by paying her pew rent in St. Hilary's church, and hearing Mass frequently in her parish church, and when travelling she found it

on Christmas Eve was that a He loved the poor because they sprained ankle had kepther at home were the Christ Child's poor, and his

she thought to herself, and Eve took up a recent magazine, only to put it down with a frown of impa-

Irish blue eyes and her soft Irish called them, and never once did he tongue came quickly at her call, miss putting a bunch of violets on the aping up the logs on the hearth, the altar at St. Bride's for his fanning it into a blaze with the hand-carved bellows. Miss Lisle so much about his doin's because I glanced at her a moment; the girl was housemaid to his aunt where he was so deft and quiet, her service lived. I only left there to come was a pleasure, yet tonight she here, Ma'am, and he told me to, seemed less adept than usual and because I had to have good wages her mistress saw that the girl's eyes were red with weeping. She said nothing, however. It was one of her cardinal axioms not to talk to servants; it encouraged them to impose on your good them to impose on your good there she thought and she was either the part of the said; which is a long time ago. She'll treat you right, child, and do your best for her. She needs a heart to help her what there's the heak door hell nature, she thought, and she was — but there's the back door bell, surprised when Katy timidly spoke Ma'am, and perhaps it's Terry with

wanted me to ask if I might phone an order on your phone? The service phone is out of order and "Is there anything you'll be

Liste replied, as she toasted her lame ankle at the blaze. "Telephone anything you wish."

She sat quietly as the girl stepped to the telephone, hearing half unconsciously the pretty brogue as it rolled into the instrument. "Terry please; yes it's Terry Burke I want. Terry, is it yourself? Where's our turkey, boy? It's me Kathleen, sure. No, it isn't here yet and Cook's that cross! Bring it right up, that's a dear.
I'll be at the basement door
for ye, and Terry, could ye
take back a parcel for Mother? I
can't get off till after nine, and I couldn't go home you know, on account of the quarantine. You're an angel, Terry. What! The doctor! No, Terry darlin', it can't be true! Not Doctor Bland! The Christ Child wouldn't let him die on Christmas Eve! Well, goodbye,

Katy turned away from the instrument to find her Mistress' eyes fixed on her, and she said

takin' so long, but it's me brother

angel doctor. He worked over them day and night, and sent the mother a nurse, and her own son couldn't have been kinder than he.

And now-" the girl suddenly burst into tears and covered her face with her hands, then turned to leave the room. Miss Lisle hated tears. She cried. She considered it unladylike, as much so as it was ungentlemanly for a man to swear. Both were unnecessary exhibitions of feeling and should be curbed. There was something so spontaneous and heartfelt about the grief of the usually smiling girl, however, that even her mistress' cold heart was

friend and everybody's servant!
Even Father Casey isn't better
loved and he's a saint on earth.
Doctor Bland was hurryin' to a they don't think he'll live through they night. Ah wirra! Such a Christmas for the poor, with their best friend gone to heaven! He served them like their brother and thought of pay when served them like their brother and thought of pay when the served them like their brother and thought of pay when the served them see felt for never had thought of pay when they weren't able to meet his bill, him as could have been the doctor for all the rich folk on the drive Many's the day they came to Doctor Cyril and he turned them off and went to some poor body that hadn't a penny to bless himself with!"

"They say he loved the poor ecause he had none of his own to when convenient, though she was love, some lady turned him down to toten enough at home to be seen frequently in her parish church, and when travelling she found it seldom possible to hear Mass.

The cause of her dissatisfaction on Christmas Eye Was that the least of him! She'd be proud to black his shoes if he cared for her. He leved the poor because they sprained ankle had kept her at home from a proposed trip to Palm Beach for the holidays, and she was forced to be at home for Christmas. It was stupid to say the least. What on earth could she do all Christmas day, kept in the house, with her foot before her?

"Thank goodness I can always"
"What did he do on Christmas were the Christ Child's poor, and his heart was all filled up with love for Christmas Eve, and if he knows anything at all now, he's worritin' because his people will miss their christmas from his bein' sick—I know the heart of him!"
"What did he do on Christmas

queried Miss Lisle Oh, baskets for all kinds of people Ma'am. Old ladies he knew as had no children, old men whose children Full of Christmas, as usual," weren't good to them; babies whose said. "It is impossible to find a mothers were dead; lame boys and sane said. It is impossible to find a same story in the month of December. How cold the wind whistles round the house! I must have more fire on the hearth," and she rang for wood, somewhat impetuously.

