

Seton Groups In Action

56TH BRANCH of Seton Workers met at the home of Mrs. A. P. Handle, 203 Linden St., Oct. 12. Members are making articles for the Christmas Seton sale.

12TH BRANCH will be entertained by Mrs. Henry C. Yutzzy, Thursday, Oct. 19, at her home on Danbury Circle South.

15TH BRANCH meeting at home of Mrs. William Sullivan

5 of Winton Road South, Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 11 a.m. Assisting Mrs. Sullivan as hostesses will be Mrs. Timothy Crowe and Mrs. John Kammer.

52ND BRANCH will meet at home of Mrs. Fred Michaels, 4 Saxony Road, Pittsford, Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. Work will be continued on rosaries for the hospital.

ANNIVERSARY NOTED
Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Schenk will quietly observe their 59th wedding anniversary, Saturday, Oct. 14 at their home, 66 Crawford St.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

The Primacy of the Spiritual! How well we know it and how rarely we put it into practice. Our Lord told us: "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Justice and all these things will be added unto you." Spiritualize souls and materialities will follow.

Take the case of what happened within seven years in one missionary parish in South America with a population of 8,000, only 1500 of whom lived in the village.

1953

1960

General drunkenness and disorder, violent deaths resulting from personal hates and feuds.

Seventy-five per cent of the population living in the state of grace—the rest nearly all; a brewery threatening to sue the pastor because of the decline in liquor sales.

Daily attendance at Mass: 80 2,000 (Excluding Sunday)

Daily Communion: 5 to 9 2,000

Vocations: none 30

Church open to public: 8 a.m. 2:30 a.m. Distribution of Communion beginning at 4 a.m.

Retreats during year: none 179 retreats to 22,045 people

Collections for seminary: \$40 \$5,000.

REASONS FOR THE CHANGE. As the shepherd so the sheep; as the pastor so the people. In 1953 the new pastor, fifty years old and dying of a heart condition, began the regeneration of his parish by:

1. Increasing devotion to the Blessed Eucharist as the bond of unity among the faithful.
2. Organizing a daily rosary procession every morning at 5 a.m.
3. Preaching 179 organized retreats by himself, each lasting four days, and organizing them on the basis of "state of life": married women, married men, widows, etc.
4. Inspiring 100 people to fast twice a week for the success of the retreats.

What happened here could happen anywhere in the world. It only proves what Our Dear Lord said: "Without Me you can do nothing." Oh yes, we can build field houses, gymnasiums, parish halls—but we cannot make the Divine Life grow in souls without Him. It just happens that we have more of this reliance on the spiritual in the Missions than in prosperous countries.

Perhaps you would like to help the Holy Father build a chapel, a retreat house or a church for these zealous priests. To have a share in the work of the missionaries is in itself a blessing. In any case, give your sacrifices to the Holy Father—he knows the needs of the Missions better than you do. His instrument for gathering alms: The Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

GOD LOVE YOU TO M.E.S. for \$11 "Had the judge said 'guilty' to a false accusation, the fine would have been \$11. Since justice prevailed I am sending the amount to the Missions." . . . to Miss N.K.H. for \$25 "Tomorrow I am entering the convent. This donation is in thanksgiving for my vocation and in petition that I may be a worthy servant of God."

Send in your old gold and jewelry—the valuables you no longer use but which are too good to throw away. We will resell the earrings, gold eyeglass frames, flatware, etc., and use the money to relieve the suffering in mission countries. Our address: The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York.

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N.Y., or your Diocesan Director, the Rev. John F. Duffy, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester 4, New York.

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BOOK SHELF

New Look at Adam

By MONICA McALPINE
Nazareth College Senior

Adam, By David Bolt, Day '61, 138 pp. \$3.00.

In his new book, "Adam," British novelist David Bolt has overcome seemingly insurmountable difficulties. In retelling the story of man's creation and fall, he had to fascinate his audience with a story they already knew.

He had to deal with a matter so sacred that, as C.S. Lewis remarks, "one false step would have been fatal." Finally, himself a descendant of fallen Adam, he had somehow to recapture imaginatively Adam's state of innocence.

Without introducing anything contrary to the Scriptural account, Bolt has been able to give new life to its details by drawing out some of their possible implications.

