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"Christianus mihi nomen est Catholicus vero Cognomen."—(Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname—St. Pacien, 4th Century)

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LITTLE SHEPHERD

Little Shepherd in the straw,
Dost Thou need to feel the cold?
Let the winds blow bleak and raw,
There is warmth within Thy fold.

Oh, the burning of the hearts
Of Thy best beloved sheep!
And art weeping bitterly?
What a heat their love imparts,
Love that hath no care to sleep.

"I know mine and mine know me,"
See, they gather at Thy bed,
Lowly shepherds that would be
Only Thy dear sheep instead.

Humble Joseph, silent sheep,
Dumbly answering Thy call;
And in adoration deep
Mary, gentlest lamb of all.

Little Shepherd, Thou art cold,
And art weeping bitterly;
Can it be because Thy fold
Lacks a worthless sheep like me?
—REV. HUGH F. BLUNT, LL. D.

PIUS XI'S MESSAGE

His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, has been pleased to deliver personally to the Most Reverend Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco and Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the following message for publication in the Christmas Supplement:

"The Holy Year of 1925 has brought ineffable consolation to the heart of the Holy Father. The multitude of pilgrims who come from all parts to gain in the holy Roman basilicas the spiritual treasures of the Holy Jubilee, has given the most striking and eloquent proof of the divine prerogative of the Holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church.

"Their coming from all parts of the world, even the most remote; from countries separated from Rome by the greatest difficulties of travel, has shown in impressive manner the Universality of the Church. On their arrival at Rome, they have felt one thing only—the love of the Mother Church, the love of the Common Father, the Vicar of Jesus Christ, and so they have realized, feeling it themselves and letting it be seen by others, the holy unity of the divine and perfect Society that Jesus founded on Peter, promising him assistance until the consummation of the world.

"This has been the very consoling fact which has been renewed every day of the year of the Holy Jubilee. The Holy Father sees in the joy that he has continuously brought to his heart the principal reason why he has never been overcome by fatigue, and has always been able to find himself in the midst of his children, the pilgrims, seeing them one by one, and speaking to each group that sought his presence.

"For these consolations the Holy Father has not sufficient words to thank the Lord and all those by whom the Lord was served, for procuring for him such heartfelt joy."

INFALLIBLE SCIENTISTS

London, Nov. 16.—Self-appointed authorities—particularly scientists—who build up big reputations with "infallible" pronouncements which have little or no foundation in fact, were dealt with drastically by Hilaire Belloc, when he lectured here this week to a gathering of Catholic university students.

"The confusion between hypothesis and ascertained truth—between a guess and a fact—was the intellectual disease of the day, said Mr. Belloc, and though Catholics of all people ought to be on their guard against it, they could not help being affected by it.

"People are forming opinions and annexing them to the field of science; taking things as proofs which are not proofs; failing to distinguish between what is probable, what is possible, and what is true."

The latest example of this confusion, said Mr. Belloc, was the antiquity of man. A person finds a bone some feet below the ground and on his own authority states how old it is and that it proves that man is descended from apes.

"The highly expert man generally takes care, and is reserved in his statements, especially of late years. It is among the others, like Wells—a half-educated man who writes for half-educated men—that you find opinions given as facts.

"It may seem curious, but some hypotheses are more firmly held than facts. The hypotheses that there were 'cave-men' is much more readily accepted than the fact that four hundred years ago all our ancestors in this country were Catholics."

CARD. MERRY DEL VAL

RECORDS THE INDELIBLE IMPRESSIONS OF DEVOTION IN ST. PETER'S

Rome, Dec. 1.—Cardinal Merry del Val, Archbishop of St. Peter's, today gave the following statement to the N. C. W. C. correspondent for use in the Christmas Supplement, in order, as he said, "to record the indelible impressions left upon my mind by the scenes which I have witnessed during Holy Year in the greatest temple of Christendom":

By CARDINAL MERRY DEL VAL

"The significance of the wonderful scenes enacted in Rome during this Holy Year when pilgrims of every nationality have thronged the churches and shrines of the Eternal City, seems to have been especially illustrated by the glorious manifestations of devotion that we have witnessed within the sacred precincts of St. Peter's great Basilica. The visible Church of Christ, with the unity of her belief, of her government and of her worship has stood out before the world in all her splendour.

