GROTESQUE LIE REFUTED

By Rev. Manuel Grana (Madrid Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

The statement recently circulated The statement recently circulated in the secular press to the effect that a woman from Teruel, Spain, had drowned herself in the river Turia in fulfillment of a vow to the Virgin of Carmel is absolutely false.

A few unscrupulous Spanish papers did, indeed, publish the story. But it has been denied by those who knew the dead woman.

those who knew the dead woman and by her family. The actual facts are as follows:
Leonor Grao had a son who had

been a soldier in Morocco for thirty-six months. During this time her husband died. To her constant anxiety for the life of her son, was added the tremendous grief for the loss of her husband to whom she was passionately devoted. A nervous breakdown was the result, with frequent nervous attacks and indications that her mind had been somewhat affected, although she never showed any suicidal tendencies of any kind.

Her son returned from Africa, and the joy of seeing him back, safe and sound, was a shock almost too great for her nervous condition. went out that evening, and the next morning her body was found in the river Turia which flows

through the city.
The first thought was that her joy had brought about a mental derangement. No one has any idea how the rumor of the vow to the Virgin spread or where it originated. Despite the most thorough investigation, no one can be found who ever heard her men-tion such a thing to anyone.

Her family, and especially her son, have protested vigorously against the statement published by a few papers, in fact they do not even admit that she committed suicide, although it is not impossible that this may have been the There has never been anything of this sort in the family of Senora Grao, which is an honorable Christian family, and it is unani-mously affirmed that, in view of the circumstances, the fall into the river may have been purely accidental. Senora Grao had always been an exemplary woman and never, at any time, had she said or done anything which would indicate that she had any thought of suicide, not even during the last few months when she showed signs of

slight mental derangement. The statement regarding the vow to the Virgin caused great scandal and surprise here. Sensible people viewed it merely as one of the many false or scandalous statements which certain papers are wont to print with regard to the Church. Only recently El Liberal, of Madrid, published a statement extremely offensive to some nuns and was to make a conspicuous retraction, This same paper was fined 350,000 pesatas, a few years ago for defamation of a religious and a young girl. In the present appear to be any basis for legal

CATHOLIC WORK AT STATE UNIVERSITY

Champaign, Ill.-More than fifty Catholic students have just been graduated from the Catholic Foundation at the University of Illinois with the close of the semester examinations. In addition to certificates from the Foundation they received full academic credit from the university for completion of courses in religious education.

The Foundation here is a pioneer effort to preserve and encourage the practice of religion by students at State educational institutions. Wholly separate from the University proper, it gives courses in the Catholic religion which are accredited by the university upon a showing that the instruction has been given by a professor having a Ph.D. degree from a university of recog-nized standing. With these re-quirements, the plan is fully ennized standing. With these requirements, the plan is fully endorsed by the university, which takes the position that religious education is so important in the should be encouraged at all points. The same privileges are open to all religious faiths.

President Kinley has been particularly favorable toward the project, while emphasizing the fact that through the plan the university is neither becoming sectarian nor using State funds to carry out the project.

The Foundation was conceived and founded by Father John A. O'Brien, Ph.D., chaplain of the eight hundred and fifty Catholic students at the University and a graduate of the Catholic University of America and of the University of Illinois. It offers three courses

his scholarship. If he is not the man of one book he is his near relative, " of that temper of mind " that "views life and faith from one point of the compass only.' He seems to be untouched by some thing that has had an influence almost revolutionary on real scholarship in the last half century-the discovery of the Middle Ages .-E. C. R

The venerable Charles W. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard University, has been described as Boston's most illustrious living "Brahman," but, however high may be his brow and profound his culture, he displays from time to time an unerring instinct for what newspapers call "a stunt."
during the last day or two he has set no incon-siderable number of millions of people in this and other countries talking about a list of ten men including Emerson — who, in his judgment, have contributed most abundantly to the education of the human race during the last 2,300

The ten men are: Aristotle, a philosopher. Galen, a doctor. Leonardo da Vinci, an artist and engineer. John Milton, a poet.

William Shakespeare, a dramatist. John Locke, an essavist.

