AUTHOR TO EXPLAIN THE AUTHOR'S ART

Miss Inez Specking Will Tell to Fontbonne Audience Next Week Some Literary Experiences.

Miss Inez Specking, author of "Martha Jane at College," the new story which has its setting at Fontbonne, will speak here Wednesday afternoon of next week at 3 p.m., on some of the experiences she has met in the publication of her stories. She believes firmly that many students have abilities which, if cultivated would make them successful authors, and she is tireless in her efforts to encourage them to write for publication.

The demand for autographed copies of "Martha Jane at College" continues to exceed the supply. Following Martha Jane from her awakening in her pretty room in Ryan Hall, through her day's adventures in Fontbonne's laboratory, classrooms, library, chapel, gymnasium and swimming pool, all of which are accurately described—gives Fontbonne students a delightful sensation of joy and pride that their campus is so soon represented on the pages of fiction.

Particularly interesting is the light of last week's pageant activities are the portions of Martha Jane's story which treat of her work for the support of the mission. She is familiar with all the problems of a crusader, even arguing with Tom, the small brother of her chum, Peg, about the comparative purchasing power of stamps and thimbles for the missions, and she has some extremely uncomfortable hours in the Fontbonne gymnasium, seeing her costume for the initiation ritual affair in Forest Park while her weary companions splash and swim in the swimming pool nearby.

ALOYSIAN PLEDGE IS TAKEN BY STUDENTS

Ceremony in College Church For Tercentenary of Canonization of Patron of Youth.

"We, the Catholic youth of the whole world, associated in spirit at the tomb of our glorious patron, declare that we are ready, with the assistance of God's grace, to make a practical application to our lives of the ideals which make St. Aloysius the pride of Christian youth for all time. In particular we declare ourselves ready to show in our daily lives the true strength of character consists in self-control, to strive to acquire a truly Christian character, showing gratitude toward our parents and benefactors; being firm in..."

Diaz, Metropolitan Opera Tenor, to Sing Here Jan. 5

Rafaelito Diaz, who for nine years has been singing the leading tenor roles with the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, will appear in a concert in Fontbonne auditorium the evening of Jan. 5. The program will include selections from the operas in which he is heard and other compositions of classical and modern composers.

Dramatic Club to Give Play

The Dramatic club, under the direction of Mrs. O. A. Well Jr., is preparing to present Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The date of this production has not been set, but it will probably be given in the latter part of January.

December 6, 1926.

To the Faculty and Students of Fontbonne College,
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Crusaders:

May I express my very sincere gratitude to Fontbonne for their fine cooperation in "The Crusader"? Every detail of your work was commendably satisfactory. Your dance was beautiful, your speaking parts excellent, and your help in a dozen ways most satisfactory. I want to thank, too, all those who worked so energetically on our committees.

I like to feel that we have done something of real value for the missions, and in consequence, that we have earned the gratitude of the missionaries.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Daniel A. Lord, S.J.
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Are You a Pioneer?

We are very pleased to note that the college and academy are entering the new sodality plan which Father Lord has formulated. The plan is a good one and is being enthusiastically received all over the country.

THE FONT believes that an active sodality is a vital part of any Catholic school. It believes that Fontbonne will not be slow in making a big thing of this new plan. On the contrary, it believes that like a sturdy pioneer she will go far along the new way. No daughter of the Sisters of St. Joseph should be afraid to be a pioneer. The school which has grown from that little log cabin where sixty women braved wilderness and savage with nothing but their two bare hands and their reservoirs should not be afraid to be a pioneer in any movement. Come on! Let's all pull together for a hundred per cent sodality! It depends on you!

The Long and Short of It

Four or five years ago the cry was, "To bob or not to bob?" Now the great problem facing us is whether or not to let our hair grow. Paris says long hair is the thing and experience has taught us that what Paris says usually goes. Nevertheless, nature being nature, in this case Paris will either be slow in getting her way or we will all have to lay transmogrifications, which will cost money. However, there is one thing to be said in favor of transformations. If they become stylish we can gratify our life's ambition to be what we are not. At last we can be a brunette or a blond, as the case may be. At least we can try being a brunette and find it even more painful than our present state.

