We've heard a lot of talk lately, about Rationing, War Measures, OPA, OWI, etc., but not one word about the Poor. Yet, "the poor we have always with us." In times of War, Pestilence, Famine, Flood, there are always the poor. And Christ has given an important place to the poor, comparing them with Himself, and telling others, that they who wished to come into His kingdom they would have to become poor. These are not just words, but words full of meaning. "It is harder for a rich man to get into the kingdom of heaven, than for a camel to get through an eye of a needle." This is not just talk.

By now, all our bills for coffee, bread, food, etc., have tripled. We cannot buy bread from the bakeries, as in former days; they have no more to give out. Yet the work of feeding the poor must go on. Our coffee has been cut in half, to a pound a week, and we have to make it do. It is difficult, for there are still so many and they must not fit into the war effort, cripples, aged, all kinds.

But there are those that say: "Surely you can find some kind of work for these fellows to do." But there are not enough of these fellows, the majority of them at least, have been beaten from under the poor, and thinking but all their usefulness has long since departed from them. And they must be held the same as human beings like ourselves, all with the same right to be spiritualized, service to the (Continued on page 7)

To spiritualize service to the (Continued on page 6)
Weapons of the Spirit

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By Rev. JOHN A. O'BRIEN,
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At meeting of the Car-
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I pray that every
American citizen will
thunder to our Gov-
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tion of our Federal Government the solici-
tion of every heart which
cries: "Get food to the starv-
ing children of Europe not
because they are our brothers,
but in the name of God and in
the name of humanity, get it
for them.

Nor can the people of
the United States or any
other people do nothing for
the suffering children of
Europe. They are in too
wonderful a plight, too
war-torn, and the on
battlefields, to be left
alone.

The 15 COs have
received about 2,000
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men in hospital and
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and from the Quakers, as well as
from the Philadelphia State
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DAY AFTER DAY

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The bus station was in a stupa of fast hard to say a morning prayer in a place like that.

By two in the afternoon we reached Pensacola, where the and my destination was across the river, into the State of Ala- bama. Mrs. Catherine, a parishioner in the Holy Trinity, the cradle of those two new religious orders founded by Father Judge, the missionary Saints of the Most Holy Trinity.

They have a Convent in Phoe- nix, Alabama, which is what they call their houses— a school for young nuns. The prin- cipal told me of the unorganized condition of workers in the huge mills of Alabama, so the long hours, and less pay they were getting now. Of course, they are all working, which is more than they did during the depres- sion, but they are still the poor, still living in hout houses, still slaves of the machine, and degraded as Pope Pius XI said, by that service to the machine.

The first family we visited comprised twenty-two people, all in two rooms. Most families number around ten or twelve and always just the two rooms. A fireplace in each room, cooking done in a fireplace from time of that meager flame. Over and over again that morning I saw the burned limbs of little Negro children caused by being pushed into, or falling into, the fire.

Fr. Gilbert is in charge of the St. Peter Claver mission, which was built up by the labor of Fr. Celestine and the brothers of the order. Every- one in the order is taught to build- and-do to electrical and plumbing work, so that they can build up their own operations.

Fr. Gilbert has a little Church, a School, a rectory of three rooms, the front room of which is used also for classes. Now they are building a dispensary and store on little Vindication. There are two sisters teaching in the school where the attendance is only for four months of the year, and then only a few days a week. For the bad the pupils do not come. If there is work to do, they are away. Most of the children suffer from sunup to sundown from the time the ploughing begins in February. We visited all the first day I was there. We visited the isn't as large as that of Patterson, but which is rich bottom land along both banks of the river. McLinden, so the neigh- bors say, is making a fortune fattening hogs for the shoY. He often gets the slop he needs from Fort Benning, which is just across the river. The people in Patterson's live on his rich five thousand sand acres and their hats were the worn out. Yes, she could see through roofs, through earth. The stairs up to the rickety porch were in decay, the house sagged.

Living Conditions

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President Roosevelt has Pre- sident and the pupils do not come. "They don't know what to do with their money when they have it," he said. "They can't afford to save the Negro. They just blow it." Which, of course, is what our modern advertising men and radio and newspaper want us to believe. I see enough, though, and that's enough. After all, you can't buy a house and a few acres on fifty cents a day or two dollars a day.

