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Daughter of the ancient Eve,
We know the gifts ye gave and give;
Who knows the gifts which you shall give,
Daughter of the Newer Eve?

Francis Thompson

Message Received from His Holiness Pope Paul VI for the Golden Jubilee.

Dal Vaticano, January 14, 1965

The Holy Father has learned with pleasure of the forthcoming celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of publication of "*The Catholic Citizen*", official review of Saint Joan's Alliance.

His Holiness gives thanks to God for the spiritual fruits produced by your publication during this half-century, and prays that it may continue to grow and prosper during the years ahead.

To you, the officers and members of the Alliance, and particularly to the Editor and staff of the review, the Sovereign Pontiff imparts, in pledge of rich divine graces and favours, His paternal Apostolic Blessing.

We are deeply grateful to His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate for sending us, by his own chauffeur, the Holy Father's message, in time to be given to those whom one member called "the Jubilants".

"LIKE A BANNER HELD ALOFT"

This is the phrase used by Mrs. Chan to convey what *The Catholic Citizen* has meant to her in far-away Hongkong. Perhaps it best sums up what we all feel about our little paper. To commemorate the first unfurling of the banner half a century ago, many members and friends of the Alliance met together for dinner on January 21st in St. Ermin's Hotel, appropriately situated within a stone's throw of the Houses of Parliament.

The elegant ballroom, the stately announcement of our names by Miss Gabrielle Daye, who brought all her expertise as an actress to her rôle of mistress of ceremonies, the old familiar banners hanging from the balcony rails and spring flowers in the blue, white and gold colours of the Alliance on the tables, all gave us that delightful sense of occasion which makes such a welcome change in somewhat workaday lives.

When the first number of *The Catholic Citizen* appeared in January, 1915, the editor of one Catholic newspaper predicted that there would never be another. Now fifty years afterwards, His Holiness the Pope himself honoured the celebration of the Golden Jubilee with a message conveying his blessing and good wishes. Felicitations also came from the Apostolic Delegate and from Cardinal Heenan. In addition letters of congratulation and goodwill poured in from all quarters of the world, including two organs of the United Nations and many international and national voluntary organisations with which we have worked. The messages from different sections, groups and individual members of the Alliance warmed our hearts and made us aware of what a great and gallant company we were a part.

Miss P. C. Challoner presided over us with a

happy blend of dignity and good humour. Indeed, our only regret was the absence of some whom we should especially have liked to share our rejoicings. It was very sad that ill-health should have deprived us of the company of Miss Beatrice Gadsby, Miss Barry herself and Mrs. Cummins, to whom as editor *The Catholic Citizen* owes so much. It was not known at the time how grievously ill Miss Barry was. Then there were some of our friends in Parliament, Baroness Phillips, Dame Joan Vickers, Mrs. Cullen and Mrs. Shirley Williams—whose duties or illness prevented their attendance. We were, however, glad to have with us a representative of both the Labour and Conservative parties, Mrs. Eirene White and Dame Irene Ward.

The toast of *The Catholic Citizen* was proposed most felicitously by Lady Longford, a subscriber to the paper for nineteen years, who reminded us of the profound social change, summed up by Vera Brittain (happily present with us) as "Lady into Woman". Lady Longford also congratulated the Alliance on the success of its petition to have the nuptial prayer offered for both spouses and not only for the bride as hitherto, and she spoke with sympathy of our hopes for the greater participation of women in the service of the Church.

Miss Christine Spender, a former editor of *The Catholic Citizen*, replied with quotations from Hamlet, saying the paper for fifty years has been "the abstract and brief chronicle of the times." She reminded us that the aim of the paper was "to catch the conscience of the king" and of all in authority. It had never been easy to produce the paper and would always need the service of "gallant heads and hearts and hands" for its continuance.

As one listened to the veteran suffrage leader, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, proposing the toast of "St. Joan's Alliance", one was reminded of another line of Shakespeare: "Age cannot wither her nor custom stale her infinite variety". While it takes great moral courage to be in advance of the secular opinion of one's time, she thought it took even more to be ahead of the majority of one's church, as the Alliance has been. She spoke of the pioneer work done by the society on behalf of African women and of how its representatives alone were able to make effective contact with the women of Latin-American countries through the bond of a common faith. She paid high tribute also to the work of the Alliance in the Equal Pay Campaign and in connection with the Status of Women Commission.