Red-cheeked Katy, with her sweet them to the 'lonesome ones' as he will be averaged by the start of the control of the same said. It is impossible to find a mothers were dead; 'lame boys and girls, and, queer enough Ma'am, below the hearth, and she will be specially maiden ladies who had no folks he always sent things to.

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When flowers were dead; 'lame boys and girls, and, queer enough Ma'am, below the hearth,' and she range folks he always sent things to.

When flowers were so high you could scarce look at 'em he sent them to the 'lonesome ones' as he will be always and the same of her. "If you please, Miss Lisle, Cook and Katy hurriedly left the room.

service phone is out of order and the turkey hasn't come from the store."

"Yes, certainly, Katy," Miss

and to her mistress.

"Is there anything you'll be wantin,' Miss? Terry says the doctor is some easier. He stopped after the hospital on the way here. If you don't want me, Ma'am. could I go out for half an hour?" timidly. "Oh yes, Katy." Miss Lisle smiled. "Some Christmas shopping, I suppose. Here, take this," handing her a gold piece, "and buy yourself something pretty."

"Oh, Miss Lisle!" Katy clasped her hands. "You are too good! May I please send it to my mother of units that are carrying on the instead? She has so much to pay out with the children's sickness and her not able to work for the quarantine. It was to Confession I wanted to go, if you please, and I thought I might burn a candle for the doctor and if I could find a few violets I would put them on the altar for his intention, for I know he'd hate to miss it, and he's too ill to think of it for himself. told me once always to go to Confession on Christmas Eve. 'It's the best gift you can make to the Christ Child, little girl,' he said, 'when He has given so much to you, give Him the precious gift of a clean soul, from selfishness and sin Thank you, Miss; excuse me for And now he's given himself, Ma'am, if he dies, for he was hurryin' to save old Biddy MaGill when he was

"Oh. I've presents for all of them, Ma'am, and Terry will take them," Katy's face brightened a little. "They're all on the mend now, thanks be to God and His angel doctor. Ho

finished with his rare smile. Suddenly she took up the tele-phone calling up the hospital where

Dr. Bland was ill.

"Yes," they answered her, the doctor was a little easier. There was a chance for his recovery if he lived through the night. He was quite conscious and they could give him any message. She was Miss Lisle—Miss Hannah Lisle. She wished them to tell Dr. Bland that she at last saw his point of view and she would try to do his Christmas Eve work as he had always done it,

that was all. They would tell him. The next hour found her busy at the even her mistress' cold heart was touched.

"What on earth is the matter, child?" she inquired not unkindly, and Katy replied:

"He's dyin', Ma'am; Terry says the doctor's dyin'. He—the angel man—that he is! Everybody's friend and everybody's servant!

The next hour foundherbusy at the telephone, shopping by phone being possible in spite of a sprained ankle, and all manner of tradespeople being glad to oblige the rich hour. A fashionable florist was ordered to send wonderful flowers to St. Bride's church as well as a large hunch of fragrant violets to huge bunch of fragrant violets to the hospital. The toy department Doctor Bland was hurryin' to a case, Ma'am, Terry says and some despatch marvellous toys to various rich man's automobile ran him down. He's at the hospital and wondering Katy. Groceries and sweets, fruits and game were

tired yet happier than she felt for many a Christmas Eve. "There's the bell for Midnight Mass at the Convent, Ma'am.' Katy timidly. "May I wish you a

Happy Christmas?'

for the Christ Child." "Ah Katy!" Miss Lisle spoke with sudden feel-ing. "I have given nothing worth while—only money. If I gave all I have the rest of my life I could never, never equal him, for he has given himself to men, as did the Christ Child so long ago on that first Christmas—himself, the best gift!

BISHOP McNICHOLAS

TO CATHOLIC WOMEN

Washington, November 17 .- Conditions in America today are most favorable to a proper presentation of the case of the Catholic Church through such agencies as the National Council of Catholic Women and its larger parent body the National Catholic Welfare Council, Bishop John T. McNicholas told the delegates and guests of the second annual convention of the Women's Council in his sermon at the Mass which opened the Convention. The which opened the Convention. The efforts of the enemies of the Church have brought about a national psychological condition, the Bishop said, which makes the people receptive to a clear presentation of the facts about the Church and is much more favorable to Catholic interests then the former condition interests than the former condition of indifference.