Immanuel Kant, a philosopher. Sir Francis Bacon, a philosopher. Sir Isaac Newton, a mathemati-

cian. Ralph Waldo Emerson, an essay-

not find one preeminent educator, not even Abélard or Dante. A student who confined himself to these philosophers would scarcely know that the Middle Ages existed. For da Vinci was of the Renaissance and a classical. Such a student would be like a tourist in London whose guide-book only mentions St. Paul's. Imagine his astonishment, one day, at the discovery of Westminster Abbey!

Mill and Spencer were not the only people who opened England's eyes to truth and beauty. While they were placidly speculating, England was condemned to colleges consisting of slums and sweatshops. get rid of the wretched streets which the philosophers held to be inevitable to supply and demand, the reason would be regarded by many as that discovery of the the pre-Raphælites art; to Pugin, architecture, and to Ramsay Mac-Donald, steamship. In the pantheon built by Dr. Eliot there is no hint of the emancipation of Britain, led

education which ignores personal influences so compelling as these must leave much of life unexplained

and untouched. Dr. Eliot himself appears to acknowledge this, for he includes in his list three names which, pre-sumably, are intended to represent question whether an education so largely based on pure reason is completed by an approach to religion which excludes every teacher, however eminent, who does not subscribe to the Unitarian creed. It is not easy to see in what respect such exclusion differs from the attitude of certain States which say that they will not allow the case for evolution to be heard in their schools and colleges.

NO DIVORCE IN IRELAND

Dublin, Feb. 11.—Re-marriage after divorce has been declared illegal in the Irish Free State by the action of the Dail Fundamental Christian Apologet-ics, Moral Teachings of Religion, posed by President Cosgrave. The credit is allowed by the university.

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Trule of procedure which will prevent rule of procedure which will prevent rule of procedure of bills of divorce.

DISCOVERY OF THE
MIDDLE AGES
The following extract from an article in the New York Times by P. W. Wilson points out in a scholarly way that the scholarly Dr. Eliot is amazingly one-sided in his scholarship. If he is not the opposed the Cosgrave motion on the ground that it infringed upon the liberty of conscience. Both, how-ever, upheld the sacred nature of the marriage bond. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the Cosgrave resolution.

HONORING A GREAT PATRIOT

The proposal to do honor to the centenary of Thomas D'Arcy Mc-Gee, germinated in the mind of that organizing genius, Hon. Charles Murphy, and well on its way toward achievement, is one which while it must carry a special appeal to citizens of Irish extraction, yet challenges the sympathy and interest of Canadians irrespective of origin or creed. For of all the great figures who wrought and stood at the cradle of Confederation, none more compellingly beckons affection than this romantic Celt of tracia mercany who was a the creation of the confederation. tragic memory, who, reared in the tempestuous school of the Young Ireland movement, lived to become, in the words of Lord Mayo, "the most eloquent defender of British rule on the face of the globe."

Indeed, it is not too much to say

that this Confederation might never have been achieved, or, at least, would have been long delayed, had it not been for the full, abundant genius of Thomas D'Arcy Mc-Gee. His was the sweep and range of mind, ripened by rich scholarship, which germinated the idea; his the eloquent pen and tongue which fastened it upon the con-sciousness of the disunited prov-inces; and, to the very end, when faint hearts contributed but doubts between Galen and da Vinci—about twelve centuries or half the entire period under review—Dr. Eller the state of the final circles and fears, his was the voice that soared most confidently and most persuasively on to the final circles. was the first Canadian journalist to advocate federation. In that journal, with all the limpidity and beauty of English which added to the richness of his gifts, he preached the doctrine in issue after issue; and later on, at a time when Macdonald and Cartier time when Macdonald and Cartier and Brown were still far from cooperation, he carried his message from Upper Canada to the Maritime Provinces in a series of brilliant orations. Without the statesmangland's ship of MacDonald, the patriotism While of Cartier, and the moral courage of Brown, unity could never have been achieved; but it still stands true that without the vision, inspira-tion and eloquence of McGee their If there are today garden cities in Britain and a concerted endeavor to co-operation could have never taken

