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JUNIORS ENTERTAIN

In an effort to do fitting honor to Mary Ward, beloved foundress of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the 3A Church History class present to-day some highlights of her life. Under the direction of Mother Bernardine, they have endeavored to portray the character of the "valiant woman."

The play purposes to help all to a better understanding of the deep and lovely soul Mary Ward must have possessed.

She is a daughter of England; one chosen of a multitude for the work of God, tried before God and man, and not found wanting. She is of an epoch which saw England at her best and at her worst; when the pride of Spain was smashed in the waters of the Channel, and when the blood of martyrs flowed bright under the quarterer's knife at Tyburn. She is one of the heroic women extending in a glorious lineage through the Liturgy and History of the Church; she links up with the band of heroines who glorified God in His Church - the Lucies, Agneses, and Cecilians.

GYMNASTIC

DEMONSTRATION

Soon our gymnasium will be crowded with expectant people and they will not be disappointed. The reason? Our annual gymnasium demonstration. Loretto always sponsors excellent performances and this one with the hearty cooperation of the girls will be greater than ever.

Gay tap, colorful balloon, graceful toe and beautiful minuet dances together with snappy drills will provide delightful entertainment. To top it all there promises to be an exciting basketball game.

So round up your friends and if they are at all interested in professional amateurs' shows, by all means sell them a ticket to our DEMONSTRATION.

M.A.C.

CINDERELLA

The school heartily congratulates Mother Juana and her Senior French class on their presentation of the puppet show, Cinderella. We are all agreed that it was the ideal form of entertainment.

EXAMINATIONS ...

With the menacing thought of mid-term examinations approaching, Loretto students acquire a pained expression - they are thinking, trying to remember what has been literally "drilled" into their heads.

Everyone prays for enlightenment and well they might.

Your correspondent becomes specific... examinations, January 27, 28 and 29.

C.C.

GENTLEMENS' NIGHT

February 2 will be Fathers night, the night when the Auxiliary will become a masculine association, or so we fondly hope! Insist that your Dad come. Entice him on with the promise of a splendid program and an excellent lunch. Loretto hospitality awaits him.

RETREAT....

The annual student Retreat will open at Loretto Academy February 9, 10 and 11. What better way to open the Lenten season.

"For Christ and His Kingdom, the Pen!"

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VALIANT

VALIANT- the quality that shows brilliantly above a host of lesser virtues, a word that catches at the heart strings of the world and leaves them humming, the one word that personifies Mary Ward.

Sharply outlined against the period of the Reformation, Mary Ward stands out, a gay woman in troubled times.

"Be merry in these times" was Mary's philosophy of life. Why cannot we, direct heirs of her glorious heritage, take up that philosophy so much needed in our times?

Let us face life as she did, with a smile on our lips and a song in our hearts. Let us endeavor to live so that in dying, it can be said of us - they, too, were valiant.

Scratches from the Editorial Pen....

Have you ever stood before the oil painting of Mary Ward that hangs on the east wall of the parlour? Have you ever asked yourself what she must have been like?

The world calls her

beautiful and rightly so. Her lovely, large, brown eyes, the delicately rounded lips that often smiled so delightfully, and the long, thin face that would have thrilled the artistic eye of an old master, all contributed to her beauty.

Yet the world would stop here. It does not see the deep sense of truth lying in those calm, clear eyes, nor does it realise that her real beauty comes from within - a spark from that celestial fire given by a wise Father to a worthy daughter.

You can almost imagine her stepping down from that picture so alive is she - alive and ready to help those who stand before her with the privileged title of "children!"

MYSTERY.....

The PLACE..Cafeteria

The TIME..Midnight.

In the distance a

clock cimed hollowly..

bong, bong, BONG. The

sound of a sliding

door. Sibilant noises

grew to whisperings;

an eerie light flooded

the room, its source

the candy counter. The

whisperings assumed

the sound of wailing

and a funeral dirge.

Then slight forms

could be seen, moving

in solemn procession.

They seem to be carry-

ing something.. Three

coffins! The wailing

mounted higher. A dis-

sant door opened. The

light faded instantly.

PRAYER OF A BLUE
RIBBON SODALIST TO
OUR BLESSED MOTHER...

DO, Blessed Mother,
intercede for me,
That I may carry out my
present resolution,
To be truly your child!

So I reslove to be, and
with your help

Dear Mother,

I hope to be

Far more loyal than in
the past,

Faithful in the doing

of my duty,

Patient in disappoint-

ment.
And under rebuke and
misfortune.

I will,

At the cost of much

labor and long struggle,

be pure and honest,

Brave and gracious and
kindly.

For I see now,

What it means to be
your child,

I am really adopted in-

to the Holy Family;

Living at Nazareth,

Under your eye and that

of St. Joseph,

In the holy atmosphere

of your home.

I begin to realise as

never before,

What a blessed privilege

it is

To be able to bring joy

to your heart,

And honor to your name.

(Con't)

There was a sound of
scuffling like creat-
ures running. Finally
silence.