Mr. Patterson, for instance, owns workshops and there are no house. There are no houses on the Murray land, and where it has been made the projects were dropped. I may be named after him (those houses). But there are no houses on the Murray land, and where it has been made the projects were dropped. There was the Thornton family, for instance. Out of them in two rooms. The lady was named Moses, and the owner of the house. (As I passed I counted back of me, hou sing for the Negro in all the cities of the South that I visited, I did not find any Negro family who was as well as living in §§ is not as large as Pat- ternson's, but which is rich bottom land along both banks of the river. McLinden, so the neigh- bors say, is making a fortune fattening hogs for the shoY. He often gets the slop he needs from Fort Benning, which is just across the river. The people in Patterson's live on his rich five thousand sand acres and their hats were the worn out. Yes, she could see through roofs, through earth. The stairs up to the rickety porch were in decay, the house sagged.

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Race Feeling High

Race feeling is high in the south, and a cry for justice is heard. As this are published, we are blamed for it. I read in a paper like Fr. LaFarge, who work for the Negro in the north, are outraged and工作 in conflict. Down around Fort Benning northerners and the army are blamed for giving the Negro high pay and "taking him out of his place." Colored women workers are threatened, but not men. Our women any more and no help is to be had in the fields, thanks to the Roosevelt administration. "We always care take of our niggers," is the expression. "They make things hard for them and we get'em out. They go to jail and we get'em out. We know how to treat them and we want the north- erners out of here." And there's rumors of the Klan rising again in Alabama. (The Klan has been active in the state recently.)
Now for a short article on the "GUILD of St. Dominic and St. Joseph" established by E. G. Maxwell and E. C. Akers 1920. At one time the community boasted a farm. Now they are working on a Chalice for a missionary who has been drafted into the armed forces. Their families remaining. Many changes have taken place and everyone is keeping going. Perhaps I should give the names: George Maxwell, the president, and his family is one of the "originals." I wish that you could see the work from the initial sketch to the finished article. I was especially taken with a statue of Our Lady as she might have been seen by Bernadette.

Works of Art

And then I learned lesson No. 1, my previous experience in buying religious articles had been confined to Church gowns. Since we did not have to reduce. You can imagine my surprise and dismay when George Maxwell said to me, "I have explained why the price had to be so high. How I longed for the Midas touch as he introduced me to the others and I saw examples of their work. Or better still, a little too high for the time when everyone would be able to have these truly works of art for their own use.

We then visited Phillip Haygood's, called: "I have no vague words. I am the engraver. You will see examples of his work in the The Cross and the Plough." He also does printmaking. It is a pity I could not get a whole month's pay in one piece. I'll get one of his pottery by God's grace. Perhaps you wonder why I speak in superlatives. You would be surprised by the report of her work. The way by the community, especially the boys, have wanted Graham Carey to carry to him as he has lost his ad- dressee's, I am sure. He is a little remembered to Ade. He ad- ministers her workmanily and it is impossible for her to come to Eng- land.

Crafts

The third member of the group is Joseph Cribb, the sculptor in marble and other media. That time he was working on a tombstone for an infant. The miniature angels with wings outspread looked so alive that I was tempted to reach out and touch them. I believe Joseph has been with the community over 15 years. He is also inquired about Graham Carey.

The last member of the group, Dunstan Pruden, is the silversmith. He also treasures the art of his craft. He also does carving. He is the engraver. You will see examples of his work in The Cross and the Plough. You will see examples of his work in the Interpretation of History.

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by LUIGI STURZO

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The Desert Fathers

Questions and Answers on the Rule of Life of the Holy Men which they lived in the Desert and their Multitude and in their Cells on every kind of Spiritual Excel- lence:

1. Two of the fathers en- treated God to inform them as to the mental realization ex- ceellence to which they had ar- rived, and a voice came to them with a voice such as they have heard from such a village of Egypt there is a certain man in the world who in certain words to his wife Mary, and ye have not as yet arrived at the same measure and grace, neither do ye see the same interior changes which go with vol- untary poverty, and this morning we received a let- ter from Teresa saying they were free from the house for two days, and they are snowbound and icelocked yet. But they have a life of a happy life.

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North Carolina

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she'll make a good communitarian. Like the rest of us she has a voracious appetite and remains nearly three pounds since birth.

And Dorothy were God-parents.

Little Catherine Smith, now a year old, is walking around the room and the baby is as healthy and bright as ever seen. She has a slice of whole wheat bread in one hand and a stick in the other. Perhaps the stick means she intends to retread her bread at all costs. We don't bird for that. It has made her big, strong and healthy. Nearly all the rest of the wheat bread and milk she has eaten and she has grown so well. We are beginning to see why bread is called the staff of life. The wheat bread rules out that white, colloidal loaf of so-called bread forever.