It is well that McGee's name and fame, eclipsed by his own patriotic self-effacement when Confederation the reason would be regarded by the reason would be regarded by many as that discovery of the Middle Ages which to Sir Walter with the Newman and tragic death, should be and its prevention, declared Judge and tragic death, should be revived and honored at this time. Alfred J. Talley, of the Court of Scott was romance; to Newman, revived and honored at this time. religion; to Ruskin, literature; to And it is an earnest of the success of the proposed celebration that Irish-Canadians, irrespective of politics or creed, and in the forefront of the commercial, professional and political life of the we put a somewhat generous astically to Mr. Murphy's call. The men and women of Celtic origin are held to include at least the index. of all of the founders of the world's most widely disseminated religions, namely, Confucius, Gautama, Jesus and Mohammed. Among educators

To those who hold that view the and Mohammed. Among educators of the race, none of these names is included, and possibly the omission is wise. Yet it is obvious that an

McGee must come as an awakening. Here are but a few: **Lord Shaughnessy, E. W. Beatty, Sir Vincent Meredith, Sir Herbert Holt, Sir Thomas White, Sir Clifford Sifton, Right Hon. C. J. Doherty, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Sir James Aikins, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba; Hon. R. G. Brett, Lieutenant-Governor Brunswick, the Chief Justice of Ontario, Patrick Burns, of Calgary; Hon. George P. Graham, Hon. E. J. Hon. George P. Graham, Hon. E. J.
McMurray, Hon. R. G. Beazley,
Halifax; W. F. Alloway, Winnipeg,
the Archbishops of Edmonton and
Winnipeg, the Bishops of Charlottetown, North Bay, Peterboro, and
London, Judge C. D. Macaulay, of
the Yukon; Hon. M. J. O'Brien,
Hon. G. H. Bradbury, Hon. R. F.
Green, Hon. H. B. McGiverin, Hon.
Andrew Haydon, Rev. Dr. James
Smyth, Principal Wesley, Theological College, Montreal; Rev. Dr.
George Hanson, pastor Erskine George Hanson, pastor Erskine Church, Montreal; Rev. Canon J. F. Gorman, Rev. Dr. J. J. O'Gorman,

Ottawa. That is the roll call which, submerging the ancient grudges, and uniting for the ideals and the causes for which he toiled and died, would gladden the heart of Thomas D'Arcy McGee. One may be permitted to hope that this celebration, coming at a time when doubt seems to chill the hearts of some over the

TO PROVIDE FOR PILGRIMS

Orvieto, Feb. 4.—A special committee for the Holy Year has been formed here to provide facilities for pilgrims to Rome who desire to make the trip to Orvieto in order to

make the trip to Orvieto in order to visit the famous Eucharistic shrine.

The city of Orvieto is known throughout the world for its cathedral, the Lily of Gold among Cathedrals, and its history is illuminated by the Eucharistic Miracle, the relics of which are preserved in the warniferent relicuser. served in the magnificent reliquary of Ugolin de Vieri, a masterpiece of the art of the medieval goldsmith.
In the year 1263, when Pope
Urban IV. was at Orvieto with his
court, and Saint Thomas of Aquin was preaching on philosophy and theology from the pulpit of the Church of Saint Dominic (the first in the world to be dedicated to this saint,) a Bohemian priest, Peter of Prague, who had long been torment ed by doubts as to the Real Presence, undertook to make a pilgrimage to the Eternal City, in order to pray at the tomb of Saint Peter for the grace of deliverance from his doubts. When he reached Bolsena, in the diocese of Orvieto, he asked permission to celebrate Mass in the crypt of the Virgin and Martyr Saint Christine. At the moment when he broke the Sacred Host, it reddened between his trembling fingers, and drops of blood fell on to the holy corporal and on to the

steps of the altar. Urban IV., informed of the miracles, ordered that the Host, the Chalice and the sacred linen be brought to Orvieto, while he him self, with his cardinals and all the people of Orvieto, went in triumphant procession to receive them. The following year, in the Bull Transiturus, dated from Orvieto, the feast of Corpus Christi was instituted throughout Christendom, and Saint Thomas and Saint Bonaventure were ordered to compose the Mass and office of the Blessed Sacrament.

people of Orvieto did their part by erecting a cathedral of un-rivalled splendor, the cathedral with the "facade of a thousand lights" which Sienna, Florence Milan strove to imitate but could

has been a place of pilgrimage, and it was here that the Sixteenth International Eucharistic Congress was held in 1896. was held in 1896.

