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Bishop Sheen explains historic shrines of Holy Land to his nephew and friend. Picture is by noted photographer Yousuf Karsh in book 'This is the Holy Land.'

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American to win the Cardinal Mercuer prize for philosophy, an award made only once every ten years.

His Loux ain degree "Agrege en Phi-losophie" somewhat of a Super-Ph.D. is one of which he is especially and understandably proud. He has, of course, numerous other degrees, many the result of his studies, and others given him as honorary titles.

After his studies at Louvain, he was a curate at a church in London's drab Solio section, then a huddle of Irish and Italian immigrants. Although the section has changed drastically in the intervening years, there are still residents who recall his eloquent sermons and he goes back there any

time he again visits London.

While in London, he began his career as a teacher, comparable in brilliance to his oratory but, obviously, one that does not lend itself to being so popularly recognized.

He taught at St. Edmund's College, the London seminary, where he met the then young Father Ronald Knox who became in an English sort of way the Shern of that country.

Then came an order from Peoria's bishop telling Sheen to come home and he traded St. Patrick's Church, London, for St. Patrick's Church. Peoria, an assignment that was to last less than a year. He was asked to teach at Washington's Catholic University where he had graduated only a few years previously.

. In addition to his classroom lectures, he now began the prolific production of arti-cles and books which include the still best-selling Peace of Soul, Life is Worth Living, The Life of Christ, Lift Up Your Heart and at least 50 others ranging from philosophy, as his God and Intelligence in Modern Phi-losophy, to piety, as Seven Last Words, Calvary and the Mass or The Rainbow of Sorrow, to theology, as The Mystical Body of Christ, Preface to Religion or Old Errors and New Labels.

Church officials also took note of the professor-author-orator. He was made a papal chamberlain in 1934 and a domestic prelate the next year giving him the title of monsignor. The Vatican picked him in 1950 to be national director of the Society

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