Next morning, the
janitor found three
empty candy boxes on
the floor. He wondered
who had put them there.

(con't on 4)



By the Bookworm

The hour grows late. The lamp burns low again. The midnight oil is almost burnt out. This time, the book on the table is "Kim", a Rudyard Kipling tale of an Irish orphan in India.

Superlatives are all that can be used to express my reactions. I have never read a book in which mystery, humor and pathos were so well blended. In this strange story is something I can't define but which is usually called the "mystery of India". Do you like unusual stories? Well --here is one to suit your taste.

Joyce McArdle

DID YOU KNOW THAT

In 1631 Mary Ward opened a school for girls in England that became the model for convent schools throughout the world.

The "Ladies of Loretto" is the oldest non-cloistered convent in the world.

There is a lovely picture of Mary Ward in Room 12.

In the Paradeises Haus in Munich there is a bell which was

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ANOTHER PORTRAIT

With a gleam in my eye and a magnifying glass in my hand I entered the Assembly. I was on a search, not a man hunt, to find Miss Kathryn O'Malley the president of the Junior Class. It was no small job for Kathryn is always busy. At last spying her, I dragged her off to a suitable place to talk. Then it went like this:

Ques. Miss O'Malley, have you any famous ancestors or relatives?
Ans. I'm sorry to say I haven't any famous relatives or ancestors but there's always a first time, I'll do my best to make the pages of history with the help of my eight brothers.

(Kathryn is such a wee bit of humanity that I looked doubtfully at her; but "good things come in small packages" so we have great hopes for the future.)

Kathryn was born in Chicago, January 5, 1920. She has visited the national Park at Yellowstone and has spent the past nine summers at "Kenwood," Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Her favorite color is green; her favorite sport is sailing; her favorite study is Latin.

She confided with some hesitancy that she wanted to be a parliamentarian no less --Miss Gannon's course has had its effect.

We all wish Kathryn the "luck of the Irish"

Muriel Kelly



Last week the wee little ears of the Goblin heard a rumor that Dick Powell and Joan Blondell had been killed in an accident..... We have discovered that MARY AILEEN HAYES started it....Naughty, naughty the Goblin will spank... MARGARET KILLEEN is now drinking only sodas because of BILL HUGHES (he makes 'em!)....JEAN DUKE'S current inspiration is JUNIOR MARKEY... ..CENSORED..... Would KATHERINE KIEDAIS like to live in Hammond? It's such a nice town.. "LOST, a pair of gym shoes with ARTIS LOUZEI inside", so read the notice. Just another case of kidnaping..... The Goblin saw the look on ERLA LINDEN'S face when she contacted Mother Earth Wednesday morning!

THE reception of the Blue Ribbon Sodalists will take place on February 2. After the reception there will be a tea, for the Sodalists, in the clubroom. Peggy Gannon, Marion Hannan, Helen McGuire, and Rosemary Kiely will do the honors as hostesses.

M.A.C

AROUND THE SCHOOL

THE G. A. A. is giving a splash party at the So. Chicago Y. M. C. A. Friday, Feb. 5. Co-chairman on arrangements are Catherine Macy and Katherine Kiedaisch. All G. A. A. members are invited.

DOROTHY Evans is stepping high, wide, and handsome lately. It was the Mayfair Room in the Blackstone last Friday.

WE see by the New World that the Chicago Student Sodalists have a new defender. She is Dolores Fitzgerald's sister, Rita, a student at Rosary College.

ROSEMARY Payne hastens to assure that she swam with Eleanor Holms Jarrett. It was 2 years ago during the Christmas vacation in Lakeshore Athletic Club pool.

ONE of Elizabeth Hiskey's cats (she has 9) won 2nd prize in a cat show.

ANTOINETTE Callahan modestly admits that the Irish Jig group is coming along better than any other group in the school.

YESTERDAY was Mother Agnes feast day. The students offer their congratulations. Ad multos annos.

50 Sophomores subscribed to "Pamphlet A Month Guild". Three Cheers for Active Sodalists!

FOR 3 months Rosemary Fiely has taught a sixth grader who would otherwise miss her grade through illness. Rosemary's pupil will return to school next September a seventh grader.

AS a reminder!--February is Catholic Press Month.

Marie White

MEET THE WRITER'S

CLUB--a merry dozen Scriptoros--the editors of the Loretto Spire. Every Thursday they hold forth in the Club Room; where after the passing of "delectables" they settle down to writing (and talking). At present they have gone poetic, so to speak and are trying to prove that "Poet's are made not born". A Good Time is had by all.

Virginia LaMotte

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But those who had seen that sight knew. It was a funeral for the card which had died.

WANTED

SOMEONE who can neither see nor hear to preside in the assembly hall.
PINS in the locker room.
AN automatic line-writer to hire after school.
A woman to wear the Cape of Good Hope.
A public ink-well.
ADS for this column. Also
Lost and Found ads.
A shoe to fit the foot of the hills.

M. M.

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rung by Mary Ward herself.

Mary Ward is expected to be proclaimed venerable before Easter of 1937.

Anne B. Coyle

