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"Where for the whole militant Church and for the woes of the world, an army of devotees will be raised" (Pope John)

WORLD EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS OPENS AT MUNICH

Ceylon's Metropolitan among huge group of world's prelates

The Editor, reporting from Munich

MUNICH is a sea of colour. It is one big mass of teeming humanity who keep arriving all the time. It is a city of prelates, priests, religious and faithful from every corner of the globe. And by dark, it, it a city of light — of festive, colourful and and glamorous light. Above all, it is a city of the world's men and women at prayer.

MUNICH SNIPPETS

Ceylon in Munich

● A large crowd of journalists from every part of the world, present at a special Press Conference presided over by Cardinal Wendel, included the Editor of Ceylon's Messenger.

Very special consideration was given to the Messenger because, apparently it was the only Catholic paper from this part of the world to be represented.

International Situation vs Congress

● In his official welcome speech to the Cardinal Legate, the Archbishop of Munich, Cardinal Wendel stated:

"The dissension which divides our country and the whole world in a threatening way has not stayed away from even the International Eucharistic Congress."

Rooms had remained empty, he said, because the expected guests were unable to come. This showed very clearly to what degree the life of the world was endangered and Euthreatened.

Pope John: 'I was tempted ...'

THE Holy Father let it be known that he did think of going to the International Eucharistic Congress at Munich.

In fact, the prospect of going "was indeed a sweet temptation to us," he said.

"But," he added, "even the heart's own reasons must bow to the dictates of serene and confident wisdom."

He revealed also that an appeal to him to go was sent by Cardinal Wendel of Munich and the German bishops.

His Holiness was speaking at an audience to Cardinal Testa, his legate at Munich, and members of his suite before they left for Germany.

World suffering ignored by many

MUCH remains to be done to spur on Catholics in the exercise of their duty to allay suffering in the world, the Pope told 120 leaders of the international Catholic organisation, Caritas, whom he received in audience at Castelgandolfo last month.

IT WAS HERE, BENEATH A WARM AND SUNNY SKY, THAT HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL WENDEL, IN THE PRESENCE OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF THE FAITHFUL, SOLEMNLY OPENED THE 37TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS. AMONG THE THE LARGE CROWD OF THE WORLD'S BISHOPS WHO ASSISTED AT THE OPENING AND, LATER IN THE DAY, WELCOMED HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL TESTA, THE PAPAL LEGATE, WAS CEYLON'S METROPOLITAN, HIS GRACE THE MOST REV. DR. THOMAS COORAY, ARCHBISHOP OF COLOMBO.

In Public

The ceremonial opening of the Congress, on Sunday morning was a powerful manifestation of faith, with the entire stadium packed to overflowing. In his opening sermon, His Eminence Cardinal Wendel stressed the fact that the World Congress was not being held in the quiet solitude of a church but in public, right in the heart of the city, thus bringing into focus that the Eucharist was for the life of the world ("pro mundi vita"). It was the aim of the Congress, he said, to proclaim the evangel of the redemption and salvation of the world.

"Parts of the world are dominated by atheism," the Cardinal said. "Many people live as if there is no God, and even a number of Christians have chosen the standard of living as their new idol. On the other hand our world is governed by misery and fear of life as it had never been before."

At the solemn opening, His Eminence the Cardinal officially sent out hundreds of assistants to the congress, thus providing a multi-coloured picture of the universality of the Church.

Ars is to have a large underground Basilica

ARS — the little French town which St. John Vianney has made immortal — is to have a great basilica, an underground one like that at Lourdes.

It is being built below surface so as to preserve the existing buildings and surroundings, which are now as the Saint knew them.

The project is facilitated by the fact that the town stands on a slope. The Basilica will take the form of a huge gallery, leaving a large open space for public gatherings.

Because of the slope the choir will be illuminated by natural light and there will even be side windows.

The nave will be 160 feet long and 60 feet wide.

Sunday evening was another highlight in a week packed with events—the ceremonial welcome to His Eminence Gustavo Cardinal Testa, the Papal Legate to the International Eucharistic Congress.

As the four-engine aircraft touched down punctually at Munich airport, the majestic figure of the Cardinal appeared at the door of the plane, standing erect while the air was filled with the strains of the Papal Anthem and the German National anthem. Already at the airport to receive the Papal Legate were Cardinal Wendel, the Apostolic Nuncio in Germany, the Bavarian Prime Minister, the Lord Mayor, many other ecclesiastical and civil dignitaries.

Welcoming the Papal Legate to Munich, the Prime Minister declared that the German Catholics considered it a distinction that the Congress was being held in Munich. "The ties between the Holy See and Germany that had been forged by Pope Pius XII," he said, "would now be happily affirmed and reinforced."

Procession

The procession into the city was a festive and glamorous one. Throngs packed every street, buildings all along the route were colourfully decorated, the bells of all Munich's churches pealed out the joyful news, and the people joined in one continuous, unending applause. At the Square in front of the Town Hall, the Papal Legate took his seat on a

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Good Shepherd Order ENGLISH NUN IS NEW GENERAL

MOTHER Mary of St. Thomas Aquinas Lee, since December, 1957, English provincial, was last week at Angers, France, elected mother general of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

The congregation has 466 houses all over the world.

Its chief work is the re-education of teen-agers, but in the foreign missions it runs boarding schools for European and native children as well as hospitals and dispensaries.

The new mother general entered the congregation in 1931 at East Finchley, London.

She has been superior of convents in Cardiff, Liverpool, Staplehurst (Kent) and Blackley (Manchester).

A brother is Fr. Leonard Lee, O.S.B. of Downside.



● The Papal Legate's entry into Munich. (Copyright: KNA—Pressebild, Frankfurt, Mair.)

30 M.P.s. began work in Y.C.W.

IN Belgium there are 30 M.P.s and two Cabinet Ministers who received their training in the Young Christian Workers, Canon Cardijn, the founder, told a meeting at Genazzano, near Durban, South Africa.

At the international level, he added, the movement was represented in the

international Labour Office and it had spread to 92 countries.

He told South Africans not to be discouraged if the movement was slow in getting under way. He had felt for 30 years that his work was a failure.

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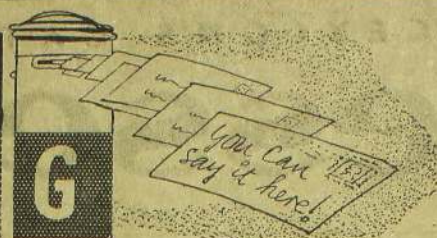
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WEEKLY POST BAG



National Unity and How to Achieve it

YOUR correspondents have expressed their views of how we could have a happy and united Ceylon. May I add my plea for a social change that would help greatly to achieve the desired end? I mean inter-caste and inter-racial marriages.

Two potent forces that divide Ceylon are caste and race; two mundane matters that are irrelevant to the spiritual destiny of mankind. Caste of course is a man-made institution which served certain economic purposes in mediaeval times. Its existence is only in the minds of people, and in the modern world is it not an anachronism perpetuated for petty reasons? The roots of races go deeper down. Racism could be a pseudo religion that is incompatible with the teachings of the Christian Faith. Are we not all one in the Mystical Body?

In the West these effete artificial distinctions have died down and the West is none the worse for it. As anthropologists and geneticists aver, racial admixture is bound to have wholesome effects. When different groups become kith and kin, language pro-

blems too resolve themselves. Such unions should not be difficult for us Catholics who believe in the brotherhood of all under the fatherhood of God.

Inter-caste and inter-racial marriages will go a long way not only to form a happy and united Ceylon but also to form a virile Ceylonese nation. It is undoubtedly a colossal task to break down the crusts of prejudice and conservatism in these matters. It is a social revolution that must begin with the intelligentsia among our youth. Youth revels in revolution and here is a revolution worthy of its mettle.

Our youth ought to brave it and their parents ought to bless it.

Leonard Obiris.

Negombo.

First things first

BY the verdict of the common man the S.L.F.P. has returned to power. The Government has already started tackling the problems of the country. We congratulate the Gov-

ernment on this brave venture.

As in everything else, a hierarchy of values has to be maintained, especially when it comes to a question of safeguarding the interests of the common man, who has voted the Government into power.

Problems of unemployment and food cry for an immediate solution. Steps should be taken to halt the unending rate of murder in the country. The Government should not take up the question of nationalizing companies and the take over of schools in preference to these vital and far more important problems. The sooner we solve the problems of unemployment and food, the more easily can we eliminate theft, thuggery and crime.

It takes little effort for travellers to figure out the pitiable state of affairs in the C.T.B. and the C.G.R. Has the C.T.B. been nationalised for the benefit of the travellers or its employees. We daily travellers suffer enough from this kind of nationalization.

We hope that the Government would direct its enthusiasm to solve the primary and vital issues facing the country.

Let not the Government betray the trust placed in it by the common man.

Gerard Perera.

Negombo

Reflections on a strange Post Card

WE thought Post Cards are used for sheer convenience To save on stamps and envelopes and spittle; But now we're forced to reconsider our opinions, To halt, and re-examine the matter just a little.

Consider the ingredients here resorted to! The laborious care involved truly astonishes. Alas! "Laborare est orare" can't hold true For waste of Post Card, paste and scissors!

As for the stuff itself—when men are laughing round The bubbling mirth-pot, oh what a blight it is To hear a single bleak anonymous sound Indicative of Malvolio-my-li-tis!

And of this dire complaint, it's always symptomatic To think you're simply right and all the rest are wrong, And when the man mistakes the doctors for the sick, There's little hope,—he's too far gone.

But at this stage would it be really homicide To end the pain, administering half a pot Of castor oil flavoured with purest cyanide? How gratifying to hear it would be not!

A Member of the A.O.P.

Laymen build church

WE often speak of building and rebuilding churches in liturgical style but we have had recently the good fortune of seeing one taking shape before our eyes.

There is a little presbytery of the late Fr. Peter de Silva, S.J., at Mailapitiya. At present the church and colony are under the able guidance of Rev. Fr. Boniface, O.S.B. To translate an idea into concrete reality is not an easy achievement.

The spirit of self-sacrifice of the two laymen, who ably assist Rev. Fr. Boniface, inspired them to resolve that they would make this colony church a fitting place for God. Their chief concern was to change its old look, and to give it a character that would at once mark it out as being the holy house of God.

Their achievement, this house of God on which they expended so much energy and time, now stands as a visible symbol of the artistic talent of these two young men: line and

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

By Spectator

Excise Chief: "I have decided to start a campaign against operators of hotel liquor bars who sell government-guaranteed arrack adulterated with injurious substances like formalin!"

Connoisseur in home-brews: "That's the stuff we call 'Embalming'!"

Shocked teetotaler: "Man, why do you drink that poisonous stuff? It will kill you in no time!"

Connoisseur: "Even so, my body will be preserved for 30 days, while yours will rot before one can say 'Jack Robinson'!"

How potent is the pot's pull!

Autolycus: "It seems to me however, that an Ombudsman (an official appointed by the government of Denmark, to entertain all complaints against anybody except the judiciary, and redress grievances) is just the thing I would order if I were a political doctor!"

There are 'Ombudsmen' in Ceylon as numerous as leaves in Vallombrosa, called commissioners! Nevertheless, everything in our country is more rotten than in the state of Denmark! If we must have a 100 per cent Ombudsman to deliver the goods here, then let him be imported from Denmark!

Film Censors: "No belittling of Ceylon culture!"

Evidently they don't hold with Robert Burns, who sang:

'O wad some pow'r the giftie gie us To see ourselves as others see us!'

A reader's thanks

ALLOW me to congratulate you on your well reasoned and moderate expression of views on the education problem in the Messenger of July 30. I wish many prize-day reports and speeches were as appealing to the hearts no less than to the minds of the people as your editorial of that date.

S. Thomanupillai.

Colombo.

Litany of the Precious Blood

IN THE APOSTOLIC LETTER ON THE PRECIOUS BLOOD, REFERRED TO IN OUR LAST ISSUE, HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN XXIII HAS APPROVED A NEW LITANY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD.

A partial indulgence of seven years has been granted for recitation of the litany, and a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, for recitation daily for a month. These usual conditions are Confession, Communion, and prayers for the Pope's intentions.

His Eminence Gaetano Cardinal Cicognani, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, in announcing the approval of the new litany, said that the Pope's action resulted from "his desire to see the cult of the Most Precious Blood of Christ, the Immaculate Lamb, by whom we were redeemed, grow from day to day."

A translation of the new Latin litany follows:—

Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, have mercy on us,
Lord, have mercy, on us,
Christ, hear us,
Christ, graciously hear us,
God, the Father of Heaven, Have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God, Have mercy on us.
Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father, Save us.
Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God, Save us.
Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament, Save us.
Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in the Agony, Save us.
Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging, Save us.
Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns, Save us.
Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross, Save us.
Blood of Christ, price of our salvation, Save us.
Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness, Save us.
Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls, Save us.
Blood of Christ, stream of mercy, Save us.
Blood of Christ, victor over demons, Save us.
Blood of Christ, courage of martyrs, Save us.
Blood of Christ, strength of confessors, Save us.
Blood of Christ, bringing forth virgins, Save us.
Blood of Christ, help of those in peril, Save us.
Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened, Save us.
Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow, Save us.
Blood of Christ, hope of the penitent, Save us.
Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying, Save us.
Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts, Save us.
Blood of Christ, pledge of eternal life, Save us.
Blood of Christ, freeing souls from purgatory, Save us.
Lamb of God, most worthy of all glory and honour, Save us.
Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.
You have redeemed us, O Lord, in Your Blood.
And made us, for our God, a kingdom.