Peter was out for four days and visited all over the place, and needless to say the round of papers is discussed lively and largely. We were all sincerely glad indeed to see him feeling so well and back in his old form. Most of his talks were on personalism and the personal revolution.

One afternoon the discussion turned to modern education and how we can teach the memory to retain facts but do not teach how to think. This is the point of view of no worthwhile leaders who have emerged in time of crisis. He said, "We must break the little character and that—and here he stopped with snow up to his knees and his hands in his pocket—"That," he said, "must come from within." It is true, of course, realize the importance of the personal revolution and know what it is that the personal revolution we foster here, the green revolution, will fail. There is much less of thought and purpose here now, so it seems, than ever before, and we're going to break, so far as the weather is concerned, to get off the hill and have a little snow. And the priest would ask us why we didn't wait until she was able to be indoors, but we didn't. Anyway, she's baptized and we're grateful. She's only six weeks old and has been carried eight miles now in sun and sleet and snowstorms and that, we believe, is a sign. From all indications so far from the villages, formerly under the mir, as had been recog- nized, a system of milk production, it was to set in. The peasant soldiers now are engaged rest- less about changes effected in the villages during their absence, when they return home to attend to these matters. The Provisional Government will have to live up to the Stalin Acts but in the early days of the Communist revolution there were "socialistic experi­ ments," even after the Commu- nists had allocated the last 20 percent of the peasant popu­ lation to the peasants. In those days the Communist Government, "most ac­ cording to the leaders of the party, and opportunities," passed laws merely of theoretical interest.

The New Economic Policy, proclaimed after the Commu­ nists had been entrenched in power, was,"a strategic retreat of Communism," as applied to the peasantry. The N.E.P. represented a return to the Stalinist plan. The peasantry, the last to be permitted to enter to be changed by the author, "it seemed to us" was "a strategic retreat in its impact. In January, 1930, Stalin, to save the town from what is now the "liquidation of the kulaks, was restructuring agriculture. In the words of means that persons numbering, with their families, some five millions without land, they had been displaced of their properties, in the past."

The present status of the Russian farmers is of course unknown. The government, by the manner of the report, speaks of the death of information due to the war. Of more importance, however, is the situation with the post-war Soviet Government adheres to its collectivism, and it is reflected in the return to a sounder, stabler policy of individual ownership. The former cooperative farms in Russia for eighty-old years should have been restored, but the law that certain "reforms" can never be introduced successfully, and that not even a few men can change human nature. Cen­ tainly the Russian reformers have been unable to eradicate the fundamental desire for individua- l ownership from the hearts of the Russian peasant.

DANDELION

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This is our first land experiment. Discussing this problem in the London Liberal weekly, "Time and Tide," L. B. Namier points out that the "official land reform" of the New Economic Policy does not satisfy the land hunger of the Russian peasant. By the mid-1930s the peasants had greatly increased the total area of their holdings by peasant purchase. The Russian "real estate" of the peasants is titled to the state, and it was not until after the 1920s that the state could satisfy the land hunger of the Russian peasant.

Individual Owners

Namier, whose article is a review of John Maynard, "The Russian Peasant," relates that like the international finance, the land reform of the revolution of 1905.

Following the dissolution of the imperial legislative council, Prime Minis­ ter Stolypin launched a new scheme of collective agriculture. The state purchased to buy heavy grain, the Portage Farms Associ­ ation, and the Russian land experiment. This involved a group. The farming is done in small plots, the members elected by the farming community. The post-war Soviet Government adheres to its collectivism, and it is reflected in the return to a sounder, stabler policy of individual ownership. The former cooperative farms in Russia were a complete failure, as the law that certain "reforms" can never be introduced successfully, and that not even a few men can change human nature. Certainly the Russian reformers have been unable to eradicate the fundamental desire for individual ownership from the hearts of the Russian peasant.

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Missouri Cooperative

In Pemuscatou County, Me., the Portage Farms Association, formed three years ago by 46 farmers of the white and negro families of the town, has been able to cooperate, and has repaired their Farm Security Administration, two years after the work of the board of directors, five men are elected by the farmers as a group. The farming is done individually, but marketing is done collectively, and equipment and proceeds are shared.