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## The Dead List.

WE are sending out the Dead List early as usual because we find by experience that our members prefer it that way. People like to have a few weeks notice in order to make up their subscriptions.

The month of November is dedicated to the memory of the Holy Souls. Holy Church teaches us that we can help them by our prayers, and that they can help us by theirs. The quick and the dead are all one in the mystical Body of Christ. Ours is the life of struggle — theirs is the way of penance. In God's time we hope that the Beatific Vision will be the reward of us all.

Remember now that it is our duty to pray for all, for those who are near and dear to us, for those who have befriended us equally with those who have offended or done us harm. One day, we too will pass on, and in our turn will utter the age long plea of Job for those who dwell in the shade, "Have mercy on me, at least you my friends, for the Hand of the Lord hath touched me." Charity!

## Making a Will.

TALKING about the Dead List reminds me to say that everyone ought

to make a Will and there are many ways of **doing me a good turn in the doing of it.**

Making a Will has nothing to do with **dying**; but nearly every day in our correspondence I come up against the crazy and sometimes fantastic results that come from neglect of this **ordinary** precaution. The other day I had to advise on a case where the cousin of a priest kept house for him. She entrusted all her savings to the extent of nearly £10,000 to his keeping and he invested it with his own money. The agreement was an amicable one. Both were quite happy about it; but he sat down to eat his lunch one day and died at the table. Of course, there was no Will, there was no strict account of interest on either side in his estate and now it is only by the exercise of great charity and understanding between his relations, that justice can be established in the matter. Meanwhile, the cousin concerned is living penniless and without income.

When you make a Will **remember the needs of God.** Remember that in what He has given you, you are the **stewards** of His bounty. Give him a **little back** in thanksgiving. Many people arrange to make a **direct** bequest to Charity to be paid **tax free**, and sometimes after making the bequests, they direct that the **residue** of the estate (if any) be directed to a religious purpose. Sometimes it is a **little**, sometimes it is **substantial.**

In the course of this year the residue of one estate that came to us was 17/8, and in another case it was £29. Any bequests that come to me are taken over by the St. Mary's College Building and Missionary Fund and used for its purposes — Students and their needs.

## Och Aye!

WE nearly lost Brother Anthony at the Glasgow Vocational Exhibition. Only half of him came back. He left his heart in Glasgow with the Scotch Catholics. He hasn't stopped talking about them ever since, and every time he has a quiet moment he wakens up to say "when are we going to found a house in Scotland.?"

I only wish we could do it now. Meanwhile, let us recruit a few sturdy Scotch lads to become the Scotch Carmelites of the future. Maybe you can help in this!

The new Province of the Carmelites in England and Wales is not so badly off for educational facilities. We can cope with whatever comes along.

At Aberystwyth in Wales we have a college for late vocations; at Llandilo in Wales we have a Preparatory and Secondary school; at Aylesford in Kent we have a small Novitiate, and we hope to found at Cambridge, within a short while, a House of Senior Studies.

## Back to the Land.

THE Carmelites were originally hermits on Mount Carmel. When they migrated to Europe in 1240, the old heremital life had to change. They became friars in the established fashion, but it is **amazing how in the course of centuries the old eremital spirit has never died out.** It seems to linger on in the background of our life as a sort of lost Eden. Just as the old Irish used to sigh for the land of TIR NA NOG—the Land of the Ever Young, so do the Carmelites sigh for the life of the mountain, the desert and the grove.

Once there was just one Order of Carmelites. Then the old longing for the eremital life broke out fiercely in Spain under St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. The result was the establishment of the Discalced Carmelites.

### THE MOUNTAIN.

We are the original Carmelites, sometimes called The Carmelites of the Ancient

Observance. Yet amongst us, the old urge still prevails, and provision has to be made for it. At the last General Chapter held in Rome five years ago, it was decided to erect a Desert House that would receive into strict observance those who had a real vocation to it. In the month of May, the Right Reverend Father General opened at Wolfnitz, about 50 miles from Klagenfurt in Austria the first new Desert House of modern times. The Fathers who go there must remain at least a year. They have two hours meditation a day, two hours manual work, perpetual silence with the exception of two half hours a week, midnight office and they must live solely on the produce of the estate. It is a glorious opportunity for the Society of Herbalists.

The Father General tells me that he cannot possibly cope with the number of applications to go there. The situation is glorious. It is high up in the Austrian mountains and the air is as clear as crystal. Eventually it is hoped that each Carmelite will have his separate cell. There will be common table for meals, and community observance of divine offices. Maybe a day will come when we will be able to follow the example and found a similar house in the wilds of Scotland. I feel like it myself sometimes.

## Cheese.

CHEESE has never been popular in Ireland, nor is there any long established tradition in its making. Most of the cheeses made there are cream cheeses and hard cheese is imported. I well remember the pinkish yellow Canadian cheese that used to be seen in the shops—it was good food for lumberjacks.

I was reading in a letter to *The Times* some days' ago about cheeses—that "Wenslydale is the cheese that Stilton tried so hard to become." A remark like that would pass right over the heads of most people in Ireland.