LET US PRAY

Almighty and Eternal God, You have appointed Your only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by His Blood. Grant, we beg of You, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of this present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS

TEEN-AGERS

A TEEN-AGER is the first of one of the three great crises of life; the other two crises are apt to come in middle age, and in old age, and neither of them are as serious as the first, which is the crisis of youth.

The three crises have to do with the body as regards youth, the mind as regards middle age, and things as regards old age. Each of these three: the body, the mind, and possession or things, are all good in themselves, but they are capable of being perverted, just as fire is good, but it becomes bad when it burns down the house. The division between these ages is not absolute and rigid, for there is apt to be an inordinate desire of flesh, power or greed in any age. But middle age is apt to be more concerned with pride, power, egotism, from which will flow jealousy, hate and envy, and getting ahead by trampling on others. Old age very often seeks a substitute for immortality through avarice or greed, believing that one has worth because one is wealthy.

Sex

But, our principal interest here is with the teen-ager. There is a rush of biological sap into the tree of life at the beginning of teen-age. This tremendous vital energy that flows into youth is popularly called "sex," though that is not a good name for it. This biological urge does not only affect the body, but also the mind. The repercussions in the body are easily recognized, such as desire for the opposite sex, the immediacy of carnal values and a morbid curiosity about its meaning. But its effect on the mind is of even greater importance. In fact, there are two changes of life; one at the beginning of the reproductive powers, and the other at their end. The second receives much attention, but the first has an equal importance. It accounts for the giddiness, the unpredictability, the anti-social attitudes of teen-agers. Parents are not to become discouraged about this teen-age mentality; they will grow out of it sanely and helpfully, but



only on condition that they are properly directed.

Love

There are certain things a teen-ager must remember about this vital urge which seems to make so many demands:

1. It comes from God, Who has put into every human being two tremendous urges in order to ensure both individual and social life. In the individual life, He has implanted a hunger, or a love of eating, which assures personal life. In order to ensure the propagation of the human species, Almighty God has implanted a pleasure associated with the social order. Both of these pleasures come from the Creator, and can become wrong when they are used in a disordered way.

2. The second point is that this vital urge is called sex, but the teen-ager must never believe that man is to be understood in terms of sex. It is sex that is to be understood in terms of man. An automobile is not to be understood in terms of a clutch; it is to be understood in terms of its entire mechanism. Sex in a human being is not the same as sex in an animal. It would, therefore, be quite wrong to say that everyone must follow his nature, because our nature is different from that of a pig. The human nature is rational; that is to say, it is governed by a conscience. Hence, the instinct or the urge, or the vital push is to be understood in terms of right and wrong, and not merely in terms of desire.

The animal loves the pleasure; a human being loves a person. Sex is replaceable, but love is not. What happens, therefore, in a human being is quite different from what would happen in the animal order. As the Portuguese proverb has it: "Whatever the bee sucks it turns to honey; whatever the wasp sucks it turns to venom."

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The first of two articles for the
third centenary year of St.
Vincent de Paul

MONSIEUR VINCENT WAS DOING ALL RIGHT

WITH something of a swash-buckling air, the little Gascon priest, wide-shouldered but slim in the waist, a lithe, agile figure, strode quickly down to the port at Marseilles.

His big nose jutted out as boldly as the prows of the ships he surveyed. His small, deep-set, piercing eyes smiled in satisfaction at what he had achieved and in anticipation at what was to come.

He had ridden hard from Toulouse to Marseilles. At Toulouse, a pious old lady had died, leaving the handsome young priest her possessions, a substantial portion of which was in debts owed her; and the debtor had run off to Marseilles.

Hired horse

The young Vincent de Paul hired a horse and gave chase. He was in debt himself and being pressed for the money, while the absconding man was well off. He caught his man, had him thrown into prison and kept him there till he disgorged.

Vincent slapped his bag of gold complacently. He was doing all right. At 24 he had already gone a long way from his childhood days as a barefooted swineherd and shepherd in the desolate Landes, south of Bordeaux.

The local lawyer had seen to it that the bright lad was sent to school. By 20 he had been ordained. He was running a little school and among his admiring pupils was the nephew of a duke.

Leg injured

Vincent had reason to hope that this patron would get a bishopric for him, or at any rate a good benefice, an ecclesiastical post with a comfortable income attaching to it.

It was a very fine day as he boarded a ship for the 125 mile trip to Narbonne on the way back to Toulouse. It was pleasant that way, and cheaper, too.

Out of the blue an arrow pierced his leg and shattered his dreams. Three Turkish brigantines closed with his ship. Four of the crew were killed, the rest wounded. All survivors were put in chains and carted off to slavery.

In the market at Tunis, Vincent de Paul was stripped and put through his paces—commanded to walk, run, lift weights, wrestle. A fisherman bought him, but soon re-sold him in disgust—he was no sailor.

His next owner was an alchemist, a kind old man who tried to convert him to Islam.

"I saw him daily perform what seemed miracles," Vincent later told a friend. And he seized the chance to learn something of the art of alchemy himself.

When the old man died, Vincent found himself in the hands of a renegade Frenchman, who had done well for himself by embracing Islam and three wives.

In the fields

Coming across him digging in the fields, one of these wives ordered Vincent to sing the praises of his God. So movingly did the chastened Vincent do it, that she

reproached her husband for abandoning Christ.

Seven months later, the renegade reconciled, they all escaped in a small boat to the France Vincent had involuntarily left two years before.

At Avignon, the papal vicar-general heard with interest of the

By **DOUGLAS ORGAN**

conversion and kept Vincent with him to learn himself some of the secrets of alchemy. Together they went to Rome, where the young Gascon and his tricks caught the attention of the Pope.

Two years later, an unknown young priest of 28 was in Paris with a secret verbal message from Pope Paul V to King Henry IV. That job done, he was appointed to be one of the chaplains of Queen Marguerite of Valois.

His duties were of the slenderest; he was at the court and mixing

times except when he tried to pray or meditate. Then he was obsessed by obscene phantasms and a frenetic urge to blasphemy and sin. All other efforts failing to

ance to their vicious ways that they could not even mumble the words of absolution.

Mme. de Gondi, the new chaplain found, was both a help and a hindrance. She was the grande dame, living in pomp and splendour, yet devout and a prey to scruples. She was both clinging and dominant and yet her impossible personal demands did not diminish her enthusiastic encouragement of his apostolic work.

Once, when the Gondis were away, Vincent escaped to a country parish. His own tears at the desolation, he saw, moving the hearts of his congregation, there arose there spontaneously those charity conferences to help the sick and distressed that have borne his name throughout the world ever since.

His freedom was to last barely six months.

Mme. de Gondi wept for days when she found him gone. His advice and guidance and spiritual direction had become a necessity for the whole family.

"I am in despair," wrote Monsieur de Gondi himself.

Madame pulled all the powerful strings she could, from the Archbishop of Paris downwards. Monsieur de Berulle ordered Vincent back.

NEXT WEEK: The King sends for Monsieur Vincent.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

SVP Tercentenary

This year marks the tercentenary of the deaths of St. Vincent de Paul (founder of the Congregation of the Mission and the Sisters of Charity and patron of all charitable societies) and St. Louise de Marillac (co-foundress with him of the Sisters of Charity and proclaimed patron of social workers by Pope John last February). The major observance in Paris in connection with the tercentenary was held in March, but the worldwide observance of it continues until the anniversary of St. Vincent's death in September. In a letter written for the tercentenary, Pope John calls St. Vincent one of the greatest Christian heroes raised by Providence to work for the kingdom of God and adds that what he did for the spiritual renewal of the clergy and the faithful surpasses human thought and belongs to the miraculous.

with the very best people, the richest and most dissolute.

But Monsieur Vincent was no longer on the make.

Spiritual misery

He had been pulled up short by the chain on his neck in Africa, by his personal experience of physical and spiritual misery.

Now he spent his time in nursing the sick in the hospital the

cure him, Vincent offered himself to God as a substitute.

The doctor was cured, but for four years Monsieur Vincent endured a sort of spiritual paralysis. Outwardly he carried on his work as usual. To force himself to it, he made a vow to give himself entirely to the poor; and at once his trial ended as quickly as it had begun.

The decision had been made that was to transform France socially and religiously.

Meanwhile, Vincent had become a disciple of Monsieur de Berulle, who was founding the Oratory. Berulle had sent him as tutor to the de Gondis, one of the powerful ruling families.

Monsieur de Gondi was marquis of this, baron of that, and "General of the Galleys," controller of the slave labour of convicted criminals who, chained together and spurred on by the lash, formed the manpower of the navy's ships.

Spiritual care

Monsieur Vincent made the best of what was, to him, a bad job by taking on the spiritual care of the thousands of peasants on the vast Gondi estates.

That in itself was no little task. Most of the people knew nothing of religion; those who did were loth to seek the ministrations of a scandalous clergy, some of whom added such colossal ignor-

Lady of the Statue

HIGH on a hill in Bombay, overlooking the Sea of Arabia, is one of the most extraordinary statues in the world. It is a magnificent statue of the Blessed Mother, and to most of the million and a half people of Bombay, she is the Queen of Bombay. The Catholics of the great city make up only a tiny percentage of the huge population and the most amazing thing about the statue is that it has promoted a tremendous devotion to the Blessed Mother.

The magnitude of this devotion can only be estimated by that fact that many thousands of Indians, who have never even heard of her Son, have a devotion to His mother that would put many Catholics to shame. Indeed, at any hour of the day or night, hundreds of people can be found praying fervently to the Lady of the Statue. Most of them are not Christians and, when asked why they pray to the Christian Lady, they will tell you, "The Queen of Bombay is everyone's Queen—and that means me too."

—*"Mary Immaculate."*

St. Anne honoured at Beruwala

(from N. T. I.J., "Messenger" correspondent)

THE devoted clients of St. Anne in the Kalutara District, who were not in a position to proceed to her major shrine at Talawila, congregated at the sacred edifice dedicated to her at Beruwala to pay their annual homage last Saturday and Sunday when the celebrations connected with the annual feast were held with the usual pomp and ceremony.

The church and its precincts wore a festive garb for the occasion, the decorations being tasteful and the illuminations colourful. Large numbers of devotees from far and near poured in to the shrine on Saturday and Sunday. To facilitate their transport, special train arrangements had been made. The pilgrims also made use of the buses and cars available. A youths' Band provided music to enliven the proceedings.

Solemn Vespers was sung on Saturday night by Rev. Fr. Vincent Weerakkody, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Frs. Gille and Diddon, O.M.I., and seven other priests.

On Sunday, after several Low Masses, the festive High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. C. Poupon, O.M.I. After Mass there was a procession with the statue of St. Anne.



ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC

Brothers of St. John of God had established opposite the Queen's palace, and in studying at the Sorbonne.

At the Sorbonne he met a doctor of the university in great difficulties. He was normal at all

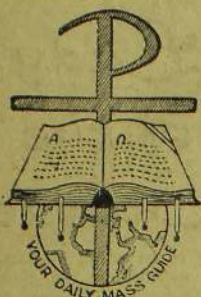
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Sunday, 14 August: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. Green. 2nd Prayer of St. Eusebius. Creed. Pref. of the Trinity. Omit prayer prescribed.

Monday, 15 August: ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, feast of the Principal Patroness of the Archdiocese of Colombo. White. Creed. Pref. of Our Lady. Omit prayer prescribed.

Tuesday, 16 August: St. Joachim, father of Our Lady. White. Omit prayer prescribed.

Wednesday, 17 August: St. Hyacinth. White.

Thursday, 18 August: Mass of the Sunday. Green. 2nd Prayer of St. Agapitus.

Friday, 19 August: St. John Eudes. White.

Saturday, 20 August: St. Bernard. White. Creed.

Sunday, 21 August: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. Green. 2nd prayer of St. Joan Frances. Creed. Pref. of the Trinity. Omit prayer prescribed.

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"Golden dreams vs. Source material"

1. Under which Bishop: An article in the July issue of the "Clergy Monthly" (Ranchi) gives us some interesting information on a question that interests our Story at least indirectly.

Under which Bishop was Ceylon till it got its own Vicar Apostolic in 1834?

Here are the facts and figures (with the references for those who may like to have them):

(i) from the date of the first Mass 1505: the *Prelate of Thomas*, Prior-General of the "Military Order of Christ" (Bullarium patronatus Portugalise 1, 2).

(ii) from 12 June 1514: the Bishop of the newly erected Diocese of *Funchal* on Madeira Island. (Bull. Patr. Port. 1, 100).