In her moving reply, Dr. Marita Harper (daughter of our ex-Chairman, Dr. Shattock) spoke of the arduous and difficult double rôle attempted by St. Joan's, dividing its attention as it did, between the status of Women in the Church and in society. She looked forward to the time when no section of humanity would have to battle for its rights, because everyone would be united as a

matter of justice in working for "the abolition of under-privilege wherever it exists and whatever form it takes, whether in Church or State", until the day came when it sufficed for a person to say "I am a child of God".

The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by the Reverend Christopher Laughton Mathews, in a breezy fashion which pleased everyone. Besides those already mentioned, we were delighted to have with us on this occasion Lord Longford, Dame Irene Ward, M.P., and Mrs. Eirene White, M.P. He welcomed especially the representatives of other organisations. Although they might not share all the beliefs of the members of the Alliance they, like himself, obviously appreciated the accurate and valuable information and inspiration to be derived from *The Catholic Citizen* on all matters concerning the advancement of women.

Replying in the absence of his daughter, Mrs. Shirley Williams, M.P., who was the victim of a three-line Whip, Professor Catlin said that he had grown quite accustomed to being referred to as "the husband of Vera Brittain" or "the father of Mrs. Shirley Williams, M.P.," and was content that it should be so. His mother had been a suffragist and he would like to pass on to us, as the final message of the evening's proceedings, her watchword—"Never give up; never give in".

Nancy Stewart Parnell

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Among the societies represented at the dinner were the Board of Catholic Women, the Commonwealth Countries' League, the Council of Married Women, the Fawcett Society, the Josephine Butler Society, the International Alliance of Women, the International Council of Women, the National Council of Women, the Open Door Council, the Status of Women Committee, the Anti-Slavery Society, the Suffragette Fellowship, the Sword of the Spirit and Africa Centre, and the Women's Council co-operating with the Women of India, Pakistan and the East, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

In the course of her apology for Miss Barry's absence the Chairman quoted the following lines from Goldsmith's "Deserted Village" as particularly applicable:

"And still they gazed and still the wonder grew that one small head could carry all it knew."

We sent Archbishop Heenan our warm congratulations on his elevation to the Cardinalate. In thanking us he also said, "I am very sorry indeed to hear of the death of Miss Barry who was such a champion of the Cause. I shall keep her in mind at Holy Mass."

We also heard from His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate Archbishop Cardinale who sent us his heartfelt sympathy in our loss and said: "I am certain that Miss Barry's outstanding example of selfless dedication will ever continue to inspire the

Alliance in its tireless and distinguished work for the good cause to which it is devoted."

The Jubilee Number of *The Catholic Citizen* will remain the best memorial to Florence Barry, for everything said there in praise of the paper was indeed praise for her.

Among many tributes written since her death, three of which we have knowledge, some were sent to *The Times*. To our regret they did not appear. Extracts from letters will appear as far as possible in this and the following issue of *The Catholic Citizen*.

The following is an extract from a letter from Miss Annie Christich, one of the very early members of the Catholic Women's Suffrage Society, who wrote too late for the Jubilee number.

"*The Catholic Citizen* edited by Leonora de Alberti penetrated many Iron Curtains and has continued ever since to inspire and enlighten. Everybody knows Westminster Cathedral but perhaps it is only in the mind of a very old member that it always conjures up a picture of Florence Barry standing outside after Sunday Mass in every sort of weather, with a rapidly dwindling bundle of *The Catholic Citizen* under her arm, jingling her coins. I asked her why she jingled the money and she said 'You must jingle if you wish to sell'. How right she was!"

This same persistence has contributed to bring about one of the most significant aspects of Vatican Council 11—the attendance of Women Observers. And this is but one of the countless benefactions for which St. Joan's Alliance is largely responsible in modern Christian thinking and endeavour.

The Alliance opened many windows which had been sealed to the eyes of ordinary folk and a new sense of duty towards our sisters in undeveloped countries was engendered.