'You can plan many things which could not be so well formulated by those whose vision does not embrace our vast continent, and who may about the Catholic system? The rot understand the interdependence eyes of America are fixed on the of Catholic societies of women nor appreciate, as does your central organization, the value of coopera-tion. Hundreds of groups of women from the Atlantic to the Pacific are attempting varied works. You are, I assume, keeping in sympathetic touch with every organization, studying its methods, following its progress, recording its achievements, stimulating initiative where it is lacking, discouraging fussy activity and pettiness of spirit; and holding up the importance of obtaining substantial

results. FUNCTION OF CENTRAL BODY

same line of work. This study should enable you to formulate norms and to set standards, which can only be done through a central organization. It is first necessary to get things right in theory and principle. Your central office in discharging its duty does not assume authority or dictate policies, but only offers helpful suggestions whenever and wherever acceptable. For all your work you have sought and received the blessing of the supreme authority of the Church, vested in the Vicar of Christ, a blessing which is not to be under-stood as identical with approval of all the details of your work, but which invokes the guidance of the Blessed Trinity on your labors for

brothers and sisters have the scarlet fever, and I couldn't go home on account of the quarantine."

"That is too bad; you'll have to send them something. Are they very ill?" The tone was perfunctorily kind.

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Church. There are politicians beneath contempt who do not hesitate to arouse religious strife in a community and authority. The characteristics applicatio are the children of those who four hundred years ago attacked the unity and authority of the Church. These same religious denominations condemn her today because refuses to have any part in their scheme of unity. Intent upon condemnation, they never ask themselves: Can unity exist anywhere except where Christ has placed it !

'Today we face an opposition unprecedented in the history of the country-an opposition aroused by bigotry, ignorance, political and social considerations, a sensational press, a hireling propaganda and poorly informed zealots. Shall we fear and be silent, and pray for strength to bear with the persecu-We know that under Divine Providence nothing happens by chance. We have, therefore, no fear, and we must not be silent! We can have no better guiding principle at the moment than that of St. Augustine, namely, to pray as if all depended on prayer, and to work as if all depended upon our-selves. We have reason, in truth to be grateful to the forces united against us. You know how hard almost impossible, indeed—it is to arouse the American people. The League of Nations did not succeed in doing so. But within the last two years political and economic conditions, and the many reactions from the War, have created in the American people a deep sense of unrest, of dissatisfaction. They

long for a change.

NOT TIME FOR SILENCE "The forces of bigotry have focused attention on the Church. Hitherto the general attitude has been one of indifference. But now the attention of the public is unquestionably arrested—and this

hundred years. The masses are willing to listen! While they are thus receptive, shall we be silent? Shall we fail to speak out the truth, especially on those questions which are now engrossing the public mind? Shall we fail to tell liberty-leving Americans what the Chyrch make Catholic wareners what the Chyrch make Catholic wareners are so many. which are now engrossing the public mind? Shall we fail to tell liberty-loving Americans what the Church understands by liberty, how she has ever been the guardian of liberty, how her divine constitution obliges her always to expose the opportunity to prove that Catholics ever demand liberty? The present tendency towards excessive organization affords this curious paradox : propagandists, agitators and legis-lators, while talking of and pretending to extend the liberties of the people, are in reality stealing them away, and imposing the tyrannous yoke of bureaucracy. What an opportunity to give the outline of the Church's struggle in the cause of justice! Shall we fail to assure the poor and laboring classes that the Church will fight their battle with them in every just cause, and that they always have a friend in her, even though, as a friend, she cannot approve of their every action?

"Shall we not tell Americans where the Church stands on the right of private property? Shall we not make all under-stand that the Church inculcates Discussing the function of the National Council of Catholic Women, the Blshop said:

The form infancy to old age respect for all authority, domestic civil and religious? Shall we fail now to make the masses grasp the general outlines of the history of education in America, and the principal facts about the Catholic system? The eyes of America are fixed on the school question, but its vision is unfocused. Public opinion is misinformed. Liberty of education is not explained. The inalienable rights of parents are not made known. The duty of the State to safeguard these rights, as well as these which explained. of not those which are prior to the forma-tion of civil government, rather than to encroach upon, or to attempt to abolish them absolutely, is not even hinted at. The presentation of the school question is not fair. Already unjust provisions are written into the legislative books of one State. The people, misinformed and misjudging, have unknowingly been induced to employ the ballot as an agency of tyranny. Love of liberty is inherent in human heart. No human power, no form of tyranny, can eradicate it. Every encroach ment on it brings eventually its

TRUE LIBERTY OF EDUCATION

own punishment.