(iii) from 3 November 1534: the Bishop of Goa, whose territory extended from the Cape of Good Hope to China (Bull. Patr. Port. 1, 148).

(iv) from 4 February 1557: the Bishop of *Cochin* Bull. Patr. Port. 11, 16).

Summing up, then, as far as the story of Fr. Vaz's apostolate goes (and the first steps for his Cause of

our Archbishop at the Oblate Mother House in Rome and talk things over.

3. Equipollent Canonisation: As expected, our suggestion of the feasibility of the Holy Father's direct intervention in Father's Cause has been met with much enthusiastic hope, especially by the Bombay Propaganda Centre, where Fr. Alvares would like us to get down to work on the clue. However, we shall probably have to wait a little. It is not likely that the Holy Father intervenes until the Sacred Congregation of Rites has attempted "Procedure" at least through the Historical Section. But that does not prevent those who are admitted to Audience with the Holy Father from interesting him personally in the matter (and under favour of the familiarity that Pope John appreciates, making a sly hint of the famous "equipollent Canonisation").

4. Fr. Ciampa and the 250th: From India again (this time from down South, at Tirunelveli) that enthusiastic worker for the Cause suggests an approach to our Bishops for an order on the preparation of the 250th celebrations. However if the presence of our Bishops in Rome or thereabouts offers some ground for hope that the magic word "equipollent canonisation" may be pronounced in Pope John's presence (before being pronounced officially by His Holiness himself), the absence of these same Pastors (His Grace and Their Lordships of Kandy and Trincomalee) naturally obliges us to wait for a ruling on the 250th projects. We can only hope most devoutly that Munich will have brought the dream of a National Eucharistic Congress for all the centenaries of 1961 a little closer.

Father Vaz Feature

Beatification), Ceylon was part of the Diocese of *Cochin*, with Goa as the Metropolitan See.

2. Hunting for the Documents: Mr. S. Tommanupillai reports that he is at work on the long list of printed source material that Fr. Postulator in Rome would like to have to bolster up the historical summary he has to present to the Sacred Congregation of Rites for Father's Cause to get a hearing.

At the time of writing (27th July) he was waiting for a reply from the Government Publications Bureau. He will be sending in a list of those books that he would like other workers to try and collect.

Meanwhile, Fr. Postulator will probably arrange to meet His Grace

S.A. FERNANDO

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AUG. 14: 7-00 to 7-30 p.m. CATHOLIC HALF HOUR (English).

AUG. 20 to 22: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Tamil) — Rev. Fr. Jacob Fernando, S.J.

AUG. 21: 10-00 to 10-05 a.m. TALK (English) — Rev. Fr. Claude Lawrence, O.M.I.

AUG. 22 to 28: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Sinhalese) — Rev. Fr. Don Sylvester.

AUG. 28: 9-30 to 10-00 a.m. CATHOLIC HALF HOUR (Tamil). 6-30 to 7-00 p.m. CATHOLIC HALF HOUR (Sinhalese). 7-00 to 7-30 p.m. CATHOLIC HALF HOUR (English).

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O LADY of Lanka, O Mother, O Queen

Thine is our Island, O Virgin serene.

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Is a throne for a lady — a Queen so august.

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Are gems for thy crown, O Virgin so meek.

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Comes thy delicate veil, O most spotless Madonna.

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**DESTINATION
ROME!**

ONE-TIME concentration camp — DACHAU — in Germany a pit full of horrors with memories blacker than the Black Hole of Calcutta leaped into life last Friday when hundreds of newsmen scrambled into the arena.

It was the Day of the Cross, pin-pointed by Munich's International Eucharistic Congress with a pilgrimage of youth in atonement.

At the special service conducted on the spot was Ceylon's Metropolitan, THE MOST REV. DR. THOMAS COORAY, O.M.I., assisting. The Allocation was given by the BISHOP OF ESSEN whilst three former prisoners of Dachau also addressed the vast gathering.

The Press Office with an imposing set-up had made excellent arrangements to accommodate the influx of foreign representatives to the scene of the ceremonies.

Witnessing the memorable scenes was the Messenger's own representative and editor, FR. MANIK MUTTUKUMARU who was given Press files, releases and a veritable treasure-trove of photos for the Ceylon paper.

Making his own judicious selection FR. MANIK MUTTUKUMARU was flooded with a perplexing knock-out situation.

He was promptly informed that each photo would cost him over ten rupees!

As promptly, Ceylon's Editor barged into the most formidable conversation on record. Upshot of the talk was a flood of pictures freely released to him and released with miles and miles of smiles!

According to the latest news despatch "scooped" by Robin Hood's special spy overseas, EAGLE EYE, the Editor of Ceylon's Messenger looking bouncingly fresh and ready for the toughest fray, is expected to be back at his editorial desk on the morning of 18 August.

A new Postulant

RITA MARY JAYASEKERA was robed as a Postulant of the Order of Poor Clares Colettines at Tewatte, Ragama, recently.

She is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. JAYASEKERA of "Taj Mahal," Uswetakiyawa.

Who will get them down?

EDUCATIONAL and other institutions in this country will be interested to learn that the SHAKESPEAREANA INTERNATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY which has given over 3,000 performances in India, Pakistan, Borneo, Malaya, Hong Kong, etc. is keen on a visit to Ceylon.

Their repertoire includes five Shakespearean plays, Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man," "Candida," "Pygmalion," "Saint Joan" and also other plays like "Gaslight," "She Stoops to Conquer" and "Charley's Aunt."

This company comprising English, Indian and German actors, in the last 8 years, it is interesting to observe, has had over 50 per cent. converts and most of their work has been put over in Catholic schools and colleges.

All scenery and costumes are provided by the company—and all they want is an invitation and

a Hall to play in, so Robin-Hood is informed by Director GEOFFREY KENDAL.

This is a splendid opportunity to get them down. Interested parties should contact GEOFFREY KENDAL, Director, Shakespeareana International Theatre Company, South-East Asia Shipping Company, Ltd., Himalaya House, Hornby Road, Bombay, India.

Up and coming...

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE of the Jesuit Fathers in Lewella was agog with activity on 31 July, feast of St. Ignatius, patron of all enclosed Retreats, when the foundation stone of the extension building (forecast earlier in "Roundabout") was blessed by BISHOP BERNARD REGNO, O.S.B., assisted by the ADMINISTRATOR of Kandy Diocese.

The stone was laid by CHEVALIER C. GOMEZ, PROFESSOR CUTHBERT AMARASINGHE of the University of Ceylon and Dr. N. FERNANDO.

Earlier, in late July, His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, THE MOST REV. DR. THOMAS COORAY, O.M.I. paid a visit to the Fatima Retreat House and inspected the site.

Radio vs. Solar Time

ON the same day the S.L.F.P. romped home to a very comfortable victory, and went past the winning post, leading by a distance, an American in New York sat down and penned a letter to a Ceylon friend.

The American's air-letter dated 20 July 1960 (election day in Ceylon) ran thus:

"I've just heard you have a lady Prime Minister. How advanced! Congratulations!"

Ceylon man who received it was MR. S. THOMMANUPILLAI.

Time, of course, flies and obviously Radio "time" flies faster than solar time!

Father of a Priest

DEATH came to M. DON MARTINUS, father of Rev. Fr. DON FRANCIS XAVIER, presently parish priest of Hiniduma Mission, recently.

He is mourned by a large number of people who knew him in life. May he rest in peace.

A new force

MAKING its impact felt slowly but steadily, is the new intellectual force — THE SOCIETY OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER — the local unit of the International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs (I.C.M.I.C.A.).

Catholic schools and associations will be interested to know that they can draw on the resources of this Society which has triggered off a Catholic Speakers' Panel.

Already members of this Panel have addressed Student Federation units and Patrician groups, on sub-

jectment as MAID MARIAN, FRIAR TUCK, KENTUCKY CHIEF were seen swallowing the Ceylon Daily News columns about the further exploits of the hero of Sherwood Forest with extraordinary avidity!

jects that have ranged from "The Soul" and "Re-union" to "The Need for Catholic Schools," "The Soviet System of Education" and "Catholics in the present political context, etc.

Associations in need of speakers should contact THE SECRETARY, ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S SOCIETY, AQUINAS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, COLOMBO 8.

Outstation associations will have to meet the travelling expenses of the Panel.

All graduates and professional men and women are eligible for membership in the Society.

At the next meeting scheduled to be held at Aquinas University College, the speaker will be Mr. J. P. FERNANDO.

Mr. FERNANDO will lead a discussion on "Bridging the gulf between Catholics and non-Catholics." Proceedings will begin at 9-30 a.m. and will be followed by Holy Mass at 11-15 a.m.

Man with a model

THE Steam Engine and Jet Plane modelled by Mr. LESLIE RANAWAKE and featured in Roundabout 30 July have roused considerable interest.



Robin Hood cannot undertake to supply details regarding their structure but all those who have written in are advised to contact Mr. RANAWAKE direct, who will give you all the necessary information. Address: Ranawake Printing Works, Kegalle.

Retreats Schedule

THE FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE (Lewella) schedule for September-October is as follows:—

Sept. 1-3: Catechists' Retreats, for Kandy, Galle and Trincomalee Dioceses. BISHOP BERNARD REGNO, O.S.B. is expected to preach.

Sept. 5-10: Kandy Diocesan priests (2nd group).

Sept. 15-19: Sinhalese Teachers. (There are seven vacancies here).

Sept. 20-24: Planters (Kelani Valley).

Sept. 29-Oct. 3: St. Mary's, Chilaw Senior Students.

Oct. 1-3: Booked.

Oct. 13-16: Booked.

Wattala's Jubilee Souvenir

WAY back in 1946, St. Anne's Church, Wattala published its "Centenary City Souvenir" on the occasion of the centenary of the old church familiarly known as "Gona Kovila Church."

Now, fourteen years later, just out is the Jubilee Souvenir, fully illustrated and telescoping the Silver Jubilee of its parish priest, Rev. Fr. W. M. NICHOLAS PERERA.

Men behind this interesting and useful publication are Mr. JAMES J. BULNER, the well-known artist



Robin Hood's "Pic" this week shows two famous British athletes expected to hit headlines in Rome's Olympic Games: middle-distance runner BRIAN HEWSON and Mary BIGGALL, Britain's Sportswoman of the year. (Courtesy: U.K.I.S.).

who (our spies report) has written a novel which is now in the hands of a London publisher, and Mr.

and fun to the entire family.

Get ready—and your Roundabout will bring you more news about it in the weeks ahead!

Jesuits' final vows

PRONOUNCING their Final Vows in the Society of Jesus shortly are Rev. Frs. CLAUDE P. BOUDREAUX, VINCENT P. GNANAPRAGASAM, LLOYD A. LORIO and WALTER J. NEE, S.J.

The Mass of Vows is to take place at St. Mary's Church, Batticaloa at 5 p.m. on the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, 15 August.

The quartette have just completed their 8-day Retreat in preparation for the Vows at St. Blane's, Nuwara Eliya, under the direction of Rev. Fr. JOSEPH FENGLER, S.J.

Thank you!

ROBIN Hood's appeal "Lend us a tractor and God be with you!" (see Roundabout 9 July) evoked a response from a Government Servant who had first-hand experience in the Minipe Extension Scheme bordering Mahiyangane where 5,000 acres of jungle (forest and scrub) were cleared.

His letter has been forwarded to the authorities concerned; Robin Hood says "Thank you" to this gallant gentleman who, in accordance with his own wish, must remain anonymous.



James J. Bulner

STANLEY WEERASINCHÉ of the Times of Ceylon.

Happy jubilarian, Fr. NICHOLAS PERERA bids a temporary "good-bye to Lanka" when he leaves our shores on Saturday, 14 August.

Rome and the Holy Land are two places on his present itinerary.

Coming event

THE CEYLON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXHIBITION, sponsored by AQUINAS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE and slated for early September at St. Joseph's College grounds, Colombo (forecast in Roundabout 4 June) promises to be a terrific draw for schools throughout Ceylon.

Statistics prepared by Mr. HORACE PERERA, Secretary for Schools' participation, indicate that a large number of outstation schools have already fixed up their schedules for visiting the Exhibition.

Designed to be of exceptional educative value, the Exhibition will also feature enough relaxation

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Roundabout
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You're telling me!!!

OLD Robin Hood's own roving eyes on Thursday last week pounced upon the Ceylon Daily News 4-column caption "ROBIN HOOD STILL GOING STRONG!" set in 60 point heavy Italics! The Ceylon bandit's headquarters buzzed with ex-

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MARY AND OUR AGE

ON Monday the Church celebrates the Assumption into heaven of Mary, the Mother of Christ. The secularists and the "practical" men with whom the world abounds today will of course think of this feast either as rank superstition, or else, at best, as a mere manifestation of Catholic "devotionalism." They will be quite incapable of seeing it as having any bearing whatsoever on the agonizing problems of our time.