"Amidst the turmoil and strife of the age in which we live, the multitudes from every nation gathered round the tomb of the Prince of the Apostles and have come in uninterrupted succession, singing the same hymn of praise and have knelt to receive the blessing of the Vicar of Christ on earth, the Father of the Faithful, the divinely constituted Shepherd of the One True Fold. Europe, Asia, Africa, America and the islands of all the seas were assembled there before the Throne of the Fisherman. They came with holy joy and hope, and none were turned away. They were of different speech and yet their language was one.

"When Peter spoke in the voice of Pius, each one heard his words as if uttered in his own tongue. They have returned home, glorifying and praising God for all the things they have heard and seen, fortified by the graces they have received, more closely linked together by the bonds of charity, more confident in the certainty of their faith, changeless and unchanged, as truth must ever be, more lovingly devoted to the church built upon the Rock of Christ Our Lord for the salvation of men."

POPE URGED TO ISSUE PEACE ENCYCLICAL

London, Eng.—An appeal from the laity to the Holy Father to issue an encyclical on world peace is proposed by Mr. F. F. Urquhart, Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford, and a noted Catholic.

Mr. Urquhart thinks such a pronouncement would have a tremendous effect at a time like the present when so many people outside the Church look to the Catholic Church for guidance.

He suggests that the matter should be taken up in due form by an appeal, first of all, to the Church authorities here to put the matter before the Pope.

ANCIENT ABBEY WILL BE PRESERVED

London, Eng.—Eglington Abbey, near Barnard Castle, an old Catholic relic, has been taken over by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Monuments, which will safeguard it against the ravages of time. It was handed to the care of the society by its owner Major H. E. Morrill. The late Mr. R. A. Morrill, bore the cost of a scheme between thirty and forty years ago for preserving the ruins, but in recent years signs of decay have been noticed and immediate attention alone can save the remains of the old building.

The abbey dates from the Norman period and some of the old mullioned windows and tracery still remain. It was formerly the home of the Premonstratensians or White Canons.

No service had been held in it since the Reformation until four years ago, when clergy from St. Benet's Sunderland, sang a solemn requiem Mass in the ruins, attended by some Catholic cadets who were camping in the neighborhood.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

ITS MEASURELESS INFLUENCE IN EXORCISING SELFISHNESS AND PROMOTING GOOD WILL

By Rev. W. J. Kerby, S. T. L., LL. D.

It would be difficult to exaggerate in describing the influence of the spirit of Christmas as a moral and social force in our national life. The precedence that Christmas Day enjoys in social imagination is welcome proof of the presence of great reservoirs of nobility in the human heart. The effect of its spirit in refining life, in setting forth the ugliness of sin and selfishness, in suggesting the correction of behavior and in clothing personal ideals with new dignity is beyond measure.

Our civilization makes a fundamental appeal to selfishness and corroborates its operation in our attitude toward the getting of wealth. The competitive spirit that tends to set personal interest forward among our solitudes and to shrink imagination and sympathy into harmony with it. The passion for property clouds spiritual insight only too often. The desire for power and the instinct for self-assertion act, to a great extent, without effective interference. Life on the whole is so selfish under the pressure of prevailing philosophy that we think and act selfishly and we shape our sense of duty in a way that interferes as little as possible with the axioms that selfishness accepts.

THE DIGNITY OF SERVICE

Our Divine Saviour sets over against the impulses of self-seeking, the divine sanctions of the spirit of renunciation and service. He offers the divine law of giving as a discipline of the human practice of getting. He teaches us essential reverence for human life, the law of sympathy, the dignity of service and the intangible compensations of high and noble trust in divine Providence. This spirit is beautifully indicated in words whose authorship unfortunately escapes memory:

"The law of life leads away from poverty as a social condition and toward poverty as a spiritual condition."