However, we believe bobbed hair has come to stay. Whatever the style of hairgrowing, the American girl is far too sensible to give up her comfortable short hair and the American hairdresser is far too shrewd to let her.

There is one advantage at least of this new rage for long hair—it gives us an excuse when we look like we need a hair cut.

We Are Appreciated

About a month ago members of the St. Joseph Alumnae received letters accompanied by a copy of THE FONT, announcing the opening of a mailing department at THE FONT office and recommending subscriptions. The answers have been most heartening to the staff, while the aggregation of dollars looked mighty good to the burred sales force. From all parts of the United States have come subscriptions, accompanied by enthusiastic letters. Some typical appreciations follow:

Miss Mary Morgan, Christopher, Ill.—"I am proud of the first copy of THE FONT as I had a part in its creation."
Miss Eda Toohey, St. Joseph Training School, Kansas City, Mo.—"I enjoyed THE FONT very much, especially the article about Sister Giles, our superintendent."
Mrs. Florence Daly Wade, Youngstown, Ohio—"I have long regretted the fact that the only news received from St. Joseph's has been notices of meetings which, of course, I could not attend. The originator of the bright idea (let alumnae news in THE FONT) deserves a gold medal."
Miss Mary Boyle, Akron, Ohio—"I enjoyed THE FONT very much, and I am eagerly looking forward to the next copy."

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In Triqlet

My lessons I've learned for today But then will I know them to-morrow? All difficult parts I can say My lessons I've learned for today But still I consider with sorrow. My lessons I've learned for today But then will I know them to-morrow?

"Heaven lies about us in our infancy"; we be about ourselves for the rest of our lives.

One of the Freshmen wants to start a movement for bigger and better algebra grades.

We don't know but what it might be well to lock the biology lab, tie up the cat, and attend to a few more things around here. The powers of suggestion are marvelous.

A man traveling down south, asked impatiently of an old waiter in a restaurant: "Have you frog's legs today?"
"No, sir," he replied, "but just the thought of them makes me walk this way!"

Math Teacher—"Miss D., you can work this problem."
Miss D. —"You flatter me."

Heard in the Academy:
Teacher: "Name the five parts of a letter."
Inattentive Pupil: "Paper, envelope, stamp, pen, and ink."
Do you like Jim Nashum? No, he always makes me sore!"
The Font

Athletic Association
Plans Hike and Party

The next meeting of the athletic association will be held Jan. 10, 1927. Since the purpose of this meeting is to discuss a party and a hike, it is important that all the members are present so that the agreements reached will express the will of the majority. The athletic association will use the party's admission fees to purchase athletic awards.

Every member of the association is required to attend the hike or cease to be affiliated with the association. However, test the strain of competition becomes too overwhelming, it is wise to look forward to the hike as a magnificent pleasure jaunt.

Mothers' Club Announces Card Party Next Month

The regular monthly meeting of the Mothers' Club was held on Friday, Dec. 3. At this meeting, it was announced that Mrs. Mary Harrison was the winner of the raffle.

The Mothers have chosen Jan. 15 for their card party, with Mrs. Stella Cartwright as chairman of Arrangements Committee. Members attending as hostesses at the card party are as follows: Bridge: Minnie T. Hall, J. Gunn, O. Lehnheiser, A. O'Brien, 500: Minnie A. J. Noble, J. E. Riley, J. Reynolds, S. Tannmeyer; Endcards: Minnie W. Rutkowski, J. Whalen, G. McGrady, J. M. Thompson; Lotto: Mrs. L. Schleicher. Members on the Committee to make tickets at the door are: Minnie T. J. Hadler, P. Schmeckebier, and Rose Kleehe.

Of importance to all players is the announcement that there will be a prize for each table and in addition three attendance prizes.

Aloysian Pledge Is
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friendship, kind to the weak, and gentle with the suffering.