And yet it is precisely this earth-bound materialism, this denial of the things of the spirit, this futile belief that the world can be put right by some magic political or economic formula, that is the greatest tragedy of our age. The doctrine of Mary's Assumption is the Church's answer to this bleak materialism that can only lead to annihilation and despair.

The proclamation of this doctrine helps to focus men's minds on the impermanence of earthly things, and on the permanence of the things beyond the grave, of the world of the super-natural. The things around us pass away, and in doing so declare: "We did not make ourselves; but He Who made us remaineth for ever."

The doctrine of the Assumption of Our Lady directs our gaze to the eternal destiny of man — of each human soul, and of each human body as well. If man were no more than a complex of physical, chemical, biological elements and forces, he may well be considered expendable material and there would hardly be anything so terribly wrong about his being destroyed by the powerful physical and chemical forces unleashed by an atomic bomb. The dignity of the human person becomes a mere fiction, if man is only a highly involved combination of merely material elements.

One of Asia's greatest safeguards against this soul-destroying materialism is her realization of the importance of the spiritual factor in man, of the place of religion in human affairs. Though her starving millions are in desperate need of food, she knows that "not by bread alone does man live." Of course the temptation to forget or ignore this paramount principle is universal. But there is no doubt that it is truer of the East than of the West that a man's religion is his centre of gravity.

Religion has taken many different forms in Asia, but underlying them all is what Sarojini Naidu has called, in a phrase of matchless lyrical beauty, "the heavenward hunger of our soul." There is no mistaking the sincerity and the depth of genuine religious feeling in this stanza from her "Harvest Hymn":

"Lord of the Universe, Lord of our being,
Father eternal, ineffable Om!
Thou art the Seed and the Scythe of our harvests,
Thou art our Hands and our Heart and our Home.
We bring Thee our lives and our labours for tribute,
Grant us thy succour, thy counsel, thy care.
O life of all life and all blessing, we hail thee,
We praise thee, O Brahma, with cymbal and prayer."

And yet there is a danger that we may tend to take refuge in a vague, colourless religiosity which, lacking precision and actuality, will remain sterile. Nor will a lot of facile talk and pious protestations about the importance of religious values be of any avail. It is not enough to pay lip-service to these ideas and ideals whilst actually doing nothing about them.

What is wanted is a real change of heart. And that, precisely, is what Marian devotion can help to achieve. Mary is not just a name representing an ideal of goodness and purity. She is a fact. Lourdes and Fatima are facts. There can be no doubt about the inner changes wrought in men's hearts through prayer to Mary, through Mary's intercession.

Let no one, therefore, say that devotion to Mary has little or no bearing on the problems of our time. The Mass of the Vigil of the Assumption affirms: "therefore didst Thou remove her from this world, that she might confidently plead with Thee for the forgiveness of our sins."

Well might we, then, pray to Our Lady assumed into heaven for those intentions once placed before us by the late Pope Pius XII: "That a generous and pure youth may grow up, master of its passions, and striving after all that is great, beautiful and holy"; "that mature age may set an example of integrity and fortitude"; "that the hungry may obtain bread, the oppressed, justice; that exiles may find a fatherland and the homeless a hospitable roof; that prisoners unjustly detained may regain their liberty"; "that all those who are blind in body or soul may experience the joy of seeing the light; that all those who are divided by hatred may be reconciled by brotherly love; that international peace, so long desired, may become at last an accomplished fact."

CURRENT / COMMENT

by the Editor

AFRICAN CHURCH IN FOCUS

THE reign of terror in the Congo, though a nightmare of violence and savagery, has nevertheless served to throw into sharp relief the abiding influence of the Church as a powerful moral force, triumphing over race and colour, and restraining primordial passions.

Instances have been reported of African Christians protecting Europeans even at the risk of their own lives. There is the moving story of how in one of those rare and isolated cases of a missionary becoming the victim of mob violence, an African, with a bayonet pointed at his stomach, still pleaded on behalf of the missionary. Almost everywhere the scene was one of the Congolese begging of the missionaries to stay on.

The expulsion of the Europeans has not affected the Church whose work has therefore not been destroyed but only temporarily interrupted by the chaos following on independence. The recent development of the Church, not in the Congo alone, but in the entire Continent of Africa, has been most encouraging, though there is still a long way to go. There is now an African Cardinal, some thirty African bishops, 2,000 African priests and about 5,000 African religious sisters, working amongst 24 million Catholics. It is for us to pray that the Church may continue to be a potent force for good, helping this vast Continent along the road of freedom and progress.

A Commendable Venture

KOTAHENA'S Society in aid of the Souls in Purgatory issued its Annual Report recently. The record, once again, is one of patient, persevering and dedicated endeavour in a much too neglected field. To strive to alleviate and abbreviate the sufferings of those poor souls who are one with us in the Communion of Saints and are unable to do anything to help themselves, is charity of a supreme order.

The members of this society, particularly the two prime movers, Messrs. Edwin Perera and Philip Anandappa, deserve every encouragement for their humble and tireless work in this noble enterprise. We hope their example will be emulated by others who may not so far have given thought to this modest and unspectacular but important sector of the apostolate. And may they receive an ever-increasing response to their sensible campaign for "Masses instead of flowers."

A Feminine Foible

A JOKER once said, and not altogether without truth, that old lawyers, like old generals, never die; they only lose their appeal! And yet that piece of searing sarcasm would probably have been about the mildest thing a certain irate woman must recently have thought — and said — about the lawyer she employed to defend her in Italy's Court of Appeal.

The case and the judgment are full of interest. The Appeal Court Judge really drew no distinction between men and women in his judgment, but the fact remains that the accused in question was a woman — it would be!

Pauline Dictum

Nearly two thousand years ago, St. Paul, who must surely have known what he was talking about, said: "Let women be silent in church" — the great apostle probably meant, "at least in church." His Epistles are studied with the names of women who helped him so magnificently in his sublime mission, and he is full of gratitude to them. But yet, he was wise enough to know where to draw the line.

In the case in question, the Judge, consciously or otherwise,

following St. Paul's safe counsel, made it perfectly clear that the church was not the place for a woman to give the priest a piece of her mind. What had happened was that at Casarano, a town near Naples, in the Church of St. Blaise, when the priest was rebuking the people from the pulpit, and quoting Canon Law in the process to prove his point, a woman "stood up and made disrespectful remarks about the priest."

Vitriolic Outburst

The news report we have seen spares us (unfortunately?) a verbatim "transcription" of the woman's powerful speech. All the reporter says is that a woman "stood up and made disrespectful remarks" — and we must content ourselves with this laconic comment. This remarkable reporter, this stoic among newshounds, with his Tacitan terseness and a genius for brevity — not that sort of brevity, however, which is the soul of wit — certainly displays restraint of an extremely high order. Hence his tame, restrained and colourless account of what must without any doubt have been a really vehement outburst, one of those rich and rare exhibitions of feminine fury and vitriolic language combined. And a masterpiece of invective set forth in such calm and moderate terms is surely in its turn a masterpiece — a masterpiece of understatement without parallel.

For — though the truth doesn't really need to be enunciated — the female of the species is more deadly than the male. And the Babylonian Talmud, giving expression to the wisdom of the ancient East, has it that ten measures of speech descended on the world, of which women took nine, and men one! Can there be any doubt about how right St. Paul was?

A Fearless Verdict but ...

There is a limit to human endurance, and to what even a priest can put up with! So the offending woman was charged in a Naples Court with disturbing a religious service. But truth being stranger than fiction, the case was dismissed and the woman discharged.

The case, however, went into appeal, and the Appeal Judge, reversing the judgment of the lower court, ruled that it is unlawful for a person to interrupt a priest speaking from the pulpit — even if he should be speaking of matters "not strictly religious" (learned counsel for the accused doubtless having made a very fine legal distinction between religious and non-religious talk issuing from the pulpit).

... Heaven Help the Judge

Thank God for the judgment; but God help both defence counsel and appeal judge! For while we may hail the appellate judge as a Daniel come to judgment, and be tempted to say, in tones of admiration, reverence and awe: "An upright judge, a learned judge!", the indignant woman is far more likely to have given vent to the exclamation — if she were indeed capable of such exalted language in her anything but exalted and exultant mood — "O judgment, thou art fled to brutish beasts, and men have lost their reason."

Of course at this safe distance we can afford to point out that

her Shakespearean pronouncement would apply much more appropriately to her, with the appropriate change of gender in the case of the word "men."

Women and Elephants

But both learned lawyer and judicious judge would be wise to absent themselves from their usual haunts and habitats for a while, for they surely need no poet to remind them that hell hath no fury like a woman scorned. One look at the "prisoner at the bar" should have been enough to make them realize that there is no imprisoning feminine frenzy. Man may have his will, but woman has her way. And it is a woman, the inimitable but truthful Dorothy Parker, who has said that women and elephants never forget!

That makes us remember with a jolt that though we are at a very safe and comfortable distance from the Neapolitan woman who dared to speak her mind in Church, we were stupid enough to forget (just like us men!) our vast army of feminine readers who must by now — if they have got thus far at all — be livid with rage and ready to march upon our office with felonious intent.

The Better Part of Valour

How right the Italian poet was when he said that often the test of courage is not to die but to live. (If we were Hadjiar in one of the famous de Lanerolle plays, we would at this stage have interjected forthwith, "Of course, of course!"). Well, in any case, we have always been stout believers in the wise old adage that discretion is the better part of valour. May we therefore promptly proceed to demonstrate the "better part," remaining nevertheless within the bounds of truth, by concluding with this amenable honorable:

"Oh, the shrewdness of their shrewdness when they're shrewd,
And the rudeness of their rudeness when they're rude;
But the shrewdness of their shrewdness and the rudeness of their rudeness,
Are nothing to their goodness when they're good!"

Limerick Corner

THE versatile Mr. John M. Senaveratne suggests that we start a column for Limericks. Nothing would please us better, for we confess to a partiality for nonsense verse of any kind, whether strictly Limerick-al and consisting of five anapaestic lines, or *a la* Clerihew and made up of four lines of varying length, or even completely unorthodox and not conforming to any particular pattern, so long as they are pithy, witty, comic or nonsensical.

But there may be those who consider even the most orthodoxly anapaestic lines plainly pestiferous or pestilential and bark back "A pest on your paper!" In any case, a decision on this matter does not lie within the competence of a mere acting, substitute or ersatz editor, and should be left to the editor proper.

We cannot, however, resist the temptation to use even such restricted powers as an acting editor possesses, and quote one of the two limericks submitted by Mr. Senaveratna, as well as the example he gives, in defence of the practice, from "no less eminent a Church dignitary than Cardinal Godfrey."

Cardinal Godfrey, having his
Continued on page 7

"THE HOLY HOME IS A HAPPY HOME" — Bishop Regno

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

"THE holy home is a happy home," declared His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Bernard Regno, O.S.B., addressing the participants of the Socio-Family Seminar organised by the Praesidium of Our Lady of the Holy Eucharist, Nayakakanda, at Good Shepherd Convent, Nayakakanda, on 23 and 24 July, 1960.

"What beauty, what joy there is to a family which realises the plan of God," continued His Lordship, for lack of Christian faith in the family and wrong ideas of values are the beginnings of trouble in family life."

Nearly 200 parishioners participated in this Seminar which was probably the first of its kind in a suburban parish of the Archdiocese.

The proceedings on the 23rd commenced with the hoisting of the Papal Flag by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Joseph Aloysius, O.M.I., and the singing of the Papal Anthem.

The first Conference was on "Catholic Social Doctrine" by Rev. Fr. S. T. Balasuriya, O.M.I. He gave a brief outline of the teachings of the Church on social problems and stressed the necessity for us Catholics to study this doctrine and convey it to our neighbours. The importance of putting this doctrine into practice and the ways and means of doing so were detailed by Fr. Stanislaus Fernando, O.M.I., at the second Conference of the day on the "Apostolate in the Social Field."

After these conferences the participants broke up into four workshops — married men, married women, unmarried men and unmarried women — at which they discussed in detail the problems raised at the Conferences. This was followed by a General Session at which the Chairman of each of the workshops gave a summary of their discussions. Then a resolution was passed to study and propagate Catholic Social Doctrine in the Parish, and a Committee was appointed to find suitable methods of carrying out this resolution.

Saturday's programme closed with an instructive film show on the life of St. John Bosco and an explanatory talk by the Superior of the Salesian Order in Ceylon.

The following day's proceedings commenced with Holy Mass and congregational singing. Rev. Fr. Alex Ranasinghe gave an impressive sermon on "Christian Family Life," which served as a fitting introduction to the theme of the day's Conferences.

The first Conference for the two married groups, on "Christian Marriage," was given by Rev. Fr.

Severinus Fernando, O.M.I. He explained the basic concept of Christian marriage and the duties and responsibilities of Catholic parents. He made special mention of the unnatural methods of birth control which are against the divine and natural laws. Rev. Fr. S. Holder, S.S.S., addressing the unmarried groups on the "Choice of a Vocation," explained what a vocation was and stressed the necessity for youth

Ceylon's Offertory for final Mass of Congress

(N.B.—The statement drawn up in an illuminated booklet was taken to Munich by His Grace the Archbishop and carried up to the Altar steps by Fr. Manik Muttukumaru).