Christmas day is accepted in the Christian world as the birthday of Jesus Christ. The Christmas spirit which is the outgrowth of that commemoration symbolizes the spiritual law of life and the refined sweetness of unselfishness. The fundamental dignity of Christmas results from our reverent belief in Jesus Christ as Saviour, Master and Friend. The Christmas spirit is the social and mental outcome of the Christian faith. When we speak of that spirit we think of it as it operates in social relations, correcting and refining them and giving intimation of what the world might be if the teaching of Christ prevailed.

One of the effects of the Christmas spirit is found in the refining and refreshing of family affection. The exigencies of life separate countless husbands and wives for long intervals. Children scatter in many directions to seek their livelihood or to take their intended places in the world. Since association is a large factor in family affection, this enforced separation of the members of the family tends to its very nature to weaken the family bond and to deprive it of the refining influence of active family affection.

The traditions of Christmas work directly toward family reunion. Heroic efforts are made to bring all of the members of a family together even at the cost of much effort and expense when both involve hardship. Planning and thinking of family reunion at Christmas time revives in a most subtle way the memories of childhood and rears the claims of the family bond upon our better selves. We live again in the terms of family ideals and we find unaccustomed joy in the days that are spent together at Christmas time. It is impossible to measure but easy to believe the extent to which we are all refined by this experience. In a time like our own when lamentable processes seem to weaken family ties, it is encouraging to reflect upon the extent to which reverence for the Christmas spirit and obedience to its impulses help to save to us the ennobling influence of the family bond. Even when circumstances hinder actual reunion of families, the exchange of gifts, the writing of letters and acts of unselfishness and thoughtfulness, converging in strengthening family affection and ensuring enduring refinement in every heart that is thus touched.

SANCTITIES OF FRIENDSHIP

The wider circles of friendship feel the quickening influence of the Christmas spirit in an analogous way. There is a sanctity in refined friendships which is a most important factor in our personal nobility. Here again the exchange of gifts and of letters and the stirring of memories operate in awakening personal ideas and recalling associations which strengthen the better self and thereby ennoble us.

The spirit of Christmas is essentially identified with the happiness of children. It is their day pre-eminently. For the moment, parents set aside the cares of life, the worries that they carry and the solitude that robs them so often of their peace. Wherever children are found in Christian homes, the thought of them is uppermost and the effort to make them happy engages universal attention. The intensity with which they feel their pleasures is a lesson to their elders whose capacity for joy is reduced by the erosion that results as the cares of life sweep over their souls. We are old indeed in years and in living when we cease to share the Christmas joys of children.

One social and moral effect of the spirit of Christmas is found in the bringing about of reconciliations. We are all familiar with the extent to which misunderstanding, thoughtlessness and resentment embitter hearts, disrupt families, break friendships and leave in their train evidences of abiding bitterness in human hearts. The good will and thoughtfulness that spring out of the spirit of Christmas suggest reconciliations and urge us to effect them, with singular appeal and authority. Men and women estranged from one another who might be reluctant if not ashamed to make advances at any other time in the year feel little hesitation when good will becomes the law and kindness is the guiding spirit of national life. The social effects of such good feeling play a superb role in reuniting lives and in cleansing hearts of all the continuing consequences of estrangement and bitterness. We would be poor indeed and unhappy were we to lose from our common life these ennobling promptings of the Christmas spirit.

CHARITY INVESTED WITH DIGNITY AND CHARM

Another social effect of the spirit of Christmas which is of far-reaching consequence is found in the happiness that is derived from kindness to the poor. Unfortunately the poor are isolated from us socially and physically, and we tend to lose the imagination, sympathy and contact that condition Christian relations among men. The traditions of Christmas bring the poor within the range of our immediate solicitude and prompt us to correct our relations toward them. The authority of selfishness is questioned. The appeal of the helpless is made more strong and invested with spiritual sanctions. Glad obedience is given to the impulse that urges us into the pathways of charity. The claims of Christian idealism upon the successful are recognized with joy. Gifts to the poor take on a dignity that has charms unknown to business success.

Whether or not these effects are transitory is beside the question. We know that sympathy is stirred, that generosity is prompted, that kind actions are performed and that our greatest joy at Christmas time is in giving rather than receiving. Every one of these experiences makes us nobler for the time being and, therefore, nobler for all time.