In the opening chapter, the descent of the dragon Igwana into the garden sets the mood of impending evil. He is not yet the repulsive, slithering creature we know, but a beautiful being with multi-colored scales and huge wings. In fact, Eve later mistakes him for an angel. (Ironically, of course, he is an angel.) Bolt cleverly emphasizes the fact that Igwana is the only other creature in the garden who "has the word," who can talk, a principal source of his influence on Adam and Eve.

The presence of the Igwana is not allowed to overshadow the joys of Adam's days in the garden, however. Adam's innocence is not portrayed as any kind of childishness; rather it is his constant awareness of God's presence and his knowledge of only good things. He makes fascinating discoveries each day—the rhythm of his own breathing, the bone beneath the flesh of his thigh, the feel of water. And as a joyous climax to each discovery, after a moment of delicious meditation, he announces a name for each creature.

In Adam's eyes, the crown of God's creation is the woman Ishah (made from "Ish"—his being), a fellow creature who can understand his words and call him Adam. Ishah constantly plies Adam with questions and is sometimes amazed and even annoyed by his ignorance. Adam, however, is untroubled, for he seemingly has a greater sense of God's nearness and power. He easily brushes aside Igwana's appeals to his pride while Ishah succumbs to her own over-weening curiosity after her first conversation with the dragon.

Bolt follows the literal meaning of Genesis, not only in his talking serpent, but also in his portrayal of the outward act of the original sin as the eating of a forbidden fruit. He is careful to show, however, that the essence of the sin is, on Eve's part, a desire to be like God, and on Adam's part, a decision to place his love for

Lawrence Ritz Mass Offered By Priest-Son

Burial services for Lawrence G. Ritz, father of the Rev. Robert G. Ritz, C.S.B. of Houston, Texas, formerly of Rochester, were held from Mattie's Funeral Home, Oct. 9.

Mr. Ritz, formerly of 156 Thordyke Road died in De Land, Fla., Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1961. He had resided there for the past seven years.

A FUNERAL MASS was sung by Father Ritz at St. Peter's Church, De Land, Fla.

A member of St. Peter's Holy Name Society in De Land, he most drowned in a waterfall was also a member of St. Mar and he had thus been terrified by the possibility of living again with no voice to answer League, Nocturnal Adoration his. This was before the fall. Society and Third Order of St. Francis in Rochester.

Besides his priest-son, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Gerard (Dorothy) Tschiderer of De Land; five grandchildren; four brothers, Edward Ritz, D.D.S.; Frank, Raymond and Theodore Ritz; three sisters, Misses Julia and Mathilda Ritz and Mrs. Raymond (Clara) Ritzer and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rev. Eugene Gisel, S.J. gave the last blessing as himself of memory altogether, sister the Rev. Francis where the remembrance and Donoghue and the Rev. Robert the heartache of it all could no more reach him.

On this final poignant note of Adam and Eve's attempts to pretend that nothing has been changed, Bolt concludes, in audience in the papal summer only 138 pages and in a prose residence, said he will remain style with all the simplicity and here "a little longer this year" conciseness of poetry, the story because of the heat wave in of "Adam and Ishah as they Rome. The pontiff came to Cas had been, and might have been tel Gandolfo from the Vatican always, and were no more." [Papace on July 16.]



Luncheon in Caledonia

LIVINGSTON DEANERY First Saturday Luncheon in St. Columba's church hall, Caledonia, on Oct. 7. The Rev. Albert Shamon (left) gave the sermon at the noonday dialogue Mass. Mrs. Peter Papero of Caledonia is deanery president and the Rev. William Devreaux is pastor of St. Columba's.

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Mission Sunday October 22nd

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WHAT IS MISSION SUNDAY?

A Sunday set aside by the Holy Father as a day for Catholics throughout the world to become interested in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the missions of the Catholic Church. Mission Sunday is always the second last in October, preceding the feast of Christ the King.

HOW CAN WE HELP THE MISSIONS?

We can help the Missions by enrolling in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, by prayer and by encouraging vocations to a missionary life.

WHAT IS THE SOCIETY FOR PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH?

"AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZED BY THE CHURCH, to help support the Catholic Missions." The first contribution gathered by this Society in 1822 were sent to Missions in Louisiana and Kentucky. The Propagation of the Faith is established in every diocese in the world.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY A MISSIONARY?