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1. Cash Contribution ..	3,268 21
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Holy Masses heard ..	339,038
Sacramental Communion ..	256,541
Spiritual Communions ..	4,614
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Holy Hours in church ..	136,319
Holy Hours at home ..	40,878
Way of the Cross ..	75,727
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Acts of penance, patience, obedience, etc. ..	291,789
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Various ..	35,701

Eucharistic Secretariate, Colombo.

N.B.—These offerings, both spiritual and in cash, are from all the Dioceses of the Island. A detailed list of contributions received directly by the Eucharistic Secretariate appears in this month's Sacred Heart Messenger.

MASS—a reservoir of grace

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

"THE Mass is the heart-beat of the Church" said Mr. W. J. A. Van Langenberg, C.C.S., when he addressed the Government Stores Department Catholic Guild on "The Mass" at their Third Annual Meeting held on 28 July, 1960. Outlining the various parts of the Mass, he said that the best thing to do at Mass was, of course, to follow it—particularly as Catholics somehow seemed to have developed the habit of doing the wrong thing at the wrong time. He added that the Mass, being an extension of Calvary, was a "reservoir of grace."

P.W.D. Catholic Guild

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

THE Inaugural Meeting of the above Guild was held recently. Mr. D. R. Alagiah, Executive Engineer (Maintenance), presided. In a brief speech he outlined the aims and objects of a Guild and called upon all Catholic Officers to render their full co-operation and whole-hearted support and stressed the need for Catholic unity for its success.

The following were elected Officers: **Spiritual Director:** Rev. Fr. E. Fernando, Parish Priest, St. Rita's Church, Ratmalana; **President:** Mr. W. H. Fernando; **Vice-President:** Mr. J. D. H. de Silva; **General Secretary:** Mr. Hillary Wijesinghe; **Asst. Secretary and Treasurer:** Mr. S. Gnanadan; **Committee:** Miss M. H. Koelmeyer and Miss L. de Silva.

The proceedings of the evening began with the singing of the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost" and the recitation of the opening prayers. This was followed by Mr. Van Langenberg's talk. After the presentation of the Third Annual Report and Statement of Accounts Mr. A. G. O. Perera, President of the Central Council, addressed the house on the usefulness of the Guild movement.

The election of Office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President: Mr. F. V. Walles; **Vice-Presidents:** Messrs. W. G. Henry Perera and A. E. W. de S. Amarasekera; **Chairman of Committees:** Mr. H. L. P. Fonseka; **Promoters:** Messrs. I. S. Caldera, E. J. Fernando and K. H. Perera; **Auditor:** Mr. L. A. Cardos; **Treasurer:** Mr. G. W. George; **General Secretary:** Mr. J. S. Namasivayam.

The meeting terminated with the recitation of the closing prayers and the singing of the hymn "We stand for God."

to know God's will and act accordingly, irrespective of difficulties.

After lunch the second Conference of the day was held. Four eminent medical men addressed the four groups. Dr. M. P. Michael Cooray and Dr. (Mrs.) May Ratnayake addressed the married men and women respectively on the "Medical Aspects of Married Life," while Dr. P. J. de Fonseka and Miss Cabraal addressed the unmarried men and women respectively on "Personal Hygiene and Preparation for Marriage."

After these Conferences the workshops went into action. Questionnaires drawn up for the occasion were discussed by the four groups. The subjects of the Questionnaires for the respective groups were: "Your Grown-up Son," "Your Grown-up Daughter" and "Duties Towards Our Parents."

In between the Conferences and workshops, spiritual exercises were conducted, while the intervals for lunch and tea provided the participants a friendly get-together.

At 4-30 p.m. the four groups assembled once again for the General Session which was presided over by Bishop Regno. At this session two resolutions were passed. The married groups resolved "to sanctify our married lives by the perfect accomplishment of our duties and in particular to abhor all contraceptive methods condemned by the Church," while the unmarried groups resolved to "sanctify our youth through fervent prayer and diligent study."

The proceedings of the Seminar then came to a close with the imparting of Pontifical Benediction.

At Our Lady of Snow's Feast



The Rt. Rev. Mgr. S. Mariadas, Vicar General of Tuticorin, blessing with the Monstrance the crowd outside St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, just after the procession when the Feast of Our Lady of Snows was celebrated last Sunday by the Bharatha community in Ceylon.

(Picture by Jesiah Corera)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CONFRATERNITY, DEHIWELA

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

THE Confraternity of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Dehiwela, held its 6th annual general meeting last Sunday, 7th August, at the Dehiwala Catholic Association Hall after Benediction. After the usual preliminaries the election of office-bearers for the en-

suing year took place, resulting as follows:—

President: Mr. C. P. De A. Abeyasinghe; **Vice-President:** Mr. Eric Martinus; **Secretary:** Mr. S. P. Martin; **Treasurer:** Mr. H. B. Ferdinand.

In addition to the above, Mr. G. F. Rodrigo was elected to serve on the Committee with the four office-bearers.

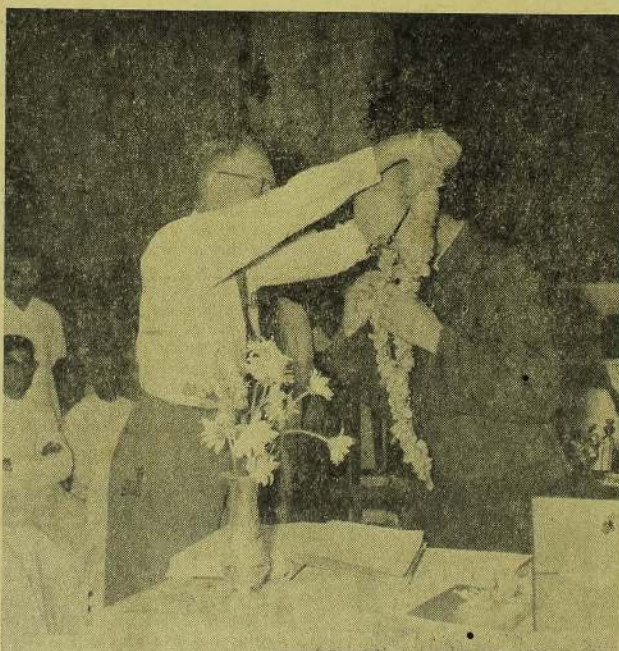
In his address, the Spiritual Director, Very Rev. Fr. Nereus Fernando, stated that of the two Confraternities which have been imposed on every Parish by Canon Law, one was the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament which he was happy to find in the parish. He reminded the members that devotion to the Holy Eucharist was most important because it is this devotion which made the faithful strong and courageous and thereby enabled them to weather the storms of persecution.

He further exhorted the members to be faithful to their obligations, especially by attending the Thursday adoration and also helping to get more members. He concluded by saying that the paucity of members should not deter them; after all, only twelve apostles set out to conquer the world for Christ.

The President, speaking after the Spiritual Director, thanked the members for electing him for the fourth year in succession and appealed for their co-operation. A social followed.

WATTALA PARISH CELEBRATIONS

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)



A parishioner garlands Father Nicholas at the Silver Jubilee celebrations.

(Picture by Roymond Wannappa).

THE Silver Jubilee celebrations in connection with the Sacerdotal Jubilee of Rev. Fr. W. M. Nicholas Perera took place at St. Anne's Church, Wattala, on the 3rd of August. The Parish Council celebrated the Jubilee with a *Te Deum* service immediately after the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour which was followed by a meeting of the parishioners, well-wishers, Reverend Fathers, Christian Brothers and several V.I.P's.

A purse and a chalice were pre-

sented. The Police Band was in attendance. The schools in the mission celebrated the jubilee on the 2nd and 4th of August. These celebrations, incidentally, coincided with the Annual Festival of St. Anne which was held last Sunday.

Very Rev. Fr. D. J. Anthony presided at the Vespers and 35 priests were present. The Feast Day Mass was sung by Rev. Fr. Nicholas Perera, the Jubilarian. This was followed by *Te Deum* and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Current Comment

Continued from page 6

usual "crack" at Mr. Frederick W. Chambers, the Treasurer of the Converts' Aid Society, at their annual meeting, said:

"We members of Converts' Aid Are never sombre or staid. With pens at the ready We write cheques for Freddy. He insists that his bills should be paid."

And the other:

"There was an old man of Black-heath, Who sat on his set of false teeth. Said he, with a start, 'O Lord, bless my heart! I've bitten myself underneath.'"

BOOK PAGE

NEW LIGHT on MENTAL ILLNESS

THE PRIEST AND THE SICK IN MIND by A. A. Terruwe M.D. Burns & Oates. Available at St. Michael's Bookshop, 6 Jampettah Street, Colombo 13. Price Rs. 12-00.

THE problem of mental illness is a problem of recurring frequency and of increasing importance. It is true enough that we are more aware of the fact of mental illness and of the various forms it takes than were our grandparents or even our parents. It is likewise true that disorders in this sphere are more easily diagnosed now and more readily classified and labelled. Nevertheless it does seem quite certain that the incidence of mental disease is higher than it has ever been before.

Of course there was a time, and not so terribly long ago either, when the term "mental disease" covered only the grosser forms of what used to be called lunacy in the literal sense of the word, or stark insanity. And that was considered a sort of "act of God," if not an actual punishment from Him, about which there was nothing to be done.

THE "OCCUPATIONAL" DISEASE OF MODERN MAN

Any lesser and less obvious variety of the same "blanket" category of insanity or madness, was dismissed as being just "hysteria" (with a considerable organic component), or a temporary nervous breakdown, or "neurasthenia." The remedy was to "pull yourself together, old man," to take good food, "tonics," and neuro-phosphates, go on a holiday, or, if one could afford it, a sea-voyage.

It is a far cry from those days to our own time, when psychiatry is a vast and growing science in its own right, and when we have reached the other extreme of a facile tendency to promptly label any condition whose diagnosis eludes us a neurosis, to talk with a very superior air of psycho-somatic disease, and to stress almost to the point of exaggeration the psychic element in organic disease.

But the rapid growth of psychiatry and its related sciences, the sometimes almost morbid preoccupation with mental and emotional disorders, and then the ever-expanding literature on these subjects, are in themselves evidence of the increasing incidence of mental illness.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE

That diseases of the psyche or mind form a very considerable



proportion of the illnesses to which modern man is heir, is a palpable, massive, undeniable fact.

It is all too easy to blame, though often quite justifiably, the stresses and strains, the artificiality and abnormality, the mad tempo of

by FR. JUSTIN PERERA

contemporary "civilization" as being the fundamental cause of our modern malaise.

But it would be intellectually dishonest to ignore or suppress the credit side of the balance-sheet—the tremendous progress made in recent times in the scientific study of mental disease and in the investigation of its causes; the discovery of successful cures for various forms of it; and a saner and more sympathetic approach to the whole problem.

Of the many recent books on the subject one has seen, the book under review is one of the clearest, most sensible, and most practical. It is written particularly for the priest, who though he is not meant to replace the mental specialist or to set himself up as a quack psychiatrist, is often first in the field and should therefore know enough to at least suspect these conditions

where they exist so he may be able to refer his "clients" when necessary to a competent specialist, and to make use of the findings of modern psychiatry in the pastoral ministry. After all, theology studies only the moral and not the psychological aspect of human actions and human aberrations.

CLEAR, USEFUL AND ORIGINAL

But this is not to say that *The Priest and the Sick in Mind* will be of no use to the layman. Who is the layman who, if he is not parent or teacher, is not at least counsellor and friend to others? The whole point about Christianity is that we are our brother's keeper.

And, in any case, there is no one who does not himself need emotional adjustment of some sort. The dividing line between the normal and the abnormal is a fine and flickering line, and, after the Fall, the perfectly normal man or woman, barring the God-Man Christ and His Immaculate Mother, is yet to be born.

Dr. Terruwe's book, besides being lucid and concise (valuable qualities in books that deal with this subject), has the added merit of making an original contribution to the science of psychiatry in the very convincing case the author makes out for an altogether new category in the sphere of obsessive-compulsive neurosis. But a discussion of this subject within the brief compass of a review will not interest the general reader, and may even tend to deter him from reading this remarkably clear and practical book.

THE DIVINE "LIBIDO"—THE FUNDAMENTAL FACT

This excellent volume then, leaves little to be desired from the point of view of comprehensiveness, clarity and practical utility. Nevertheless one may be forgiven for looking forward to the day when the fact of man's desire for God—perhaps buried in the unconscious (in the technical sense), often unknown, and certainly only very rarely recognized and yet this must surely be one of the primordial drives of the human psyche, of all human urges the most basic, for the fundamental truth about man is that he is made by God, for God, and in Augustine's immortal phrase, "our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee"—becomes, like Freud's libido, the subject of profound study, and is made, by some genius in this field, so that in terms of this central thesis the entire science of psychology is thought out and developed anew.

