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One of the great arguments for clerical celibacy is that it leads to a very high standard of golf among the Catholic clergy. I saw something of this for myself last week on the Ayrshire coast, at the close of the Universe Annual Golf Competition, when Plymouth diocese beat Shrewsbury at a play-off, and it was astonishing how high the average skill is, on a broad steady average of four strokes to a hole, or 72 holes for under rather than over three

hundred strokes. I am told that the Anglican diocesan clergy cannot match this level, partly because they would not like the parson's wife to be spoken of as a golf widow. Golf is full of useful similies for the pulpit, a microcosm of human life in that every performance falls short of perfection ... Particularly gratifying ... was that there were prizes for the runners-up—people to be encouraged at a time when the Church is so full of runners-down.

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A number of hitherto unpublished letters written to Cardinal Manning by Florence Nightingale show how near to the Catholic Church she was at one time; and how helpful Manning was in shaping and helping her vocation as a nurse. We quote one letter written in June, 1852: "You do know now, with all its faults, what a home the Catholic Church is. And yet what is she to you compared with what she would be to me? No one can tell,

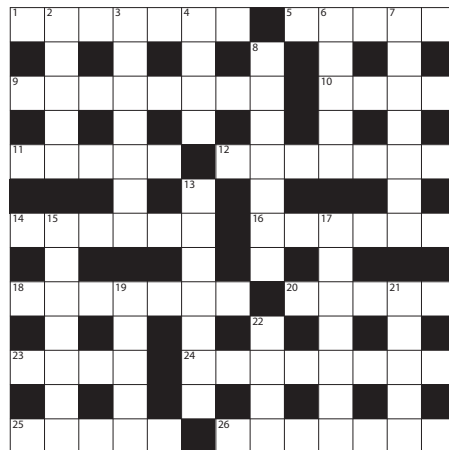
no man can tell, what she is to women, their training, their discipline, their hopes, their home; to women because they are left wholly uneducated by the Church of England, almost wholly uncared for, while men are not. For what training is there compared to that of the Catholic nun?" Then she makes it clear what she means: "... [I speak] from experience. There is nothing like the training which the Sacred Heart or the Order of St Vincent gives to women."

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD
No. 580 | Axe

Across

- 1 Name shared by one of David's wives and a concubine of Caleb (7)
- 5 Periods of abstinence (5)
- 9 More general form of Buddhism which emphasises the ideal of bodhisattva (8)
- 10 Those in enclosed orders living under vows of poverty, chastity and obedience (4)
- 11 Strong belief in a supernatural power (5)
- 12 Less important of Damascus' two rivers (7)
- 14 Name shared by a national patron saint and the seventh-century "Bishop of the Arabs" (6)
- 16 One who sued David for pardon after Absalom's revolt (6)
- 18 Collection of Hindu poems dating from before 2000BC (3,4)
- 20 Miriam's father (5)
- 23 Guide to the Nativity? (4)
- 24 Esau's people (8)



- 25 Apostle, leader of the early Church (5)
- 26 First place taken by the Israelites under Joshua as they entered the Promised Land (7)

Down

- 2 Commander of Absalom's army (5)
- 3 Group of canons (7)
- 4 Son of Omri (4)
- 6 Saul's commander-in-chief (5)
- 7 Translator of the Bible into English (7)

SUDOKU | Hard

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- 8 Town rebuilt by Rehoboam as a defence against the Philistines and Egyptians (7)
- 13 Lake in the Arabah of Deuteronomy (4,3)
- 15 Missionary letter of the N.T., as per the K.J.V. (7)
- 17 Follower of a Muslim sect founded by one taking the name of Abraham and Hagar's son (7)
- 19 Comes after 3 for Bible readers (5)
- 21 Letter before Beth? (5)
- 22 City where Paul was martyred (4)

Please send your answers to:

Crossword Competition 21 October

The Tablet, 1 King Street Cloisters, Clifton Walk, London W6 0GY. Please include your full name, telephone number and email address, and a mailing address. Three books – on Paul, theology and Christian ethics – from the OUP's Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 3 November.

● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 11 November issue.

Solution to the 30 September crossword No. 577

Across: 1 Medes; 4 En-Dor; 10 Agrippa; 11 Diana; 12 Abner; 13 Ambrose; 14 Fauré; 16 Satyr; 21 Meshach; 23 Admah; 25 Curia; 26 Dead Sea; 27 Haman; 28 Achan. Down: 2 Ekron; 3 Emperor; 5 Nadab; 6 Oratory; 7 Hadad; 8 Barak; 9 Caleb; 15 Assyria; 17 Aramaic; 18 Amice; 19 Rhoda; 20 Thoas; 22 Ahava; 24 Mesha.

Winner: Liam O Briain, of Prestwich, Manchester.

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