One who is sent by the Church to preach the Gospel to those who have not yet heard the message of Christ.

WHERE ARE THE MISSIONARIES WORKING?

Some work in their own countries and may be called Home Missionaries; others labor in foreign countries, mostly in pagan lands; they are the Foreign Missionaries.

WHAT IS A MISSIONARY?

In a general way "Mission" means the united efforts of the Catholic Church (both of the Clergy and the Laity) to convert all men to true Christianity. In particular, "Catholic Missions" are the places where these efforts are being carried out. More particularly, "Catholic Missions" refer to these efforts as they are carried out among pagan and non-Catholic peoples.

ARE ALL THESE PLACES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES?

No. Those in one's own country are called "Home Missions," and those in other countries are called "Foreign Missions."

WHAT HELP DOES THE SOCIETY GIVE TO MISSIONS?

Prayers and alms, the more important is prayer.

HOW ARE THE ALMS DISTRIBUTED TO MISSIONS?

By an International Committee chosen by the Pope himself. This guarantees the impartiality of the distribution and makes certain that help is given to the missionary who needs it most. All missionaries are poor, but some are poorer than others. It helps missionaries of all nationalities, without exception.

WHERE DOES THE SOCIETY GET ALMS FOR THE MISSION?

Alms come from many sources: gifts, legacies, etc., but the chief income of the Society is the annual offering of the members.

WHAT ARE THESE OFFERINGS?

Ordinary Membership \$1 annually. Special Membership \$6 per year (may include nine other members living or deceased). Perpetual Membership \$40 for an individual. Family Perpetual Membership \$100 (limited to mother, father, and their sons and daughters—whether living or deceased). Perpetual memberships may be paid in installments within one year.

WHAT HAVE YOUR SACRIFICES DONE SO FAR?

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith with its 100,000 missionaries aids 65 million people throughout the world and maintains:

- 1,200 Hospitals
- 350 Leprosaria
- 45,000 Elementary Schools
- 5,000 High and Superior Schools
- 1,100 Professional and Normal Schools
- 2,000 Orphanages
- 280 Homes for the Aged
- 3,400 Dispensaries

DO BOTH THE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS RECEIVE ALMS FROM THE SOCIETY?

Yes. The Superiors of the Society at Rome, representing the Holy Father, order a division of funds, accruing from membership dues between Home and Foreign Missions.

HOW DOES THE SOCIETY HELP MISSIONS BY PRAYER?

It obligates its members to say daily one "Our Father," and "Hail Mary," and also the ejaculation "Saint Francis Xavier, pray for us."

WHY DOES THE SOCIETY ADOPT THIS PARTICULAR EJACULATION?

Because Saint Francis Xavier is the great missionary of the modern period. On November 10, 1899, Pope Pius X designated him as Patron of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Saint Teresa, the Little Flower of Jesus, was made the Patroness of Catholic Missions by Pope Pius XI.

TO BE A GOOD MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY, IS IT NECESSARY BOTH TO PRAY DAILY FOR THE MISSIONS AND TO GIVE ALMS?

Yes. In no case is the payment of dues alone sufficient to make a good member. The daily prayer is part of the membership obligation.

DO MEMBERS GAIN ANY PERSONAL BENEFITS?

Besides the satisfaction and honor of having a hand in the greatest thing that is going on in the world, the Christianization of mankind, members gain very many precious indulgences, and they share in the 15,000 Masses offered annually for living and deceased benefactors; also they share in the prayers and good works of all the missionary priests, brothers and sisters whom they aid.

HOW DID THE SOCIETY DECIDE UPON PRAYERS AND ALMS FOR THE MISSIONS?

At a meeting of fervent French Catholics in the City of Lyons, France, on May 3, 1822, it was decided to adopt a plan for the support of all the Missions in the world, which a pious French girl, Pauline Jaricot by name, had inaugurated among her friends for the support of some foreign missions. This plan was a prayer a day; an alms-a-month for the Missions.

MAY DECEASED PERSONS BE ENROLLED?

They may be enrolled by their friends as Ordinary, Special or Perpetual Members and partake of the spiritual benefits.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SOCIETY?

You may write to:
THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH
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Diocesan Director

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