Using current terminology it may be said that an outstanding characteristic of St. Joan's Alliance has been Ecumenism. A witness to this is our constant friend, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, whose name is known and beloved throughout the world. Since our early days we have had an uninterrupted dialogue with her and the various organisations and bodies of opinion with which she has been connected. With rare and sub-conscious prescience St. Joan's Alliance has long practised in its own sphere of work a form of that Ecumenism which Pope John and his Successor have urged so fervently for the whole Church.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

St. Joan's Alliance joins with the whole nation in its homage to a great man and in sympathy to his wife and family.

Lady Churchill, "that great and gracious lady in her own right" as Sir Robert Menzies called her in his noble oration from the crypt of St. Paul's, will

sympathise with this expression of our personal sorrow in the death of her who was the embodiment of the movement for women's emancipation—which she herself supported in its early days.

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Before our International president Madame Leroy-Boy knew of the grief that had befallen us all she wrote to tell us of

"Une nouvelle à la gloire de St. Joan's—j'ai été élevée à la dignité de 'Dame de l'ordre équestre du Saint Sépulcre de Jerusalem.'"

We send her our affectionate congratulations and are glad that she will be here for the Requiem on February 17th.

She has since written:

"St. Joan's International mourns in consternation, for Florence Barry was the keystone of its arch. To intelligence and competence our friend allied modesty and goodness. The gap left by her death is immense; we pray for her but also implore her to continue her aid to us."

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Status of Women Commission

The Eighteenth Session of the Status of Women Commission will meet in Teheran from March 1st-19th. The United Kingdom representative will be Mrs. Margaret McKay, Member of Parliament for Wandsworth and Clapham, whom we have met at meetings of the Women's Advisory Council of the United Nations' Association.

It is sad that she will not be able to support the demand which some governments have already granted for Equal Guardianship of Infants, a subject on which Dame Joan Vickers worked so hard during the Conservative regime and on which our member, Mrs. Shirley Williams, M.P., has already begun to work under the present government.

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The Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at 2.30 p.m. at 27 Wilfred Street, Westminster, S.W.1. It will naturally and rightly recall some of the achievements in the cause of women's emancipation that owed so much to Florence A. Barry.

Members' subscriptions are now due. It will be remembered that at last year's Annual Meeting it was decided to leave the minimum annual subscription at £1 (which includes *The Catholic Citizen*) but to ask members "with the means to do so, voluntarily to augment their subscriptions." It would be of real service to the Alliance if these were sent in promptly. Apart from the time and expense involved in sending repeated individual reminders, the money is required to meet the day-to-day expenses of the office. Please address letters to St. Joan's Alliance, 36A, Dryden Chambers, 119 Oxford Street, London, W.1.

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Florence Barry



"I have done my work. I am ready to go".

As I write this the trumpets have just finished their sounding for the passing of a great national figure and the funeral march is playing.

For the one we mourn no trumpets sound and no bands play but to those who knew and loved her there is no need—she passes as anonymously as she chose to live but her soul is marching on. May she rest in peace who never rested on this

earth so long as there were wrongs to right or injustice to be fought. Florence Barry has a memorial in the hearts of those who loved her and in her work for women whom she literally gave her life to serve.

Professor Georgiana McEntee, Vice-President of St. Joan's International Alliance, in a letter from New York said: "It was a pioneer American

feminist Dr. Anna Howard Shaw who once wrote, 'No greater privilege can come to a human being than to love a great cause better than life itself and to have the opportunity throughout life of working for that cause.'

On the Monday before the Jubilee Dinner Miss Barry was taken ill on the way to the office. We were preparing the petition to the Commission on the Revision of Canon Law and her last act was to send this off to Rome. She then agreed to go home. So she left this small office, the last of a series in which her unremitting work was done.

I read the Jubilee message from the Holy Father to her in hospital and this gave her great joy. Thereafter none but her family and close friends saw her. She died in the early morning of Wednesday, January 27th. Her last words were, "I have done my work; I am ready to go."

May she rest in peace.

Our deep sympathy to Miss Eva Barry, the sister for whom Florence did so much, and to her family.

P.C.C.

TRIBUTES TO FLORENCE BARRY. R.I.P.

Among the messages of sympathy for us and sorrow for their own loss are many from women who have Florence Barry, and her co-workers over the years, to thank for the opportunity of being what they are: women in the House of Lords, women M.P.'s, women in the public service. There are also many from women who valued her warm-heartedness for its own sake.

