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TAKEN FROM THE EDITORIAL OF THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE OUTLOOK

*"if we have not a real and active interest in the missions, then
do we lack something that is essential to our priesthood."*

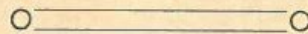
Pius XI

A CERTAIN man of business, a Catholic and an Englishman, was once told that he could not do better than take his next annual holiday in Ireland; he was told that they have more appreciation, there, of the eternal truths than they have in England, and that, as a consequence, they are not so prone to worrying over the details of daily life. So to Ireland he went, and found indeed, that the gentler, more leisurely attitude to life was having its own beneficial effect on a nervous system unduly strained by the pressure of affairs.

So effectively did the spirit of Ireland enter into his soul that it happened that, making his way from Dublin to Cork, he

found, when the guard came to examine the tickets, that he had boarded the wrong train and was bowling merrily on to Limerick; and it did not matter! If the train was going to Limerick whereas he wished to go to Cork, well, it was a pleasant train, and he was in no hurry, and he might as well go with it, to Limerick or to any other place where he could find a meal and lodging for the night. And so this knight errant went from Dublin in the north to Cork in the south by way of Limerick in the west.

What a nice start for an Editorial! Of course the Editor is a nice man. M.E.L.



THE SHRINE OF ST. JUDE

THERE was a steady increase during last summer of pilgrims to the Shrine of St. Jude. We have had visitors from Australia, Hong Kong, America, Canada and Ireland. General interest in the Shrine is growing. We cannot put in attendance at the Shrine all the time. People come in and out, sometimes unnoticed, so we put in a Visitors' Book. It is remarkable how quickly it is filling up.

Recently, we had a visit from Peter F. Anson who is the recognised authority in England on church furnishings. It gives me great pleasure to quote him:—

Dear Father Elias,

As the author of "*Churches — their plan and furnishings*" (Milwaukee, 1948), and

the forthcoming "*A Century of Church Furnishings, 1840-1940*," I feel I must let you know that I can honestly say that your Shrine of St. Jude is far and away the best thing of its kind that the Catholic Church in Britain has created in the past hundred years. This is my honest opinion — not trying to be complimentary.

Every detail struck me as just right, and I could find nothing to criticise. You have achieved what the Anglicans at Walsingham tried to do, but somehow failed to carry off, because their "England's Nazareth" is a fake and a sham; pretending to be something which it isn't. What I regret is that your Shrine can't be mentioned in my new book, because it is later

than 1940, but I am much tempted to add a footnote to the description of the Anglican Shrine at Walsingham, which ends the chapter entitled "Back to Baroque,"

Again, I fell in love with the Church, because it proved my pet theory that if an ordinary or even ugly building is filled up with good "junk," the final result is always satisfying.

The aged Sir Ninian Comper used to say that "Beauty can only be achieved

by Inclusion," and you have certainly done this in the converted cinema at Faversham.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

PETER F. ANSON.

We are adding a few more ceramics to the Shrine and I am thinking of putting up an outside frieze about three feet high done in coloured tiles. The roof of the Shrine is flat and it is inclined to look rather squat until one is inside.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

IN general, people are delighted with our Christmas cards, particularly in Ireland. It is difficult to buy Christmas cards in country districts early enough for posting to America and Australia and our cards came in very useful for thousands of people.

It is an experiment. We want to know if it would be worthwhile to send out Christmas cards independently of the *Carmelite News*. We will know the answer by Christmas time. Strangely enough, and with reason, many people do not like to receive Christmas cards on sale by post; they prefer to pick their own Christmas cards; but many people have not time to do this. In lonely county villages Christmas cards do not appear before the first of December and even then the subjects are not religious. On the whole, the experiment looks like being a success. Next year, if we decide to do it again, the cards will be sent with a notice on the envelope that if they are not required they can be sent back free of postage—in other words, we will pay the return post. That, I think,

will satisfy everyone. Those who need the Christmas Cards will have them and those who don't need them can send them back.

The scheme is run to provide a Bursar in honour of St. Jude for the training of a Carmelite student for the priesthood. Leaving aside the spiritual purpose, I am not interested in printing Christmas cards.

You may like to know that the designs are all our own, that they are printed on a lithographic machine in the Carmelite Press and that we like most of the designs ourselves.

Here is a letter from Killorglin, Co. Kerry:—

Dear Father,

Your Christmas cards were welcomed by the whole family, but regretted you had not sent more than six! If you can possibly manage it please send six more. Thanks again, and pray for us sometimes.

Yours gratefully,

A. O'S.

THE NEW COLLEGE

WE have just opened a new college at Charlton Kings in Cheltenham. It is a new area which includes part of the city of Gloucester and there is a great opportunity for a successful and prosperous school. In reality it is a remove. The school for boys which we conducted at Llandilo in South Wales was too much out of the way and we decided to open this new school in Cheltenham. The vacant

college, known as St. Mary's, Llandilo, is now the house for Professed students where they will do their philosophy. It will be solely for religious students. It also means that it will cost us much more money to support the place because it will have no outside revenue.

Thank you for helping us this year. We hope you will continue to help us next year.