Vestments and Church Furniture

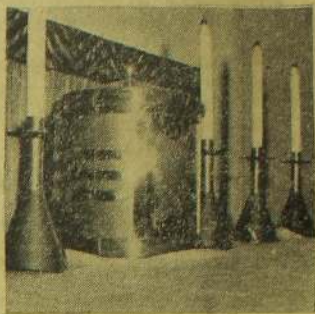
by Robert Lesage. Faith and Fact Book. Burns and Oates, London. Available locally from St. Michael's Bookshop, Colombo 13. Price Rs. 5-60.

THERE is a splendour about the Church's liturgy—and this extends not only to the solemnity of the forms of worship, the rites and ceremonial, the drama and the music, but to the vestments and other items of Church furniture and equipment as well.

But beyond the splendour lies the meaning, which, after all, is



the essential thing. The eternal message of the Church lies enshrined in stone and glass and cement—here, indeed, are sermons in stones.



It is amazing how much Father Lesage packs into this slim volume—the Altar, Crucifix, the Sacred Vessels, Candles and Candle Sticks and Lamps, the Thurible, the Font, Vessels for Holy Oils and other things, Bells, Liturgical Books, and then Vestments. Vestments take up over a third of the book, because here again the treatment is exhaustive. It even deals with the vestments and insignia of Bishops, Cardinals and Popes. An extremely useful bibliography rounds off the work.

J.

Introducing the OLD TESTAMENT

by Frederick L. Moriarty, S.J. The Bruce Publishing Company, Milwaukee. Available at St. Michael's Bookshop, Colombo 13. Price Rs. 21/25.

ON the Scriptures we can never have too many books, and of late there has been a welcome deluge of them. The book under review has the added advantage of being meant for the man-in-the-street, as it were, and it really sets out to do what its title proclaims.

It further incorporates within its pages the latest research in the field of Biblical studies—and

what a wealth of new information there is.

In an attempt to make the book interesting, the author adopts an entirely novel method. There is, consequently a certain loss from the point of view of the logical presentation and comprehensiveness one would have expected of an "Introduction." But what is a disadvantage in this respect is made up for by the very considerable gain in interest and readability. On the basis of the fact that history is never so fascinating as when it takes the form of historical biography, Fr. Moriarty's book is an interpretation of the Old Testament in terms of its great, heroic figures, from Abraham to Daniel.

J.

READ CATHOLIC BOOKS!

ART of the REVIEWER

FRED Inkspots who is often called upon to review books tells me that once he has retired he hopes to find time to read all the books he has reviewed. It is only the amateur reviewer who confuses reviewing a book with reading it. What the professional reviewer reads is book jackets or, if he is the worrying type, other people's reviews.

There are, of course, considerable authors who assist reviewers by choosing titles that convey some hint of the contents of a book, e.g., *History of the Corn Laws in Ancient Rome*. Among modern authors an unfortunate habit has grown of entitling their books, *Who, Me? or Vultures on a Cold Hothouse*. The inexperienced

by THE ARCHER

reviewer who might be tempted to construct his criticism over the title—with an extract from the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* on vultures—would do well to first consult the back of the jacket. There he will find that publishers (who understand reviewers) have come to the rescue with a short sketch on the author. The reviewer will learn that far from being an authority on the gregarious habits of vultures, the author is an angry playwright with a grudge against the universe.

According to Fred Inkspots, lengthy reviews are wasted on editors. Fred learned this lesson early in his career when he submitted 12 paragraphs of critical analysis on a book of essays and found his opinion reduced to the following abbreviated form on

the review page: "... the next work under review is an interesting enough collection of essays by contemporary authors some of



whom have attained distinction."

Even publishers have no use for drawn-out reviews. All they need is a modest paragraph: "Night in the Rain is not a particularly exciting story or moving novel. The author has a talent for using words meaninglessly and his characters, though far from original, hardly live."

Since advertising space is expensive, the advertiser is justified in eliminating much, keeping only an extract:

"Night in the Rain... exciting... moving novel. The author has a talent for using words... and his characters... live." (The Calcutta Herald.)

Handing on the Faith

by Josef Andreas Jungmann. Herder and Burns Oates, London. St. Michael's Bookshop, Colombo 13. Price Rs.

Available locally at 26/25.

IT is not quite the usual practice to begin a review with a reference to its price, but we do so in this instance because it does seem a pity that a book of such considerable practical value should be priced so high. But that seems to be always the way with the publishing firm of Herder—one has almost come to expect that of them; possibly Burns and Oates had no say in the matter at all.

Catholic publishing houses have, no doubt, to exist and subsist, like all other business ventures and we have no right to expect them to be charitable institutions. They have their own peculiar difficulties too from the point of view of a restricted market, but so have they their own very particular aims and purposes. Catholic publishing enterprises ought ideally to combine business with the apostolate.

So precious is the great Fr. Jungmann's contribution to the subject of catechetics that its worth cannot be estimated in terms of rupees and cents. But it may remain literally and truly

a closed book to many a prospective reader by reason of its forbidding price; and that, as we have said, is a pity.

This book would be of inestimable value to teachers—but in this country, as in most other countries, teachers are by no means, alas, in the high-income bracket. One hopes the book will at least find its way into the library of every Catholic School.

"Handing on the Faith" is the title of this book; the title expresses in a phrase the chiefest and most sublime of the many duties of Catholic priests, parents and teachers—a duty on which so much

depends, and in respect of which they will have to give an answer to God.

Fr. Jungmann's book is, as one would have expected it to be, a thoroughly scholarly work. It gives the entire history, in brief compass, of religious education in the Church from the earliest days to our own times. But its greatest merit is in the fact that it explains the teacher's task of introducing children to the supernatural world, discusses the different methods of doing so (general and special)—taking up subjects like visual aids, formation of conscience, training in prayer, home work, memorizing and education in chastity, among other things—and suggests a plan appropriate to the particular characteristics and conditions of the age we live in.

J. P.

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A Thought FOR THE WEEK

Nature

STOP working by the clock morning by morning, deaf to the birds that sweetly call. Make time to see the flowers adorning the earth or tread the cool green grass at evenfall.

Forget your tasks, for life is not worth living if we can never view the open sky, nor taste the joys that Nature now is giving, the lovely things that money cannot buy.

Birthdays

AUGUST 13th — 19th

A happy birthday to the following members who celebrate their birthdays this week.

13th August

Rosemary Jayasuriya (Kalitara), Subitha Clara Marie Siri-manne (Negombo).

14th August

Pansy Maria De Joodt (Teldeniya), Mary Asuntha Therese Fernando (Negombo).

15th August

Marjorie Soris (Ratnapura), Iramthi Abeyaratne (Kochchikade), Marie Perera (Moratuwa).

16th August

(Nil).

17th August

Noeline Davidson (Grandpass), Carmel Hyacinth Daniel (Kelanaya), Marina Antoinette Kanagarajah (Nawalapitiya).

18th August

Therese Odette Lewis (Wattala), Marisueri Fernando (Negombo), Aloma Marie Fernandopulle (Kotahena), Marina Samuel (Kandana), J. C. Antonyselvam (Colombo 13).

19th August

(Nil).

YOUR BIRTHDAYS — BY REQUEST ONLY

THE attention of all Schools-Mag members is drawn to a new rule regarding the publication of members' birthdays in the Schools-Mag columns.

As from Saturday, 13 August, those members who want their birthdays published in these columns will have to notify us well ahead of the date. A "birthday request coupon" (see below) will appear every week in future.

Those whose birthdays fall during the period 3 Sept. to 9 Sept. must fill up the coupon below and post it to the Editor, Schools-Mag, Catholic Press, Borella marked "BIRTHDAYS" to reach him on or before 24 August, the latest, if they want their birthdays announced in the Schools-Mag edition dated 3 September.

Members are requested to adhere strictly to the rules enumerated below:

RULES

1. Only one coupon could be used by a member and is valid for that week only.

2. Publication of birthdays

is strictly meant for members of the Schools-Mag only.

3. All those who have sent in their Enrolment Forms and have not received their Membership Cards and Numbers should state "Enrolment Form sent" under "Membership Number" on the coupon.

4. All prospective members

can also get their birthdays published, but they should attach to their Coupon an Enrolment Form correctly filled up.

5. All coupons should be neatly filled up.

6. Coupons received after the closing date will on no account receive consideration.

BIRTHDAY REQUESTS COUPON

For publication of Birthdays falling between 3rd and 9th September (inclusive) in the issue of the 3rd September.

Closing Date: 24th August

Name.....
Address.....
Birthday.....
Membership No.....

Signature.....

★ **On the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, 15th August, Frederick Ozanam took his very last walk to Mass. This article should also prove interesting in view of the tercentenary of the inspirer of St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

He Died on Our Lady's Birthday

Mary's Assumption



Courtesy: "THE CEYLON ROSARY"

(The Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady's Assumption on 15 August).

★
WHEN Mary's lovely body
From the hands of its
Maker came,
It bore no stain or tarnish,
It was pure as a naked flame.

★
And so through life she kept it,
For the sake of her dear Child,
For was it not His cradle,
His refuge sweet and mild?

★
Now her earthly days are over
Her triumph blazed abroad;
Corruption shall not touch her
Her body to Heaven soared.

FREDERICK Ozanam, founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was born at midnight, on April 23, 1813, in the city of Milan. When Frederick was nine years old, he entered the Royal College, as was customary for boys of that age. It soon became clear how clever he was, not only with his studies but also in games, and he had no trouble in making friends.

While Frederick was good and kind he was not without his faults. He was quick-tempered and somewhat stubborn. He recognised these failings and went faithfully to the Sacraments in an effort to overcome them.

THE CHALLENGE

While Frederick was a student at the University of Paris his greatest work was begun and it endures to this day. He founded the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This is how it came about. Frederick by this time was quite a good speaker. He had become a member of a group of students who met regularly to debate.

His side defended truth. One day the students on the other side grew angry when they lost the discussion and one of them cried out: "It is all well and good for you Catholics to talk about the Church of another day. But that's all you do! You talk! Where are your good works? Show us your good deeds." This challenge moved him to action.

Six young men met together and drew up the rules of a society. Frederick Ozanam said: "The blessing of the poor is the blessing of God." St. Vincent de Paul was chosen as the patron of this new group of laymen because of his works of charity. The rules of the St. Vincent de Paul Society were aimed at helping members to attain their own salvation by helping others.

The work began humbly in the poverty stricken districts of Paris. Into cold dreary rooms went the students, carrying food, clothing and fuel and offering it in the name of Christ. No matter what the weather or the season of the year they went, saying:

"The poor know no holiday." They visited the prisons and the hospitals. They distributed literature where it was needed. They taught catechism. In no time at all this society spread to other cities and countries.

Ozanam continued to work for the society and he saw it spread. He himself married and had a daughter. He taught in one of the universities and by his sincerity and example was responsible for drawing many souls to God.

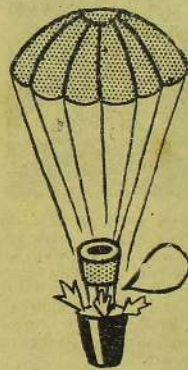
THE END

When he was forty years old he became ill and yet he spent his waning strength in the service of others. The very last walk he took was to Mass on August 15, the feast of the Assumption. His death came on Our Lady's Birthday, September 8. Many people believe that Frederick Ozanam is surely in heaven and offer their prayers that he may be beatified and eventually declared a Saint of God.

BALLOONS in A SPACE AGE

WHEN MAN MADE HIS FIRST FLIGHT HE USED A BALLOON. TODAY IN THE AGE OF JET PLANES, ROCKETS AND SPUTNIKS, THERE IS STILL AN IMPORTANT PLACE FOR THE SIMPLE BALLOON. SCIENTIFIC OBSERVATIONS AT THE EDGE OF SPACE ARE BEING MADE FROM THESE SLOW-RISING AND HOVERING SKYCRAFT.

● Balloons play a prominent part in this age of sputniks and rockets. Recently, cameras were taken 15 miles up the sky by balloons to photograph the planet Venus.



than air. But the hydrogen balloons were dangerous, because this gas catches fire very easily. (In later days helium gas has been used instead for it is light and not inflammable).

Balloons became very popular in the 19th century. Generals discovered that they were ideal for spying purposes. Napoleon sent out men in balloons to watch over his enemy movements. Balloons were used by both sides in World War I.

TODAY

But the balloon could serve the scientist as well as the soldier. Today giant balloons are sent out into space with scientific recording instruments aboard. They send back information about atmosphere and radio conditions, and the sun's activity and the planets. Cameras were taken up 15 miles into the sky by balloons recently to photograph the planet Venus.

By Cecilia Ratnam

habit of doing little things well so that when events of importance occur we'll be able to do the right thing. We should take care of the cents and let the rupees take care of themselves.
Ratnapura.

Deo Gratias

THANKS be to God for his goodness for me
Thanks be to God now and in eternity
Thanks be to God for the wonders he has done
Thanks be to God for his dear and only Son.