PAMPERING PRISONERS

New York, Feb 14.—Sentimental General Sessions, in an address de-livered before the members of the

"The constant pampering of pris-oners by these reformers who fail to realize that at least two-thirds of Sing Sing, were men who had adopted crime as a profession, and who had served at least one sentence before, is the principal cause of crime," the speaker said. Judge Talley has been directing

severe criticism at the prison regu lations in this country in a number of addresses made during the past few months, and his purpose is to bring about a complete reorganization of the system of punishment now in vogue. During his speech Sir he read from a pamphlet published nite, by the Sing Sing Mutual Welfare League which showed that the best theatrical productions and motion pictures were seen at the prison often before they reached Broadway. The prison, the pamphlet indicated, had a theatre that cost of Alberta; the Chief Justice of Canada, the Chief Justice of New \$8,000. Professional baseball games were witnessed by the inmates on Saturdays and Sundays, the Judge declared, and the prisoners spent more than \$56,000 on food alone between January and June, 1924, less than half of the inmates eating the regular meals served by the prison. The speaker also read from a report made by the State Prison Committee which revealed that the average day's work of a prisoner was three and one half hours.

PRESBYTERIAN CHARITY

New York, Jan. 28.-It is little known that Daniel Reid, called the "tin plate king" and one of the industrial powers of the country, whose tragic life ended recently, was for many years the friend and supporter of the little Catholic Church at Irvington-on-Hudson. Mr. Reid was a member of the Presbyterian faith.

great estate nearby, who bought chimes for the little edifice and coal that it might be heated in winter.

With this information comes to

light the story of how, when the venerable priest who was pastor of the church fell ill of pneumonia, Mr. Reid plucked him from his humble surroundings, placed him on a special train, staffed the train with physicians and nurses and sent him to Flordia to recuperate.

PAYS NATION'S TRIBUTE TO "LITTLE FLOWER"

By M. Massiani

(Paris Corresp ondent, N. C. W. C.) President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State, while in France, made a special trip to Lisieux, where, in his own name and in the name of Ireland, he placed an Irish flag before the tomb of the Little Flower.

The president was accompanied by Mrs. Cosgrave and by Mr. Osmond, a member of the Irish Parliament.

Received in the parlor of Carmel by the Mother Prioress, Mr. Cosgrave presented the flag, saying: "I am very anxious to see Catholic Ireland represented in the glorious group of flags offered as a tribute to the Blessed Sister Teresa. The Little Flower is widely known and deeply loved in Ireland and the devotion toward this sweet little saint is another bond between

France and my country."
President and Mrs. Cosgrave then visited the chapel, where the flag was placed in the choir. After entering the room where the relics are preserved, where they remained a few moments in prayer, went to "Les Buissonets," the house where the Blessed Teresa grew up. Later they returned to Paris

BELFAST PROTESTANTS PROTEST

Lord Londonderry, the Belfast Government's Minister of Education, is not having a comfortable term of office. The "secularizing term of office. The "secularizing clauses" of his Education Act are keeping him in permanent hot water. The act prohibits the local authorities from stipulating any religious requirements when ap-pointing teachers. Alarmed by pointing teachers. Alarmed by the storm of criticism he has evoked, His Lordship has explained his position by saying that he recog-nizes the need for religious instruc-tion, and that although his Act forbids any religious stipulation, the local authorities may tacitly take religion into account when making

Act—as the latter expressly provides that the religion of the teacher must not be regarded.

ual belief, and the Education Minister invites them to gain their object by stealth.

The Protestant churches state Civitan Club, yesterday afternoon at Hotel Astor, this city. them for combined religious and secular instruction. They will not | their film. It reads as follows transfer them to a Government that to realize that at least two-thirds of the inmates of a prison, such as Sing Sing was a prison, such as They ask: "What guarantee will those whe transfer their schools have if Communist teachers are appointed, as has happened in schools in Glasgow?" Vigorous denial is given to the

Ministerial peer's allegation that the churches broke faith with the churches broke faith with the Belfast Government. The Comasserts that, in every sense, the faithlessness is shown by the Minister of Education.