We find in the quickening of spiritual instincts another happy effect of the Christmas spirit. It may be that the theological significance of Christmas is more in evidence than its quieter spiritual tone. However, those who are willing to make the spiritual meaning of Christmas most conspicuous have abundant opportunities to do so. If they fail at this point the failure is their loss. Christmas is what we make it. It is not difficult to make it an outstanding Christmas experience as well as opportunity for kindly service to others.

SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL SEARCHES OUT HEARTS

We should not overlook the enhanced appeal of divine faith in the elaborate ceremonial and the enriching music of Christmas worship. Nor should we underrate the spiritual value of good wishes mutually exchanged when these wishes are the outgrowth of our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Christmas is the time of good will. Only those of good will feel that its spirit searches out their hearts and gives them the help of which they have need in keeping their lives in harmony with the law of divine life. The spirit of Christmas helps us to correct all personal and social tendencies which react with serious harm upon character and rob us of our peace. It is well for us to hold that spirit in profound reverence, to respect its authority and to yield to its dictates with generous good will. Every noble impulse of which we are conscious is strengthened by the reinforcement of the Christmas spirit. Those who find joy in being noble at all, find that joy greatly augmented at Christmas time. Those in whom mean traits lurk find themselves forced to reflection and correction. Those who can resist the prompting of the Christmas spirit indicate barrenness of life that is little short of tragic. We owe it to ourselves, we owe it to our

civilization, we owe it to Christ to do our utmost to keep the spirit of Christmas strong in personal life, active in family life and vigorous in national life. In obeying this obligation we vindicate our spiritual dignity and we make way for the coming of Christ into each life and into all lives.

ARCHBISHOP BYRNE STIRS DUBLIN

Archbishop Byrne's strong lead on the housing question is now being actively followed by the Protestant Church ecclesiastics in Dublin. Dr. Gregg, has made an impressive appeal to his flock to help in doing something for "the 26,000 families in Dublin city who are in need of houses." A Protestant rector, the Rev. D. H. Hall, has taken up the subject with the most practical enthusiasm. He is actually building, and he says he will not rest content till houses for the overcrowded tenement dwellers are provided at the rate of 1,000 homes a year.

The Rev. Denham Osborne, on behalf of the Presbyterians, declares that one room is a mockery of a home. "The death rate among the children is terrible. Think of it! For every babe carried to the grave from our own comfortable dwellings five little bodies are borne from the tenements to the cemetery. It is pitiful to witness the preventable massacre of the innocents." Everything indicates that the words spoken so pointedly by the Archbishop of Dublin at a function in the College of the Holy Ghost Fathers at Blackrock, Dublin, have awakened the social conscience.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY GET \$1,000,000 BEQUEST

Milwaukee, Nov. 20.—One million dollars is left to the Missionary Association of Catholic Women here, under the terms of the will of the late Ernest G. Miller. Mr. Miller died September 21.

The Missionary Association of Catholic Women, which received about one half the entire estate, is an organization founded in this city in 1916 by Miss Mary Gockel who died last May as the result of an accident. It seeks funds and other supplies for the aid of both home and foreign missions.

Mr. Miller's will also provides a bequest of \$500,000 to St. Francis Seminary and \$50,000 to Pope Pius XI, besides numerous smaller gifts to various charities. About a month before his death Mr. Miller was honored by the Pope with the decoration "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice."

URGES CATHOLICS TO SUPPORT RED CROSS

Cincinnati.—A message from Archbishop John T. McNicholas urging enrollment of priests and laity in the American Red Cross in the annual membership campaign is published here. The Archbishop's communication reads:

"I sincerely hope the annual membership roll-call of the American Red Cross will include practically all the names of our priests and Catholic people.

"The work of the American Red Cross is twofold: It has routine and emergency duties. It cares for those who, because of their loyalty to their country have become wards; it rises to every emergency in extending relief when disaster brings misery, suffering, hunger, pestilence and death in its wake. All this is too well known to need any word of approval from me.

"To the general commendations given only one special word need be added. We urge our priests and people to enroll in the American Red Cross, not merely from humanitarian, but from a supernatural motive. In giving, we should acknowledge the Divine Providence which has preserved us from the conditions and circumstances of our less favored brothers."