We are glad to have these tributes and hope that, later, some personal memoir which will retain their substance may be possible.

Many do not yet know of the death of their champion and friend, but from the messages so far received, the following extracts are given to show something of the esteem in which she was held and the love she inspired.

Heaven will be the richer for her presence, and I feel sure that, as she left us for her new Home, 'all the trumpets sounded on the other side.'

To me it is a great personal loss—some forty or so years ago it was Miss Barry who first made me feel welcome within the ranks of those working for the status of women, with friendly entertainment and kindness.

Her death is indeed a loss to the cause of women's freedom all over the world, but with the mourning there is also deep gratitude for her life and work.

Florence Barry deserves every memorial both spiritual and temporal. At any rate, she *has* the memorial of the inspiration she has instilled in all

of us which will lead us forward with new courage in *her* Crusade.

Such was her dauntless spirit that I know her inspiration will always be with you and in your work. Indeed to all who knew her for so long in the Woman's Movement her selfless devotion to a just ideal will always remain a guiding light.

It was with shock that we heard of Miss Barry's death. Her unflagging interest and activity on behalf of women the world over were an example to all her colleagues.

It has been a privilege to have worked with her for many years on various Committees.

I felt that with Miss Barry on the Committee nothing would slip by that we should be taking note of.

And the first from the U.S.A.

Somehow I find the news hard to believe. Florence Barry was always so eager, so enthusiastic, so active, so vital—in other words, so conspicuously *alive*.

From Madame Archambault.

"J'aurais voulu pouvoir vous dire plus immédiatement combien je suis de coeur avec vous et le section Anglaise à l'heure de ce grand deuil—deuil de l'amitié, deuil pour l'Alliance.

"Que cette chère, si chère Miss Barry, de là-haut, continue à nous aider dans la poursuite du travail auquel sa vie fût consacrée!"

The printer's own tribute: During the many years we have been printing *The Catholic Citizen* it was obvious that the Alliance was her whole life and she will be greatly missed.

There are unwritten tributes from the people who came in contact with her in the ordinary business of life: those who knew her at the office, at the bureau which cyclostyled the letters we sent out, the caretaker at the school where we held our Committee meetings, the man who bought the stamps her rigid economy had saved, the "little place" where she got the best price for anything given for the Alliance.

There will be a Requiem for Florence Barry at Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday, February 17th, at 6 p.m., when the Mass will be said by Father Christopher Laughton Mathews.

We offer our deep sympathy to Mrs. Cummins, our Editor, who has herself been ill and whose mother died in the same week and was buried on the same day as Miss Barry. R.I.P.

THE MONTH IN PARLIAMENT

Administration of Justice Bill

The House discussed the recommendations of a committee, held under the chairmanship of Lord Justice Pearson, about measures to protect from deterioration in value funds held in trust by the courts. The only controversial clause in a suggested new Bill, which had its second reading on January 20th, was that relating to the administration of awards made to widows under the Fatal Accidents Acts. Sir Eric Fletcher, Minister without Portfolio, said that there were two legitimate points of view: "It is argued by those who stress the importance of sex equality that a widow should be given the same freedom to manage her own affairs as a man, a married woman or a spinster, or, indeed, as a widow who obtains damages as a result of an action for injuries done to herself. Those who support the alternative view stress the fact, as experience has shown, that when a widow obtains a sum of damages in court she is often exposed to the temptation to use her money ill-advisedly to the detriment of her own interests and those of her children."

By current practice the bulk of the damages is awarded to the widow and only a small fraction, for example a hundred or two out of up to ten thousand pounds, to the children, on the assumption that the money will be invested and be available for the family as a whole. Sir Eric said that the arguments about this matter are fully set out in the Pearson Report which also draws attention to the doubt "whether the jurisdiction at present exercised to control widows' damages has ever been validly authorised by Parliament." He invited the House to approve a compromise whereby "statutory sanction should be given to the existing practice for discretionary control—or control exercisable where the widow has a child under the age of 21." Mr. Hobson declared himself in favour of retaining the paternal protection of the courts—not to be exercised in all cases, for he believed that many widows would be capable of managing a large sum of money. Mr. Weitzman and Mr. Abse both agreed with the point of view put forward by the women's organisations—that a widow be deemed capable of managing her own affairs. Mr. Oakes supported this view, reminding the House that a widow has the same access to advice and help from bank managers and solicitors as anyone else. Mr. Abse thought that some members are still living in the last century. "One third of the women in this country are now working," he repeated. "We are in a position where the whole concept of the family has changed from being an authoritarian to an egalitarian one. Moneys are pooled, houses are bought together, mortgages jointly paid; and a law which does not correspond to the realities of the prevailing sociological position is otiose. I do not accept the view that a