Thanks be to God in my joy and in my sorrow
Thanks be to God for today and for tomorrow
Thanks be to God in my illness and in my health
Thanks be to God both in poverty and in wealth.

Thanks be to God at my work and at my prayers
Thanks be to God in my troubles and in my cares
Thanks be to God in my life and at my death
Thanks be to God when drawing my last breath.

Thanks be to thee, O good and generous God!

Prudence Atapattu

St. Joseph's Convent,
Gampola.



QUERY

Dear Editor,

As a member of your Messenger Schools-Mag Club, I want to ask you whether I can send you photos of religious items such as feasts, crowds gathered for the feasts and so on. I ask this because I do photography as a hobby.

Frankie Irugalbandara
Ja-Ela.

(Dear Frankie, since photography is your hobby, why not send us snaps of Ceylon scenes and faces? We cannot hold out any promise of publishing them in the Schools-Mag pages, but you can be sure, if they are good enough, they will appear on our pages. — Editor)...

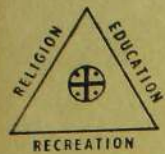
Before the days of the motor car and the aeroplane, travelling by balloon was a popular hobby for more adventurous people. There was a sense of escape from the earth in moving quietly through the air in a balloon. But the freedom of the air was limited. There was no freedom to choose where one would go, or where one would land. Take-off and height were governed by throwing out the sand carried as ballast and a descent was made by releasing gas from the balloon. Drifting on the wind was all very well, but there was no navigation in balloon flight. Landing in a haystack or a tree could be annoying if not dangerous.

The balloon was invented in 1783. It is simply a bag filled with gas lighter than air. The Montgolfier brothers of France had discovered that paper bags held over heat from the kitchen fire would rise to the ceiling. The passengers into space on the first occasion were a duck, a sheep and a rooster. A month later a man went up in a balloon for the first time.

These hot-air balloons stayed up only as long as the air inside was warmer than the surrounding atmosphere.

When a fire kept the inside air warm, there was always the danger that sparks might set the bag afire.

Balloons inflated with hydrogen could stay up easily, however, for hydrogen gas is lighter



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THE Children's Story

THE SEVENTH FLOOR

ANGELA said to me the other day: "Heaven is just like a very big enormous house, with floors all the way up. When people speak about the Seventh Heaven they mean the Seventh Floor."

"How do you know that?" I asked.

"Because I was there last night. Not on the Seventh Floor," she made haste to add: "I wasn't good enough for that, and besides, I had to come back to Earth. But I was on the Second

Floor. Really I was—really and truly."

"Tell me about it."

"Well, after I had seen a great deal of a beautiful Spirit came to me, and said that he wanted me to look out of the window. So I put my hand in his and he led me to a most wonderfully glorious window all of ivory. There was no glass, of course, only the arches and pillars, all of ivory."

"I can't guess."

"It flew straight off the black ball!"

"Really!"

"Yes, and it began to ascend towards us, growing brighter, and brighter all the time. And what do you think it was?"

"Dear Angela, I haven't a notion."

A soul!

"It was a soul!"

"A soul?"

"Yes, it was a soul ascending from Earth to Heaven. It came nearer and nearer and the angels sang to it, and I saw at last that it was a most lovely spirit with its face shining like fire. Oh, you should have seen how glorious it looked as the angels rushed out to greet it!"

"Well this, is most wonderful, Angela."

"The beautiful Spirit who had taken me to the window explained everything. He said this to me: 'Everybody on the Earth has a spark of the Divine, and that spark either gets brighter and brighter, being fed on divine love and divine beauty, or it grows dimmer and dimmer till at last we cannot see it at all. Of course we want (he said to me) as many angels as we can get, we are very glad, as you can imagine, when we look out of our windows and see those millions of sparks on the dark Earth below growing bright with beauty and love. And you can imagine (he said), how grieved we are when we see the sparks fainting into dullness and paling at last into darkness! That was what the Spirit said.'"

"My sweet Angela," I said, "you make me want to be a better aunt."

"You see, it's not at all difficult; it's just like filling a lamp with oil. If you want your soul to be an angel you must fill it every day with the things which the angels are made of, and those things of course, are all nice things."

"Such as?"

"Being kind, never being cross, helping those who can't help themselves, loving beautiful flowers, beautiful books and everything that is really beautiful. Don't you hate what is bad and horrid and cruel?"

"With all my heart."

"She clapped her hands. 'Then the angels can see your spark burning almost as big as a motor-car lamp.'"

"That was a wonderful dream you had, Angela—to dream you were in the Kingdom of Heaven!"

"Yes, I know. But you must remember," replied Angela gently "that I was only on the Second Floor."

Mirthquakes

It was at little Rita's birthday party. Rita's uncle took her on his lap.

"I don't love you," he said, teasingly.

"You ought to," said little Rita.

"Why?" asked her uncle.

"Because the bible says 'you must love those that hate you.'"

The teacher told the children about the garden of Eden and how Adam and Eve had disobeyed and had eaten the forbidden fruit.

"Now children," she said, "can anyone tell me what lesson that teacher taught us?"

"Yes Miss," replied a small boy.

"Eat less fruit."

Sent by Marlene Werentipulle.

★ The Ben Talent Club puts on second show

★ Cliff reporting from Colombo 13

THE Ben Talent Club had their second "Our Own" talent show on 24th July 1960. It was compered by Mr. Ansem Gunsekera. This show comprised the cream of young talent drawn

from St. Benedict's College and Good Shepherd Convent. It also included guest artists—the Bridgettines and Kumar Molligoda.

PACKED AUDIENCE

The hall was packed to capacity with an audience of both

boys and girls. The show opened with a scintillating band item.

This was followed by a host of young vocalists, our "Pop" singers, Terry Soysa, the "L" Brothers and that inimitable Elvis, Kumar Molligoda, who really captivated the audience with their splendid performances.

An almost perfect facsimile of that Nimal Mendis composition the "Kandyan Express" was put across by Nihal Candappa and his Rhythm Combo.

Rev. Bro. Edward the man behind this show must be thanked wholeheartedly for its outstanding success.

• Spotlight



Congratulations to Schools-Mag member MERLE FATIMA CASIE CHITTY who got Honours in the Initial Division of the Trinity College of Music (London) Exam. She was awarded 1st Prize. A pupil of Good Shepherd Convent, Kotahena, Merle is 7 years old.



A Scotsman went to Canada for three years and on returning he found his four brothers waiting for him on the wharf. All had long beards.

"What's the idea?" he asked.

"Ye know well enough" was the reply. "Ye took the razor with ye!"

Sent by Dionysa Alwis

"Why did you leave your last job?" A man was asked.

"Illness," he replied.

"Illness?"

"Yes," said the man. "The boss got sick of me."

Sent by Majella Gomez.

Colombo.

John: Elaine, there is something for you in my pocket.

Elaine: Thanks! May I have it now?

John: Yes, it's a hole for you to stitch.

Sent by Maureen Anandappa Good Shepherd Convent, Kotahena.

In a village school somewhere in Russia an atheistic inspector was doing some propaganda.

"I came all the way from Moscow, children. I flew in an aeroplane, high up in the sky, and I didn't see God anywhere."

"No Comrade," a little girl spoke up "but if you had crashed and been killed, you'd have seen God, sure enough."

Sent by Sheila Mack.

St. Bernard's Convent, Nawalapitiya.

LETTER

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for sending me the Schools-Mag Membership Cards. We are all so very happy that at last we are members of your delightfully interesting Schools-Mag Club. We do hope to send you our little articles and poems very soon.

Shirani Seneviratne.

Maggona.

SCIENCE FAMOUS SCIENTISTS' NAMES Scrapbook ON AIR-LINERS

K.L.M. has decided to give the four DC-8 aircraft equipped with turbo-fan engines the names of great international figures in the field of science or transport.

The four DC-8 aircraft, which are scheduled for delivery between March and June 1961, will be called after Sir Isaac Newton, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Fridtjof Nansen and Henry Dunant.

Sir Isaac Newton: English mathematician, physicist and astronomer. Born in Woolsthorpe Lincolnshire, on December 25, 1642. Died in Kensington on March 20, 1725. Lucasian professor of mathematics at Cambridge University. President of the Royal Society.

Newton carried out a lot of scientific research in the field of the theory of flow (the movement of objects through the air) which led to the concept of air resistance. He also made valuable discoveries concerning the force of reaction, the principle of which turbo jet and turbo prop engines are based.

Admiral Richard E. Byrd: American aviator and Polar ex-

plorer. Born in Winchester, Virginia, on October 25, 1888. Died in Boston on March 11 1957.

May 9, 1926: first flight across the North Pole with Fokker F7b "Josephine Ford."

November 29, 1929: first flight across the South Pole with Ford 5 AT-C "Floyd Bennett." North Pole expeditions in 1925 and 1926. South Pole expeditions in 1928/29, 1933/34/35, 1939/40/41, 1946/47, 1955/56/57. 1927: New York-Ver-sur-Mer (Fr.) with Fokker F-7a3m "America." His Polar expeditions have yielded important scientific data.

Fridtjof Nansen: Norwegian explorer and scientist. Born in Vestre Aker (near Oslo) on October 10, 1861. Died in Lysaker on May 13, 1930. Founder of modern, scientific exploration of the polar regions.

Expeditions in 1888, 1893, and 1896: mentor of Amundsen. 1920: played important role in the League of Nations for practical world-wide aid to refugees after the First World War and others who needed help (Nansen pass-

port). He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1922.

Henry Dunant: Swiss author and philanthropist and founder of the International Red Cross. Born in Geneva on May 8, 1828. Died in Heiden, Appenzel, on October 30, 1910.

In 1859 he witnessed the Battle of Solferino, where he was deeply shocked by the sufferings of the wounded. He wrote about his experiences in his famous book "Un souvenir de Solferino."

He proposed that those wounded in war should be declared neutral and that an organization of voluntary should be created.

After he had visited various heads of States, he managed to persuade the Swiss Federal Council to convene an international conference at Geneva in 1863, which led to the establishment of the International Red Cross in 1884. The Red Cross has done and still does a great deal to improve international relations.

Dunant was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1901.

Europe's biggest T. V. Centre



Most of you would have seen Television at the Fun-o-rama Carnival at St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya last week.

Here is a picture of the British Broadcasting Corporation's new Television Centre at White City,

London. The Centre, covering 13 acres is believed to be the biggest television headquarters in Europe. It has taken 10 years to build and cost in the region of Rs.150,000,000. At present only one studio, Studio Three, working with six cameras,

is in use. When the centre is completed there will be seven studios in all. The latest technical advances in the electronics field have been incorporated in the equipment of the centre (Courtesy: U.K. I.S.).

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IN MEMORIAM

Mother Mary Mt. Carmel

Requiem High Mass at St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, on Wednesday the 17th August, at 6.30 a.m.

Patricia Pieries
B'pitiya Flats



Mr. M. Jos. L. C. de Kraan
Departed on 11th Aug. 1942

Fondly remembered by his daughter Antoinette. Readers please offer a prayer for the repose of his soul.

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In undying memory of my darling father, Mr. T. M. Fernando J.P., U.M., Proctor S.C., of "Clarendon," Mt. Lavinia.

Died: 17th August, 1945.

Of your charity please pray for the repose of his soul.
Requiescat in pace.

Inserted by his ever-sorrowing daughter, Constance, and his loving grandchildren.

"Massabielle,"
Initium Road,
Dehiwala. 1099

Mr. James P. Fernando

A Requiem High Mass will be sung for the repose of his soul on the 22nd August, 1960 at 6.30 a.m. at the Church of Our Lady of Refuge, Katupotha. 1105

Miss May Stainwall

A Requiem Mass will be sung at St. Andrew's Church, Mutwal, for the repose of her soul at 6.30 a.m. on Saturday, 13th August.

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OUR LADY OF LANKA TEWATTE

BLESSING OF THE SICK
August 28th

Preparatory Triduum: 25th, 26th, 27th.

6-30 p.m. Rosary, Sermon, Benediction. Preacher: Rev. Fr. Luigi Hettiaratchi, O.M.I.

Sunday, 28th: Masses 6-00 and 6-30 a.m. High Mass 8-30 a.m. Mass for late pilgrims 11 a.m.

1 p.m. Rosary with commentary on the mysteries.

4 p.m. Vespers. Blessing of the sick. His Grace the Archbishop will preside.

N.B.—1. Patients intending to take part are requested to make privately a novena to Our Lady of Lanka.

2. The services of Catholic doctors, nurses and legionaries will be appreciated.

3. Admission to the enclosure reserved for the sick is granted by local parish priests. Tickets in the archdiocese, Letters of the priest in other dioceses. In this connexion we beg parish priests to use their discretion and grant admission only to those who are not fit enough to stand with the crowd.

4. Ladies of Charity and Brothers of S.V.P. who organize the transport of a group of patients can get the groups admitted with a letter of the parish priest. They should apply in time for a PASS for their conveyance from the Administrator.