FATHER PASCHAL ROBINSON ON SPECIAL MISSION

By Dr. Alexander Mambelli (Jerusalem Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

Jerusalem, Nov. 24.—The Very Rev. Paschal Robinson, O. F. M., Apostolic Visitor to the Holy Land, and formerly a professor at the Catholic University of America, is now here in pursuance of his special mission which has to do with the various rites of the Catholic Church represented in Palestine.

Father Robinson was met at Jaffa by representatives of Monsignor Barlassina, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem; Monsignor Haggair, the Greco-Melchite Bishop of Galilee; and the Very Rev. Aurelius Marotta, the "Custos" of the Holy Land. While in Palestine Father Robinson is making his headquarters at the "Casa Nova" of the Franciscan Fathers here.

AN IMPRESSIVE REQUIEM MASS

Paris.—One of the most impressive religious observances held in Paris recently was the solemn service in the Cathedral of Notre Dame for the souls of the 3,101 priests, 1,517 religious and 385 nuns who died on the field of honor. The service was held under the auspices of the League for the Rights of Religion, and Priests who fought in the War, and the ancient basilica was hung with flags and trophies and black and silver draperies.

Cardinal Dubois presided at the ceremony which was attended by Mgr. Baudrillard, Rector of the Catholic Institute, by the Vicars Apostolic of Senegal and Sierra Leone and several bishops.

Representatives of the President of the Republic, of the Ministries of War and Navy were present. Marshal Foch and numerous generals and admirals, statesmen and prominent Catholics were included in the congregation.

A large group of religious and priests who had been blinded during the War occupied seats near the choir.

Mass was said by Father Cornic, disabled during the War. His assistants were Father Florent and Abbe Dumontet, also disabled War veterans. The sermon was preached by Abbe Henocque, an officer of the Legion of Honor.

After the Mass, the absolution was given by Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris.

THE HOLY FATHER HONORS PRESIDENT COSGRAVE

Dublin.—In conferring on President Cosgrave Knighthood of the Grand Cross of the Order of Pius IX, the Holy Father records the reasons for bestowing the honor in a Brief of Enrollment, which reads as follows:

"Beloved Son, health and apostolic benediction.

"It has always been the practice of Our Predecessors, the Roman Pontiffs, to mark their appreciation by signal favors of those leaders of the men in the public affairs of the world who are proud of their allegiance to Catholicism. Animated with the desire to follow their illustrious example and having perceived that you, Our beloved son, President of the Irish Free State, have given resplendent proof of your faith and of your devotion to Our Person, We wish to confer upon you a title of honor befitting your services and the dignity of your high office. We therefore hereby elect and create you a Knight of the First Class—that is to say, of the Grand Cross of the Pian Order, and We enroll you as a member of the same glorious company of Knights."

The Order of Pius IX, of the first class or of the Grand Cross, is one of the highest in the gift of the Holy Father, and is rarely bestowed. The Order and title are transmissible to the eldest son of the recipient. In the Annuaire Pontifical Catholique for 1925 there were but two holders of this distinction recorded, and the President is the first Irishman to have received the honor.

ANTI-CLERICALS JOIN CATHOLICS

By M. Massiani (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

Paris, Nov. 20.—It is seldom that violent anti-clericals join with Catholics in honoring the memory of a prince of the Church. But the recent celebrations on the occasion of the centennial of the birth of the great Apostle of Africa, Cardinal Lavigerie have given the unique spectacle to the world. At Biskra in Southern Algeria, at Algiers, at Tunis and at Paris majestic ceremonies have been organized in honor of the great African missionary cardinal. The celebrations were particularly brilliant at Algiers where a statue of the famous prelate was unveiled in front of the Cathedral.

Cardinal Charost, appointed Papal Legate for the occasion, numerous bishops, the Governor General of Algeria appointed as the representative of M. Painleve, the general commander in chief of the Army of North Africa and the admiral in command of the Mediterranean squadron gathered round the statue of the prince of the Church and bowed their heads in tribute to his memory.