"Shall we fail to make every American understand the true idea of liberty of education? Can we not make it clear to the whole American people that the things the Church stands for mean the stability of civil government, mean law and order, mean the protection of life, property and home, mean the defense of liberty as it fires man from infancy to old age?

Continuing his discussion of the methods whereby the cause of the

"How did it happen you've not been home, Katy?" Miss Lisle felt a stirring of interest which surprised herself. "Doesn't Cook give you a day out every week?"

"Oh yes, Ma'am, but my little brothers and sisters have the scarlet fever, and I couldn't go home on account of the contempt who do not hesing the cont

"The Church also needs such a Our Lady and St. Joseph. through which her message can be delivered to millions. She needs great resources-not resources which will come through the revenue of parochial and diocesar channels, but resources which will come from the superabundance of all whom God has generously blessed with material possessions. Resources will not be wanting if our Catholic people be shown the need They will be quick to see the necessity and the advantage of prompt action if we but deliver the message The National Catholic Welfare Council deserves unstinted praise and encouragement for the begin-ning it has made in presenting the of the Catholic Church work should go on, but this is impossible without generous support."
As to the specific manner in which

the National Council of Catholic Women may best serve Catholic interests, the speaker declared : Your organization can belo greatly in the work of Americanization. I venture to think that in this we waste too much time in trying to prove that we are patriotic. The President of the United States knows that our country has no more loyal citizens than Catholics: the members of the Federal Congress officials throughout the nation know now genuinely patriotic Catholics are, and ever have been. Every honest inquirer can ascertain conclusively the quality and extent of our patriotism. The fact of our patriotism can be proved as clearly as the existence of the City of

Washington.

TWO THINGS TO HELP

obliges her always to espouse the cause of liberty? Shall we lose the should vote always, and according

to a conscientious judgment.
"Secondly, we should urge all
the Catholic children of the United States, whatever be the nationality of their parents, to cultivate a great love for the English language. could we not offer thousands substantial annual prizes to the children of our foreign-born citizens to stimulate their interest in the study of English? Our success, I am sure, with the children of those mother-tongue is not English to prize to operate, odorless, noiseless, and dangerless. will be extraordinary if we but perfect an organization to give them the necessary encouragement.

Let our next generation of children distributors and has a very unique foreign born parents - Poles, Ital-French, German, Jugo-and Czecho-Slavs, and all the nations of the world here gathered—feel that confidence which a perfect command of the English language will give them. Your Council may be able to give great encouragement to this study."

CHRISTMAS EVE-THE POOR LITTLE "HOLE-Y STOCKINGS

God bless the little stockings All over the land tonight, Hung in the choicest corners In the glow of crimson light: The tiny little stockings, With a hole in the heel and toe, Worn by wonderful journeys The darlings have to go.

And heaven pity the children Wherever their home may be Who wake with the first gray dawn-

ing An empty stocking to see— Left in the faith of childhood, Hanging against the wall, Just where the dazzling glory Of Santa's light will fall.

Alas! for the lonely mother, Whose home is empty and still Who has no little stockings With childish toys to fill Who sits in the deepening twilight, With face against the pane, And grieves for the little baby Whose grave is out in the rain.

Oh, empty shoes and stockings Forever laid aside: Oh, the tangled, broken shoe strings That will never more be tied! Oh, the little grave of mercy, Of the cold December rain Oh, the feet in the snow-white sandles

That can never trip again! But happier they who slumber With marble at foot and head Than the child who has no shelter, No raiment, no food, nor bed; Oh! let us help the living Children of want and pain Knowing no food nor pleasure.

Out tonight in the rain.

CHRISTMAS EVE

- ROSE TERRY COOKE

(And blessed be his name!) The night Our Lady came. He gave them food and bed And Jesus Christ has given him A glory round his head.

There was a joyous hostler Who knelt on Christmas morn Beside the radiant manger Wherein his Lord was born. His heart was full of laughter, His soul was full of bliss When Jesus, on His Mother's lap, Gave him His hand to kiss

JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The youngsters 'round where I live R busy now as BB. They never steal the jam o' nights, They never, never TT.

They CC each opportunity To make themselves of UU, And they R most particular To mind their PP and QQ.

Their Sunday-best behavior Would fill me with surprII If I (I blush to say it !

