical studies for the hospital's medical staff, including the resident physicians and internes. At the same time, Dr. LaPalm explained, a fulltime program of medical research and education is carried on at St. Mary's under the direction of Dr. John Butler. This medical education program, Dr. LaPalm testified, has

Mary, John Most Popular Catholic Names

Philadelphia. (RNS)—Mary and John are the most popular names for Catholic children, according to a survey of recent baptisms by the Archbishop's Committee for Christian Hope and Family of the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

A review of 3,900 baptismal records showed 319 girls named Mary, and 244 boys named John.

Other girls names included: Kathleen, 193; Patricia, 160; Suzanne, 102; Margaret, 94; Christine, 73; Barbara, 71; Diana, 61; Denise, 55; Carolyn, 52; Deborah, 52; Joanne, 50; Elizabeth, 48; and Teresa, 46. Boys' names included: Michael and Joseph, 197 each; Robert, 146; James, 162; Thomas, 145; William, 131; Francis, 101; Richard, 98; Edward, 89; Stephen, 69; George, 56; and Paul, 55.

Preacher Ignores Own Advice On How To Be Popular

New York. (NC)—Father Joseph Manton wants to know "why it is that if a hearse rolls up to their door some people feel that their religion has double-crossed them."

The Boston Redevelopment Commission regarded his own advice—that if he should choose a church subject, he discuss for listeners to The Catholic Hour radio program what should be the Christian attitude "if death comes as the unbidden guest into our family circle."

Father Manton stressed that just as bereavement came to the Holy Family it must come to every family. He said that "nobody, least of all Our Blessed Lord, expects you to meet death in your midst with the granite composure of the Great Stone Face." He reminded that even Jesus wept when He heard of the death of His friend Lazarus.

BUT THERE can be an excess of grief, Father Manton said. He pointed out that there is no practical use in "these carryings-on you sometimes see around a casket or an open grave, this wailing and screaming and hysterical wringing of hands."

He added that these are not a suitable final tribute to the dead.

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Censorship Plan On Books Eyed

Minneapolis, Minn. (RNS)—A movement toward state literary censorship in Minnesota has been given strong impetus by the system of municipal control now operating in St. Cloud, according to the Minneapolis Star.

The Star said that a board of review including two clergymen, which was created by city ordinance about three years ago, has banned more than 300 books and periodicals in St. Cloud, a city of nearly 30,000 persons.

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Advertisement for 'Mary The Queen' by Cleveland, (RNS)—Establishment of a universal feast of Mary the Queen, corresponding to the feast of Christ the King, was urged by the Mariological Society of America at its annual meeting here.

Advertisement for Edwards Furniture featuring a January Sales event with Lawson Sofa and Matching Chair, priced at 196.64 and 96.64 respectively.

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