5. All members of the clergy will be welcome.

1106 Administrator.

TALAWILA ST. ANNE'S SHRINE

The feast of St. Joachim, blessed spouse of St. Anne, will be celebrated on 16.8.60.

Vespers on 15.8.60 at 7 p.m.

High Mass on 16.8.60 at 6.30 a.m.

The celebrations will be presided over by Rt. Rev. Mgr. Michael Perera.

1.17 Administrator.

KATTIMAHANA FEAST OF ST. ANNE

AUGUST 27th and 28th

Sat. 27th: Pontifical Vespers 8 p.m.

Sun. 28th: Low Masses from 4.30 a.m.

High Mass 7.30 a.m.

1121 Parish Priest.

HORANA CHURCH FEAST

Sept. 3: Vespers 7.30 p.m.

4: Feast. Masses 6, 8.30. Benediction, Procession, Distribution of Alms.

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Vespers

SUN.: Masses at 5.45, 7 and 8.15 a.m.

7 p.m.: Sermon, Torchlight Procession, Blessing with the relic of the Saint, and Benediction.

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KATUPOTHA'S NEW CHURCH

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1960 at 7.30 p.m.

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Victorious Drill Platoons

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

THE R. C. M. School, Alagolla, the Habarana Circuit Drill Competition—under 16 Boys and presented the platoons for



The victorious girls' platoon.
(Picture by Nelson Wicramasekera).

Sports Day at Joseph Vaz College

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

MR. W. B. Peter Fernando, a member of the College Staff, presided over the Annual Inter-House Sports Meet at Joseph Vaz College this year. This was an honour paid to Mr. Fernando who is retiring from the teaching profession after 40 years of devoted service.

Mr. Fernando in his speech exhorted the boys to be loyal to their school, to their faith and to their country. He requested them not to neglect studies by placing all their interest in games. Games were necessary to create a healthy mind in a healthy body but all play and no work would make them dull boys, he said.

Trojans swept the board obtaining 167 points to 136 by the Olympians. Spartans were third with 91 points.

Champion (Under 12): S. Wickrematilleke (Trojans); Champion (Under 14): George Saparamado (Trojans); Champions (under 16): Anthony Peter Fernando (Olympians) and Lanerolle Fernando (Olympians); Senior Champion: K. Nelson Perera (Trojans); Best Performance Cups: Field Events: G. Milton Perera (Trojans), Track Events: K. Nelson Perera (Trojans); Relay Champions: (Olympics).

CATHOLIC AIRMEN FORM ASSOCIATION

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

FOLLOWING the closure of the Royal Air Force Catholic Chapel at Katunayake, the Catholics of the Royal Ceylon Air Force, Katunayake, have formed St. Joseph's Association, the principal aims of which would be to construct a chapel for the Catholics living in the camp and to ensure the amity of these Catholics both within and without the camp.

At the inaugural meeting the following office-bearers were elected: Patron: Rev. Fr. Aponso, Parish Priest, Katunayake; President: Mr. D. J. F. E. Wickremasinghe; Vice-President: Mrs. S. A. Perera; Hony. Secretary: Mr. D. S. E. W. Jayasuriya; Hony. Treasurer: Mr. A. M. Dep; Committee: Messrs. G. Maynert, S. A. Perera and D. Oorlof.

New Church for Elephant Pass

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

THE annual feast of St. Anne at Elephant Pass in the Jaffna District was celebrated with fervour on Sunday, July 31. Instead of Vespers, on the eve of the feast, a High Mass was sung. A highlight of this year's celebrations was the laying of the foundation stone for a new church by the parish priest, Rev. Fr. S. Soosai-nather, O.M.I. After the singing of the High Mass by Fr. Soosai-nather, the statue of St. Anne was taken in procession.

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Ceylon will be represented at WORLD MEETING FOR CATHOLIC STUDENTS

Theme: the Search for International Awareness

IN Lisbon this week 200 delegates from 65 countries are gathered to study, plan and discuss at the Inter-federal Assembly of Pax Romana, the International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS). Representing 97 Catholic student federations from all over the world, they have come together to plan the future of the IMCS for the next two years and to explore the theme: "The Search for International Awareness." Mr. Oswin Silva from Aquinas University College, Secretary of the Catholic Students' Federation, is Ceylon's delegate to the Assembly.

Founded in 1921, Pax Romana has grown into the focal point for the international activities of Catholic student organizations. Originally limited to Europe and North America, it spread, especially during the period of inactivity imposed by World War II, through Latin America by organizing national federations in 19 of the 24 countries. With the rapid development of Asia and Africa since the war, federations have grown up and been affiliated in over 25 countries in those continents. The new global dimension in Catholic student life has called for a careful reevaluation of the scope and nature of their work—a task which the movement has been carrying on in the last three Assemblies in El Salvador, Germany and the Philippines.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The accent has been principally laid upon the civic and social responsibilities of the student and upon mutual aid among the federations. Leadership formation courses and regional study groups have been the major projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The Second Pan-American Seminar of Pax Romana is being prepared for Leopoldville in the newly independent Congo for Christians of this year, with 100 participants expected from 15 African countries.

All of these subjects and the scores of others related to the work of the international movement are being discussed at the Inter-federal Assembly in Lisbon which met last Wednesday and will disperse on Monday, August 22. The two Portuguese federations are responsible for the preparations for the 200 delegates' stay at the University City, but there will be little of the holiday atmosphere despite the Assembly meeting in this popular tourist city. Sessions and workshops will run six hours a day, with additional meetings scheduled for some evenings. On Monday, the feast of

the Assumption, there will be a break for a trip to Fatima.

A FULL PROGRAMME

The Assembly was to have two parts: one a formative period of five days dealing with the theme "The Search for International Awareness," and the other, the administrative section on the particular problems, activities and organization of the movement. Some of the questions to be covered in the latter are: foreign students in Europe and North America, participation in international and neutral organizations, leadership formation in the under-developed countries, material assistance for needy federations, and the formulation of the programme of action for the next two years. The last point arises from the proposal to hold the Assemblies every two years instead of annually, as at present.

The General Secretariat of Pax Romana, located in Fribourg, Switzerland, is responsible for the organization of the Assembly, while the Directing Committee under the presidency of Mr. Peter Vygantas of the Lithuanian Students in Exile has been providing the orientation and ideas for the meeting.

NEED FOR ACTION

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

THE Old Boys of the College had been waiting to see the construction of this new building for a quarter of century, stated the annual report of the De La Salle College Old Boys' Union presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Union by the Honorary Secretary, Mr. A. B. Mendis, on Sunday, July 31.

After paying a tribute to the Brothers, Old Boys, staff and pupils, and the friends and well-wishers of the College who had helped to raise funds for the building, the Secretary said that the College required more accommodation and that when another collection campaign was launched the friends of the College were

The new building was blessed by Rev. Fr. Fabian Fernando in the presence of a large number of Christian Brothers, Old Boys, Members of the Staff and friends and well-wishers of the College.

The Old Boys' Union played host at a Garden Party which followed the blessing of the building.

Addressing the Annual General Meeting of the Union, Rev. Bro. Vincent Joseph, Provincial Visitor, said that he was very grateful to the devoted band of Old Boys who had helped the Brothers to collect funds for the building.

He said that only the first stage of the construction work was complete; they had now to find money for the second and third stages.

Mr. E. T. Perera said that the members of the Union and, in particular, the Committee, had made the College a part and parcel of their lives. They had sweated at carnivals and gone round with the begging bowl to raise funds and their efforts had now borne fruit.

Mr. E. A. Perera thanked the Brothers for the interest they took in the welfare of the College and the O.B.U.

Clergy to hold World Congress in Rome, 1962

THE Apostolic Union of Secular Priests is to celebrate its centenary with a world congress of diocesan priests in Rome in 1962.

The union has 32,000 members serving in 600 dioceses scattered through 36 countries.

Because the Ecumenical Council may be in session in 1962 no specific date for the congress has been set.

Mgr. Romuald Bissonnette, rector of Rome's Canadian College, has been appointed congress secretary.

Unique Leziem Display at Sports Meet

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

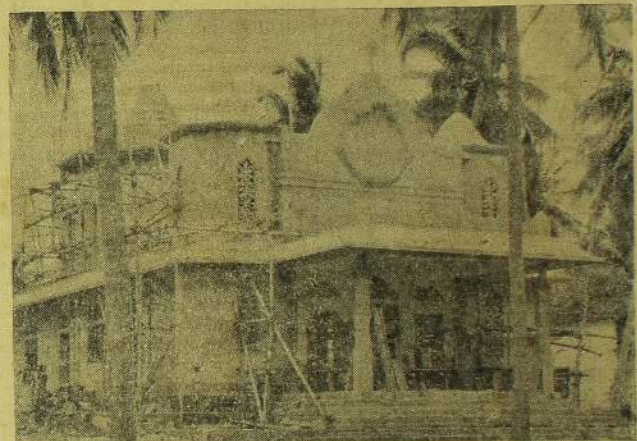
THE first ever Leziem Display in Ceylon was given by the boys of St. Benedict's Primary School at their Annual Sports Day held recently. The one hundred boys who took part were dressed in immaculate white and each had a differently coloured head gear. The jingling of the Leziems enriched the music supplied by the Ben Music Club.



There was an unprecedented gathering of parents and well-wishers, who remained awe struck during the display and then went into a thunderous applause, showing their wholehearted appreciation of the performance they had witnessed for the first time. Mr. B. Albert Fernando, man responsible for the display, deserves his mead of praise.

The one hundred and fifty kiddies of the Infant Department who entered for the tricycle race also attracted attention. The hobby horse race reminded one of the riding boys of the Ceylon Turf Club! One was pleased to see the happy faces of the little ones as they carried away their trophies and certificates.

KATUPOTHA'S NEW CHURCH



A man with vision, Katupotha's parish priest, Rev. Fr. S.M.D. Reginald, is erecting this new church of Our Lady of Refuge, which is nearing completion and will be blessed next Saturday by His Lordship the Bishop of Chilaw. Built in oriental style and donated entirely by a generous Catholic benefactor, Mrs. James P. Fernando, it promises to be one of the most successful attempts at Eastern church architecture in our midst.

Girls outdo boys at Matala

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

DR. Bernard Regno, O.S.B., Bishop of Bagai, presided and gave away the Prizes at the Religious Knowledge Prize Giving of Matala Parish.

The girls of the Convent did better than the boys in both the Parish Priest's test and in the Bishop's test. They were awarded the Shield for the best performance in Religious Knowledge.

His Lordship stressed the need for a sound foundation in the Faith. He suggested that every Catholic child should possess a prayer book or a Missal and a Rosary.

He commended to parents the beautiful practice of family spiritual reading done daily at some convenient time.

The annual parish Fair was held on Saturday, July 30.

The Assumption

(from Fulton Sheen's "The World's First Love")

"THE main ministry of Mary is to incline men's hearts to obedience to the Will of Her Divine Son. Her last recorded words at Cana are still her words in the Assumption: 'whatsoever He shall say to you, that do ye.' Added to these is the Christian prayer written by Francis Thompson to the daughter of ancient Eve:

"The celestial traitress play,
And all mankind to bliss betray,
With sacrosanct cajoleries,
And starry treachery of your eyes,
Tempt us back to Paradise."

MUNICH CONGRESS

Continued from page 1

golden throne under a canopy in white and purple, and beside him sat nine Cardinals. After the "Tu es Petrus" the Papal Bull was read out, in which the Pope emphasised his pleasure at the Congress being held as a "statio orbis" (a station Mass for the entire world), "where for the whole militant Church and the woes of the world an army of devotees will be raised." The Legate himself said that in the hour of rising danger to the world, believers from everywhere would gather in Munich to celebrate the sacrificial feast of love and reconciliation which Christ had initiated for the life of the world.

The opening of the major events of the Congress took place today, Wednesday, with the inauguration of the "Statio Orbis Catholici" by the Papal Legate. From all over the world, came the solemn liturgical welcome of the participants in their respective language—and thus, as this report is being sent out, Munich on which all Catholic eyes the world over are focused during this week of love and devotion, moves on to even fuller days of religious and devotional love and manifestation, which will culminate on Sunday with the principal service of the Congress (at which Ceylon's Archbishop will make our own offering), the Holy Father's address, and the Eucharistic Procession.

Meanwhile, Munich is a hub of activity—at every turn, exhibitions of the Eucharist through the ages, of Church art and architecture, and missionary activities, and, above all, an unending incense of prayer. The accent is on the liturgical aspect of Christian life.

Thursday is the "Day of the Priesthood and Charity" (and our own Archbishop will be singing Pontifical High Mass in one of Munich's principal churches). Friday is the "Day of the Cross," Saturday the "Day of Light," and Sunday the "Day of the Lord." Here at Munich, one feels a sense of something profound taking place—not of mere ceremonies only, but of a faith in the Eucharist that is being lived and strengthened; and seeing the crowded churches for Mass and adoration, one thanks God for this united, compact, world-wide, universal and truly Catholic thanksgiving of the Catholic World for the atonement God gave to men through Christ.

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