The type of cheese that comes from a cheese factory depends on the type of bacteria that starts it off. It follows that you cannot have a really well educated

cheese unless you have properly educated bacteria. That reminds me of a joke on the B.B.C. about two flies. One fly was having a meal out of a garbage can, when another fly flew up and said, "Golly, there's a new restaurant down the street and all the food is packed in cellophane." "Please, please," said the other fly "not when I am eating!"

## Parade.

*Doctor:* "Don't be disturbed. Look at me! For three years I have suffered from the same disease as yourself, and I'm here still."

*Patient:* "Yes, but you haven't got the same Doctor as I have."

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During the campaign in North Africa an Infantry Colonel and the Chaplain were machine gunned driving in a jeep.

They got out and got under. When the shooting was over they resumed their journey and the Colonel said to the Chaplain, "Padre, why is it that clergymen live so long?" The Padre replied, "They don't really. It only seems a long time—it is like being in gaol."

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*Barrister:* "Now, sir, did you or did you not, on the date in question, or at any other time, say or even intimate to the defendant or anyone else, whether friend or acquaintance, or, a stranger, that the statement imputed to you, whether just or unjust, and denied by the plaintiff was a matter of no moment or otherwise? Answer me yes or no?"

*Witness:* "Yes or no what?"

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**This is a sad story. He was determined to live to be a hundred.**

He brushed his teeth twice a day.

His doctor looked him over twice a year.

He wore rubbers when it rained.

He slept with the windows open at least eight hours every night.

He eat great quantities of fresh vegetables.

He got rid of his tonsils and several worn out glands.

He never smoked, drank or lost his temper.

He did his daily dozen and took plenty of exercise.

The funeral will be next Wednesday.

He forgot to keep to his own side of the road.

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Most people would hate to go through life without eating meat. A diet of vegetables, either boiled or fresh, looks somehow insufficient. But people become vegetarians for various reasons and one of them is theological.

Some people believe in the reincarnation of souls. They believe that the human soul must go on and on in this life until it achieves liberation. If you are very good you go up a step and if you are very bad you go down a step in the grade of living.

There is on record the case of a lady who left her entire fortune to her cockerel because she imagined that the soul of her dead husband had entered into it. Her relatives decided to contest the Will but a fox took the cockerel and saved them the worry.

It has a sobering effect upon one's appetite that the mid-weekly rabbit might possibly be your grandmother. Makes one think!

## Intercessions to St. Jude.

Dear Rev. Father,

I must tell you of a wonderful answer to prayer to Our Lady and St. Jude.

My niece was married to a non-catholic who promised all things and they were married in Church. Two boys were born and baptized there, but when it came time for them to go to school the father forbade their going to a Catholic school or even hearing about the Faith. This caused great trouble, and even my niece stopped going to Mass and to her duties. This went on for years. In the end she became seriously ill, so I wrote to the Parish Priest and asked him to visit her; at the same time I began a

Novena to Our Lady and St. Jude. The priest was refused admission by the husband. The priest said that he would persevere and go twice a day and would I pray hard. On the second day he was admitted to the house, but the husband insisted on being present when he saw my niece. The best he could do was to give her conditional absolution because she was very ill. The husband would not allow her to be anointed. On his third visit the husband said, "Do what you like." She was anointed and he said the prayers for the sick and dying and brought Holy Viaticum. This time the husband knelt and listened. The next day when the priest came she had passed away in peace with God. She was buried from the Church after Requiem Mass.

Can you wonder that I wept, not in sorrow but in joy when I read the priest's letter. I am 76 and could not

go to the funeral, but an even greater joy followed. I had a letter from the husband telling me about this, and this is what he said. "I am very much impressed by your priests and the prayers and ceremonies that they carry out, and if they were all like this one you would have hundreds of converts."

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Mrs. S. GRUPPETA, Malta, G.C., thanks St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr for special favour. Also, EMANUEL AZZOPARDI renders his thanks.

Mrs. M. S., Edinburgh, is grateful to St. Jude for repayment of a debt.

Mrs. J. MOLONEY gives thanks to St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel for a little baby girl—CARMEL. Four other babies died. Say a little prayer for Carmel.

## Our Burses.

	<i>Already acknowledged.</i>	<i>Increase.</i>
The St. Jude Burse No. 2 ...	£89 15 6	now £145 1 7
Holy Child of Prague Burse ...	41 11 6	270 13 0
The Holy Face Burse ...	67 14 0	72 8 8
M. & J. O'Loughlin Burse ...	600 0 0	—
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Burse	5 0 0	12 5 0
Little Flower Burse ... ..	3 11 6	4 18 9
St. Anne Burse ... ..	—	—
St. Anthony Burse ... ..	—	—

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £150 towards the Holy Child of Prague Burse.

We have a Prayerbook picture in full colour of "Our Lady of Ireland" with an ancient Irish prayer to Our Lady, which may be had for the asking.

Plaques of St. Jude in two sizes—laminated plastic. 15/- and 25/-  
Wrought Iron Clip Stand. 6/-

### OUR COMING NOVENAS

THE LITTLE FLOWER	Sept. 25th—Oct. 3rd
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	Sept. 29th—Oct. 7th
SAINT JUDE	Oct. 20th—Oct. 28th

Our Lady keep you! Yours in Carmel. M. E. LYNCH, O.Carm.