"May we not more profitably do directness every morning and eventwo things that will force others to went to some poor body that hadn't a penny to bless himself with!"
and Katy sobbed again, her apronto to her eyes.

Doctor Cyril Bland—the name stirred a far off memory in Miss Lisle's heart and slowly, a dull Lisle's heart and slowly, a dull bush spread over her cameo cheek.

Happy Christmas?

"Thank you, Katy," said Miss favorable to the Church, even though it may be due to the calumnate of the calumnate of the confidence in ourselves as the formative stage, astage which the Church, without the aid of her enemies, could not have hoped to bring about in a voice of the university of the patriotism of Catholics? First, let us have confidence, patriotic confidence in ourselves as of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that the man of Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the United States. Let us insist that every Catholic citizen of the Uni

INVENTS NEW LAMP

SAID TO BE WHITER AND CHEAPER LIGHT THAN ELECTRIC OR GAS

Ottawa. Patents have been granted by the Government to a lighting engineer by the name of Johnson, on a new lamp for burn ing ordinary kerosene oil. Thi This lamp produces a vapor from the oil which makes a blue flame that

selling plan to offer agents even offering to give one free to the first user in each locality who will help introduce this new light.

BENEDICTINE COLLEGE AT OXFORD

Oxford is more and more meas uring up to olden times, as a sign of which is the taking over of more extensive premises by the Bene-dictine monks of Ampleforth, who are enlarging their college of studies at Benet Hall. The monks have acquired the convent on Saint Giles until recently occupied by the Sisters of St. Ursula, and this will be used for Catholic undergraduates who intend to enter the priesthood after completing their academic career.

The vigor of Catholic life in this country, more particularly in the sphere of higher education, is nosphere of higher education, is nowhere better exemplified than in the University of Oxford. And all this has been accomplished within recent years, since Pope Leo XIII. removed the ban that forbade Catholics to enter the University. The ban had nothing whatever to do with any Catholic objection to university of the control of the cont versity education; but the old Protestant regime had so hedged things in with religious tests that it was impossible for any Catholic to graduate without at the same time apostatizing. In a more tolerant age these tests were removed, and on the petition of the English Bishops the Holy See removed all the restrictions. the restrictions.

Considering that Oxford owes its very foundation to the Catholics of a bygone age, this return of the Catholics of our own day to the University is a matter of particular gratification. When the ban was first removed the lay Catholic began gradually to return. Then, under a statute of the University which permits any Master of Arts to open a school affiliated with the University, which thus becomes a constituent college, the Jesuits opened a house of studies, presided over by one of their most distintinguished members. This private house of studies is now the Jesuit College of Campion Hatl.

The way of the return of the religious, opened by the Jesuits, has resulted in the Benedictines, the Franciscans, the Salesians, and, last of all, the Dominicans being now at Oxford.

The life of the University is a thing apart from the ordinary life of the city. For example, ex with the Anglicans, the cure For example, even souls in the University is totally distinct from the parochial cure of souls in the city. And so with Catholics. The ordinary Catholic citizens of Oxford have their own parish church. But the Catholic undergraduates, who are members of the University and not of the city parishes, have their own city parishes, have their own oratory and chaplain, whose ministry is confined solely to the Catholic undergraduates in the different colleges.

As things are, the University of Oxford is anything but a Catholic institution. Yet the Catholic representation, in the academic life of the University grows from year to year; and considering that the total Catholic population of the country is not large, the Catholic showing at Oxford is very creditable.

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The fishermen of Brittany, so the story goes, are wont to utter this of simple prayer when they launch their boats upon the deep: "Keep me, my God; my boat is so small, and Thy ocean is so wide." How touchingly beautiful the words and the thought. Might not the same petition be uttered with as much directness every morning and evening in our daily life: "Keep me, y God keep me from the perils d temptations that throng around as I go, so helpless, so promy g kindness."

The fishermen of Brittany, so the story goes, are wont to utter this of the Poles and his sojourn in Warsaw as Apostolic Delegate. He recalled the following words spoken by General Jeygand, Chief-of-Staff of Marshal Foch and head of the French mission to Poland, on the morning of the day the supreme battle was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the Poles and head of the Foleon and head of the French mission to Poland, on the morning of the day the supreme battle was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the Poles and head of the French mission to Poland, on the morning of the day the supreme battle was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the Capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the Capital was fought against the Bolswise under the walls of the capital