ARCHBISHOP CIEPLAK TO VISIT AMERICA

New York, Feb. 13.-Archbishor ieplak, whose trial by the Russian Bolshevists aroused international indignation two years ago, is coming to this country some time during this year, according to a letter received by Capt. Francis McCullagh, and made public today. Capt. McCullagh, whose dispatches printed in the London Daily Mail and the New York Herald, exposing the court procedure of the Russians during the trial, are largely credited with bringing about the abandoning of the death and other penalties the Russian authorities had determined to inflict on the Archbishop and his fellow priests, is a friend of the Archbishop. The letter from the Archbishop to

McCullagh follows: "Since my beloved Polish people in America have frequently in-Mr. Reid was a member of the Presbyterian faith.

It has now become known that it was the magnate, who owned a priests, in that unjust trial which | bestowed."

Americans for their great charity as well as care for the sick.

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"Any money that our people may care to spend in forwarding this cordial sympathy for us, Catholic work of mercy will be well priests, in that unjust trial which | bestowed."

Capt. McCullagh has recently completed a lecture tour he has been making in the United States and will leave shortly for South America

THE CASE FOR THE CATHOLIC

Washington, Feb. 13.—Addressing the congregation of Holy Trinity Church, one of the oldest Catholic edifices in the Capital, the Rev. Terence L. Connolly, S. J., on Sun-day put the case for the Catholic press up to his hearers in notable succinct, practical words. He called attention to the numerous errors and innuendos in the secular press, then said:

"Do not be too quick to say that you cannot support these (Catholic) publications.

"There is hardly a person here who can live without a daily and Sunday newspaper. Add up what they cost you annually.

"Can you in conscience give this amount for the support or publica-tions such as I have described unless you give a greater amount to support the Catholic press to enable it effectively to wield the weapons of a defensive and offensive warfare

Answer this question for yourself, but answer it sincerely, in the presence of God." Father Connolly described the

daily papers as linstitutions like the oracles of old, "both in the power they wield and in the havor they have wrought." "The danger is real though in a

sense intangible, and it calls for a counterforce greater than itself," he said. "To this great force you must oppose a greater force in the Catholic press."

SOVIETS OPPOSE SOCIALIST DOCTRINE

By Dr. Frederic Funder

Socialist advocates of neo-Malthuianism who are advocating legal-zed abortion in Germany, Czecho-Slovakia, and Austria, have been somewhat surprised by the action of the Soviet Government of Russia in producing a motion picture film illustrating the evils of this form of birth control and designed to curtail its prevalence in Russia. The incident serves as an illustration of the difficulties in the path of the consistent Socialist when his leaders in one part of the world advocate a certain policy and leaders in another ter's statement circumvents his own Act—as the latter expressly prother than the present instance the advantage diocese. of experience rests with the leaders in Moscow, since they are vitally The Act is, they say, a refusal to trust the people. It denies them the right to appoint teachers acceptable to them in the matter of spiritable to the matter

Shortly after the Kerensky gov- here. The Journal and the univerernment came into power with the sity have reached an agreement downfall of the Czar, legal restric- whereby both will combine in tions on abortion were removed. The Soviet authorities refer to this in the notice which accompanies

The October Revolution of the Liberal Kerensky Government abolished that article of the penal code their schools by which maternity was made compulsory. An interpretation of the law, which from a hygienic and national point of view, was absolutely erroneous and misconceived. of Leningrad, Moscow, and other cities of Soviet Russia are overcrowded with women who demand that abortions be performed. Government of the Union of Soviet ocialistic Republics, therefore, feel induced to counteract the dangers of a steady decrease in the birth rate because of abortions, by means of an educational film.

The film which is being shown throughout Russia by order of the Moscow Government, has been sold

RECOMMENDS GIVING TO CATHOLIC CHARITY

Louis, Mo.-Rabbi Leon Harrison's Temple Israel here has distributed a recommendation to all its members that they contribute to a St. Louis Catholic charitable institution. In addition, the of the sisters in charge is highly

In the Temple Israel Bulletin a leastet distributed periodically, the following notice appears.