widow is equivalent to an infant or a person of unsound mind." He thought that when the award was made a greater portion should be allotted to the children. Mr. Hoosen pointed out how the present position in law regarding responsibility for children necessitates a distinction being made between widows and widowers: the father is bound by law to support his children, but if a widow should waste or lose her share of damages and there was no adequate provision made for the children, they would become the responsibility of the state. The Bill was submitted to a Standing Committee.

Death of Sir Winston Churchill

The House met on Monday, January 25th, to pay tribute to the memory of Sir Winston, and to authorise the Lying-in-State and State funeral as requested by the Queen.

C. M. Cheke

REVIEWS

Joan of Arc, by Herself and her Witnesses. Translated from the French by Edward Hyams. Macdonald, 35s.

Mlle. Pernoud in this latest work has presented us with documents taken from the Records of the Trials of Condemnation and Rehabilitation, and with letters and journals of the times.

It is an historian's account, and as such differs from many often highly subjective "interpretations". It is the documents which give the facts of history. These documents cannot be ignored by anyone wishing to explain St. Joan. Mlle. Pernoud shows almost undue patience with those who have distorted, or worse still, falsified historical facts: some of the theories about St. Joan seem utterly absurd. Joan of Arc was one of the most extraordinary characters of history, but at the same time (and providentially it would seem) one of the best documented, so that there is no excuse. Her answers so "stupified" her judges that "they stopped and questioned her no more that time".

And yet to one reader at least, the more absurd, even the more monstrous the theories about her, the more is this proof that she was of God "whose thoughts are not as men's thoughts". If men cannot explain Joan they could not have invented her, and it is noteworthy that whenever they explain her without regard to the facts, they always degrade her in some way. The Joan of Arc of history could only have come from the mind of God.

One might think historical documents would make dull reading, but such is not the case—the whole book is most readable. Some may disagree with the details of the translation, e.g., the Angel's

Members of St. Joan's Alliance will notice contemporary praise for the women of Orleans during the siege. Feminine kindness shown to St. Joan during her imprisonment reminds us of that other

Trial when only women showed any kindness to Our Lord in His Passion. The aunt of John of Luxemburg, trying to prevent him giving up his prisoner to the English, might have been the wife of Pilate. "Have nothing to do with that just Man." She and his wife, as Joan tells us, offered her a dress. The Duchess of Bedford, too, "had the warders and others forbidden to offer her any violence" (in marked contrast to the Duke's lamentable behaviour). Christine de Pisan, the poetess, after eleven years' silence, took up Joan's pen to recount her exploits when "came out again the sun". The women with whom Joan stayed were always generous in their praise.

Joan denied using the words "I am chief-of-war"; also according to Père Doncoeur, "body for body". She moreover added that "Render to the Maid" . . . should have read "Render to the King" . . .

She need fear nothing from historians, this girl whom Angels called "Fille de Dieu"—Jeanne la Pucelle—to her face. So burning with the love of God—"I love Him with all my heart"—that God Himself proved it by a miracle: neither oil nor sulphur nor charcoal, were able to consume her entrails or her heart.

There is a useful index, and the whole presentation of the book is excellent. The contemporary illustrations have a naïve charm and the blue-tinted pages are a joy.

M.T.T.

We won't keep silence any longer. Ed. Gertrud Heinzelmann, Zurich.

This small German and English volume contains the submissions which individual women and groups of Catholic women have addressed to the Vatican Council, on the place accorded to women by the Church; also comments and newspaper articles on the same subject.