The Governor-General of Algeria, M. Violette, is perhaps the most ardent of the radical deputies who upheld M. Herriot's anti-clerical policies in the Chamber. Yet, before the statue of Cardinal Lavigerie his address was a splendid panegyric of the great Churchman. Such was the nobility of this great figure, such the influence of his intelligence and his generosity, that nothing but admiration surrounds his memory; men of every party and of every creed, the Grand Rabbi of Algiers as well as the leaders of the native Mohammedans united in glorifying him.

CATHOLIC NOTES

Akron, Ohio, Dec. 1.—The cornerstone of a \$100,000 club house for Akron council, Knights of Columbus, was laid on Sunday. The occasion also marked the silver jubilee anniversary of the council.

London, Nov. 16.—The president of the Board of Education, Lord Eustace Percy, has made a reassuring statement declaring that his department has no intention of holding a pistol at the heads of Catholics in the matter of the blacklisted schools.

Vienna.—"The Ghosts of Spiritism," a new book by J. Godfrey Raupert, K. S. G., well known Catholic writer on spiritistic phenomena, who lectured on the subject in America a few years ago, has created a sensation here. In this book the author discusses the spiritual dangers involved in experimentation with the occult.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Francis W. Rosenberger of this city has been awarded the Heffron Scholarship in the College of Medicine of Syracuse University, awarded annually to the member of the Senior class showing the greatest aptitude for medical studies. Mr. Rosenberger is a graduate of the Christian Brothers Academy here.

London, Dec. 1.—Ex-King Manuel of Portugal who lives in exile in London attended this week the annual celebration of St. Edmund's college, Ware. Addressing the students he said peace would only come to the world when men's consciences were at peace—when men showed by their interior lives a recognition of the claims of religion, of faith and of God.

Mexico City.—The National Fathers' Association, an organization designed to protect parental rights and safeguard the religious training of children, has been formed here and is doing effective work. It was organized to combat the anti-religious tendencies of the government. The Association offers legal opposition to all moves tending to injure the spiritual rights of the child or to interfere with parental control of education.

On the occasion of the recent jubilee festival of the Catholic Institute of Paris, His Holiness the Pope presented to the library of the Institute about 500 volumes, among them being photographic reproductions of the most precious manuscripts of the Vatican Library. There were included also a number of choice publications selected by the Vatican Library, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Sacred Archaeology.

Paris.—The composer Widor, permanent secretary of the Academy of Fine Arts, has announced that an American woman, Mrs. Newbold Edgar, has offered on her own initiative to donate the money necessary to renovate the great organ of the Church of St. Sauveur aux Andelys, now in a bad state of disrepair. This organ is one of the finest specimens of the ancient art of the organ-maker. It was built at the beginning of the Seventeenth century, about 1620, for a Cistercian abbey, by an artist whose name is not known.

The Rev. M. J. Foley, Editor of the Western Catholic of Quincy, Ill., has been commissioned as a Chaplain in the Reserve Corps of the United States Army with rank as Major. Father Foley has been editor of the Western Catholic for eighteen years. For more than ten years he has been Chaplain of the Illinois State Soldiers' Home at Quincy. During the World War he was active in Liberty Loan, Red Cross and allied war drives as a "four-minute" speaker. He is President of the Diocesan School Board of the Springfield (Ill.) diocese.

St. John, N. B.—William J. Maynes of this city, a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N. S., has been awarded the Rhodes Scholarship from Nova Scotia for 1926. Mr. Maynes received his early education in St. Malachi's School here and at St. John High School. Before going to St. Francis Xavier's, he attended St. Joseph's College, Memramcook, N. B. He was a noted athlete and was chosen as one of the members of the Canadian Olympic Team in 1924. Since his graduation from college he has taken post-graduate work in botany and anthropology at Harvard.

Brooklyn, Nov. 20.—"Delbarton," a four hundred acre estate with a magnificent mansion between Morristown and Mendham, N. J., has been purchased by the Benedictine Fathers and is to be converted into an Abbey and boarding school for boys preparing for college. All details of the transaction have been arranged, although the actual transfer of title will not take place until next month, according to announcement made in the Tablet of this city. The estate has many historic associations having served as a camping ground for Washington's army during the Revolution.