This pledge strikes the keynote of the celebration held in St. Francis Xavier Church for the students of St. Louis University and its corporate colleges, of which Pontbriant is one, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception in commemoration of the centenary of the canonization of St. Aloysius. The pledge was the

In Our Gift Shop

Our china studio is beginning to look like a real gift shop. Once inside, one can see dainty and useful suggestions for Christmas presentation. A three-day sale will be held from Wednesday, Dec. 15, to Friday, Dec. 17. There will be an array of attractive novelties at 50c and then more expensive articles even to tea sets at $20. Another chance to show school spirit!

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“Joe Says Hello”
Meet Us at GARAVELLI'S
De Baliviere at Pershing
Impressive Ceremonies for Academy Sodalists

The reception of the academy sodality was conducted on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Wednesday, Dec. 8, at four p.m., by Rev. H. R. Shidler, C.M., chaplain. The sodality membership of seventy was increased by the new members: Helen Meeker, Margaret Watson, Kathleen Phelps, Gertrude Keating, Ann Laughlin, Mary Elizabeth Mooney, Dorothy Dugan, Virginia Rusley, Catherine Gray, Eleanor Hartman, Mary Louise DeLisle, Marie Gilmour, Ann C. Meyer, Dorothy Walter, Dorothea Lucas, Frances Vrbanek, Ruth Mary Higgins, Mary Edna Barrett, Roberta Reynolds, Irene Zimmerman, Rosalie Solomon, Margaret Walsh, Katherine Anson, Mary Vollmer, Emily Huth, Lillian Blaskovic, Flora Lo Cia, and Dorothy Streit.

The ceremonies, consisting of the formula of reception of the new members followed by an act of consecration and the act of renovation of the old members, was followed by a short sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Sodalists carried white chrysanthemums which they presented at the altar of Our Lady.

Sisters' First Appearance

Members of the Ensemble class of the Sacred Heart Music Club made their initial appearance as soloists Dec. 1 in one of the Recital rooms in the Fine Arts Building. The program was as follows: Pizzicato, (a) Gluck (Wolffshofen), Margarete Huso; (b) Prelude (Chopin), Lucille Robert; (c) Forrest Nyphul (Hancock), Amelia Bollin; Paper, The Drums, Catherine Gray; Piano (a) Waltz (Schubert); Hel- ler, Galley; (b) Andante (Beethoven), Rosamond Bennett; (c) Moment of Grace (Crosse), Margaret Whalen; Paper, The Analysis of Brahms' Academic Festival Overture, Reader, Amelia Bollin; Violin, Chasson Russe (Barrett), Evangelista Golden; Paper, Thematic Analysis of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9—Second Movement, Reader, Helen Daily; Piano, Catherine Tachbinski and Catherine O'Brien; Paper, Berzel's "L'Arlesienne" Suite, Reader, Elizabeth Page. Dorsky and D. (Durso), Margaret Switzer and Elizabeth Wooley.

Help for the Necessitous

On Wednesday of next week, Dec. 15, the domestic science group, aided by the freshman class, will conduct a candy sale, the proceeds of which will be used to relieve certain poor, needy, indigent, necessitous, destitute persons in our immediate vicinity. Avoid the rush and buy your Christmas supply of candy at this opportunity.

Silver Jubilee of An Alumna

Sister Anastasia of the Sisters of Loretto observed her silver jubilee on the feast of the Immaculate Conception in St. Ann's Church, Normal. Sister Anastasia, who was engaged in teaching in St. Ann's School, is a former pupil of St. Joseph's, as are her sisters, Misses Anastasia and Margaret Mahoney, and a number of St. Joseph Alumnae participated in the jubilee celebration.

Student Impetus Keynote Of the New Sodality Plan

Organized religious activity coming voluntarily from the student body is the keynote of Father Lord's new sodality plan outlined Wednesday, Dec. 1, before the president, the dean, several other faculty members, and the sodality officers and mission representatives of both the college and academy. The plan is based on the premise that religion must be self-acquired. "Noone else can give it to you," Father said. The plan therefore aims at inspiring student interest in sodality work by letting the students govern it entirely. It calls for a Student Spiritual Council which will to

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