In introducing the argument, Dr. Heinzelmann contrasts the position of women in the early Church, and in the worship of other denominations, with the diminished rôle of woman today, in the Catholic Church. As has already been widely commented, she attributes this failure mainly to St. Thomas Aquinas' bias and his untenable biological theories. Although women were more honoured in the first years of the Christian dispensation, as shown by the high regard in which the widows, prophetesses and deaconesses were held, it is much more likely that St. Thomas only voiced a bias which had reasserted itself and which has much deeper roots than biological ignorance. His biological arguments have been castigated also by the Church, without much influence on the conclusions which others have drawn from them! Although we dissent from Dr. Heinzelmann's contention, hers was nonetheless the first document addressed to the Council with a request for revision

of the Church's present-day attitude to women and it is in that sense historical.

The submissions of Josefa Muench and that of Iris Mueller and Ida Raming, all three University-trained theologians, are outstanding. On the sure ground of serious study they present their argument with the familiarity of the specialist and the support of innumerable apt quotations. One can only hope that their contributions will be sympathetically received by the Vatican authorities.

Josefa Muench sets out her grounds for considering that Canon 968 which limits ordination to men alone is of human tradition rather than of divine law. Iris Mueller adds to the interest of these two young theologians' dissertation by a chapter of her own biography, an 'existential' comment of what it may cost a woman to be excluded from every office of the Church. When she was working in the honoured position of evangelical pastor—on the wrong side of the Iron Curtain—she felt the call to the Catholic faith. Aware of what her future might well be, she answered that call and at one stroke lost esteem, profession and livelihood. The unsentimental authorities held that she was unemployable, being trained only to announce the Gospel. They therefore withheld the food to which she had had a claim. Iris Mueller escaped death by taking the lesser risk of flight into the West. There, and after many difficulties, she finally graduated in theology at a Western University.

Another contributor to this volume is Rosemary Lauer, a professor of philosophy of St. John's University, New York. Her witty article on "Woman and the Church" is reprinted from *The Commonweal* and has already been noted in *The Catholic Citizen* of April last year. Despite all the fine romantic statements about woman's place being on a pedestal, tradition requires that women be given a "separate" treatment, they are not equal because they are inferior. Mary Daly, S.T.L., another American citizen, regrets that women had not spoken earlier. "All of us who should be articulate about this subject have been silent." She augurs that a sense of historical perspective will animate those who are entrusted with the grave task of re-examining the position of women within the Church, an attitude which is free from arrogance and prejudice.

The resolutions passed by the International Alliance of St. Joan at the two last annual meetings, resolutions now placed before the Vatican Council, are praised by the contributors to this volume. Either before or after publication they joined the Alliance in tribute to its pioneer efforts for woman's greater service to the Church.

F.M.S.

JUBILEE FUND

We wish to thank all who have already contributed to *The Catholic Citizen* Jubilee Fund. It will be the memorial to Florence Barry.

THE AFRICA CENTRE OPENING

His Excellency Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, President of Zambia, formally declared The Africa Centre open on Wednesday, November 18th in the presence of some two hundred guests, the national press and photographers, and the BBC African services. We have run seminars in Northern Rhodesia on social and political responsibility and many of the members of our Council of Management are personally known to Dr. Kaunda, so it was a special joy to everyone when he accepted the invitation extended to him as one of the outstanding Christian leaders in Africa and Head of State of its newest independent country. Many Ambassadors and High Commissioners of African States were present at the reception during which Dr. Kaunda made his opening speech, as well as representatives of Africa-interested and student organisations, Government officials, Protestant and Catholic missionary organisations, and directors or other representatives of commercial and industrial firms who have contributed to the Development Appeal.

We have received a copy of *Encounter*, a magazine edited by Stephen Spender and Melvin J. Lasky, in which there is an interesting article by Bernard Bergonzi, "The English Catholics," on which we hope to comment later. **P.C.C.**

We are glad to know that there is to be a life of Virginia M. Crawford who, as Lady Longford so beautifully said at the Jubilee Dinner, was the Mary Magdalen of the twentieth century.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Nina Boyle in "The Catholic Citizen,"
15th Jan., 1940

That *The Catholic Citizen* should be able to celebrate its Silver Jubilee is a matter for warm congratulation to St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance. Membership of St. Joan's is first and foremost a profession of Faith; but women of every faith owe them a debt of gratitude for the splendid way they have kept their flag flying and the sturdy fight they have put up for women of every race and creed. It is a privilege to be able to pay this tribute of respect and admiration to St. Joan's Alliance, and I wish their organ long life—and the joy of chronicling many victories—*Jubilat Deo*

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