THE HOLY CHILD

PLEASE remember the Christmas Novena to the Holy Child of Prague. The Shrine has been redecorated and relit. You will also see that we have a Burse to educate a student in honour of the Holy Child of Prague. It is wonderful how that little statue works its way into the love of the people. We very often find children from the street who know very little about the devotion and who are not Catholics, coming in to gaze upon it, but they have a very lovely name for it — they call it "The Baby Jesus." I think it is as good a name as any I have heard.

As I look out from my office window I can see the leaves of the chestnuts over the way putting on the gold of Autumn.

Another week or two and the leaves will be on the ground. Winter will be on us.

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 ◆ I wish you all a happy
 ◆ Christmas, fine weather
 ◆ and the Blessing of the
 ◆ Holy Child
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The Novena commences with Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and ends on the Feast of the Divine Infant Jesus of Prague, January 2nd.

 * We can arrange supplies of religious Christmas cards *
 * and envelopes to shops *

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MEMORIAL CARDS

We have a large number of Mass cards in black and white. One shows the Crucifixion and the other the Head of Christ.

The fashion in memorial cards and Mass cards is rapidly changing. The old ornate cards in silver and black are a dying fashion. These new cards are neat, and also cheap. They cost threepence.

ceive the last Sacraments and give his home address in Ireland, then passed on to greet his heavenly Mother.

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 3, CHARLEMONT ROAD,
 WALSALL.

October 9th, 1958.

Dear Father,

RECOGNISED

—○—
 Mrs. C. Thompson writes of a Scapular incident in the First World War. She was a young nurse in a London fever hospital at the time, and one day a young man suffering from typhoid was brought in in a state of coma. It so happened—or Our Lady arranged it so—that an Irish Catholic sister and a nurse were on duty in the ward at the time, otherwise the brown strings with the piece of cloth attached would never have been recognised for what it was. It was the remains of a Brown Scapular. Needless to say, the priest was quickly on the scene, the poor patient revived long enough to re-

You will be pleased to learn that in answer to your prayers for my brother, he died a most holy and happy death on September 25th. It was most edifying. He said that he was so happy and full of joy that he was unable to express it and repeatedly kissing the crucifix, he glorified God for all that He had done for him. This was immediately following our expectation of his death on Wednesday, the feast of Our Lady of Mercy. He promised to pray for everyone and asked us to thank God very much, not to be sad and to celebrate on the following day, which was the day he died. He attributed his conversion to Our Lady of Lourdes saying that he was forced to believe whether he wanted to or not. He

said the Rosary continually after his conversion and was invested in Our Lady's Scapular. He had a happiness and gaiety which were entirely alien to him and his death was very thrilling to witness. I have only time available to give you these few words but perhaps some day I may be able to tell you all that transpired, for if a proof were ever needed of the direct answer to prayer, this was it.

I and my family thank you most fervently for the many prayers and Masses offered up and shall always pray for you and consider ourselves in your debt.

Yours in Our Lord,

MR. & MRS. L. M. G. and FAMILY.

P.S. — Do you think we could finish the job between us by praying for the conversion of his wife and two sons?

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BROWN SCAPULARS

The Carmelite Nuns in Blackburn have made a large quantity of Brown Scapulars for us. We can send you any number you require.

OBITUARY

We regret to record the death in Faversham of MARY ANNE BRIDGET SMITH, a professed member of the Third Order Secular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. R.I.P.

Please pray for BRIDGET O'BRIEN, a friend to the Shrine of St. Jude. R.I.P.

THANKS

My grateful thanks to Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. Jude, and St. Anthony.

D. Bennett.

Belated thanks to St. Jude for a favour received.

M. Thompson, Blackburn.

Thanks to Fr. Titus Brandsma, for a favour received.

M. Cunningham.

Thanks to Venerable Father Cyril, for favour.

Mary Walsh.

My thanks to Saint Jude for prayers answered.

Mrs. Moran.

Thanks to the Sacred Heart and to St. Jude for help in time of great trial.

A. J. Allen.

Thanks to St. Theresa for success in an operation.

J. Sullivan.

Grateful thanks to St. Jude, the Infant Jesus of Prague, and the Sacred Heart, for a great favour.

B. Farrell.

My thanks to St. Jude.

M. McLoughlin.

Thanks to St. Jude.

Mary Baxter.

Other thanks held over for Feb. issue.

Our Coming Novenas

SAINT JUDE - - -

Dec. 16th — Dec. 24th

THE DIVINE INFANT of PRAGUE

Dec. 24th — Jan. 2nd

THE HOLY FAMILY - - -

Dec. 31st — Jan. 8th

OUR BURSES

	Already acknowledged	Increase
The St. Jude Burse No. 2	£57 5 0	now £167 5 6
Holy Child of Prague Burse	2 15 0	10 2 6
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Burse	2 17 6	4 7 6
Our Lady of Lourdes Burse	17 6	3 15 6
Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Burse	15 0	10 15 0
Little Flower Burse	1 2 6	7 7 6
Sacred Heart Burse	2 5 0	4 5 0
St. Anthony Burse	2 5 0	4 12 6
St. Joseph Burse	—	2 10 0
St. Kilian's Burse	—	—

We have reduced the number of Burses, by using the odd balances of those that are discontinued to pay student expenses of the current year.

Our Lady keep you! Yours in Carmel

M. E. Lynch O.T.