"We gladly recommend to the charitably disposed in our congrega-tion, the St. Mary's Infirmary, a vited me to visit that country, I intend to go there this year. I am very glad that I shall have an opportunity of personally thanking at the same time the noble hearted Americans for their great the great their great the great at the same time the noble hearted doing untold good, as they feed the Americans for their great charity hungry as well as care for the sick.

CATHOLIC NOTES

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 4.-The Indiana Senate has passed the Dickerman bill which would provide that Public school authorities may release pupils for two hours a week to receive religious instruction. The vote was 29 to 19.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Six sons were pallbearers at the funeral of Mrs. Catherine Flynn, wife of Thomas P. Flynn, vice-president of the National Council of Catholic Men, who was buried from St. Bernard's Church here on Wednesday mercing. day morning.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—The Appellate Court here has reversed an order of the Circuit Court directing Dr. H. N. Bundesen, Health Commissioner, to issue a license for the establishment of a birth-control clinic. In effect, this decision of the Appellate Court practically prohibits estab-lishment of such a clinic here.

St. Brieuc, France, Feb. 2.—A protest parade in which thirty thousand Breton Catholics marched as a manifestation of displeasure at the Herriot government's action in breaking diplomatic relations with the Vatican, was held here yester-day. General de Castelnau was among the leaders in the protest. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 13.—The Archdiocese of Baltimore has spent more than \$4,000,000 in the erection of schools and about \$3,000,000 in the erection of churches in the last three years, the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, told a gathering of laymen here this week. His Grace wants a

parish school for every church. Baltimore, Feb. 6.-The Academy and Convent of the Visitation, a landmark in this city for nearly a century, has been sold for approximately \$1,000,000 to make way for the erection of a modern commercial building in harmony with the neighborhood. A new Convent and Academy will be built on a site in the residential section acquired several years ago.

Zagreb, Jan. 25.—The Katolicki List, of this city, one of the two List, of this city, one of the two oldest newspapers in Jugoslavia, has completed seventy-five years of existence as the champion of Catholic rights in this country. The first issue of Katolicki List appeared on Jan. 6, 1849. Of the other papers in Jugoslavia only one, the Narodne Novine dates back that for

that far. Breslau, Feb. 2.—Cardinal Bert-ram, Archbishop of Breslau, has just addressed a pastoral letter to all clergy in the archdiocese directing that women "whose clothing offends common decency" be barred from all church functions, including the sacraments of Holy Communion and Matrimony. The letter has been read throughout the arch-

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 26.—In the future, Radio Station WHAD of Marquette University (S. J.) will be known as the Marquette Universitystation, according to announcement whereby broadcasting programs of quality.

New York, Jan. 27.-A testimonial dinner to be tendered the Rev. William F. Cashin, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, this city, and formerly chaplain at Sing Sing Prison, by the Nightworkers' Mass Association, on Sunday evening February 15, at Hotel McAlpin, will be attended by many men promi-nent in State, judical, Church and city affairs.

Cleveland, Feb. 14.-Negotiations extending over four months, in which a Catholic pastor here sought acceptance of his parochial school pupils as students in certain classes in a Public high school, have just closed with all of the Catholic points admitted and requests granted. The pupils have been admitted by the High school, with full privileges. The action establishes a precedent in Cleveland.

New York, Jan. 30.-The Nocturnal Adoration Society. Mr. Justice Manton presiding at last night's reception enrolled more than one hundred new members. Cardinal Hayes spoke words of gratitude and encouragement and gave Benediction. The Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament founded this Society here in 1903. Each member spends one hour a month adoring the Blessed Sacrament at night between 10 p. m. and 6 a. m. The hours for each are designated according to a schedule.

Cincinnati, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Helen S. Jackson, Toledo, Ohio, anti-Catholic lecturer, was found guilty of a charge of disorderly conduct, by Mayor Louis H. Nolte, of by Mayor Louis H. Horte, Norwood, who tried the case. his decision, read in the Norwood Police Court, a fine of \$25 and costs was levied against the woman, and she was also sentenced to fifteen days in jail. On account of the defendant being a woman, and this being her first offence in Norwood, the jail sentence was suspended. The woman's attorney will take an appeal.