

RED CROSS REGRETS INSULTING POEM

NATIONAL OFFICERS SEND OUT APOLOGY

Boston Pilot
The February issue of the Red Cross Magazine, published a poem written by Rudyard Kipling, in which there was a grievous insult to His Holiness, Pope Benedict XV.

The Pilot, the official organ of the archdiocese, called the matter to the attention of the Red Cross officials, both national and local, and ample reparation has been made for the injury done to the Holy Father and to Catholics, especially those in the United States.

Concerning the amends and promises of the Red Cross officials His Eminence wrote as follows to Mr. James Jackson, the divisional manager for New England of the American Red Cross:

THE CARDINAL'S LETTER

Archbishop's House, Granby St. Boston, March 8, 1918. Mr. James Jackson, Division Manager, New England Division Headquarters, American Red Cross, Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Jackson: Your esteemed communication of March 6th has reached me and I thank you for the straightforwardness of its tone and the nobility of its sentiments.

It is worthy in every sense of a patriotic American and of an honest man.

Why such stuff as Kipling's poem is ever written must always remain a mystery to us. This is not the first time that Kipling's abnormality has led him to prostitute a noble gift to a base purpose.

But still more mysterious is it to find such stuff in a Red Cross Magazine.

Our people are heartily sick of such "accidents," and it is difficult to persuade even the most patient that such crudities of vulgar sentiment flouted in their faces are merely accidental.

Hundreds were on the point of taking down the Red Cross sign from their windows and refusing to be further connected with the Society.

Your honorable letter expressing officially and personally your regret of the untoward incident will do very much to delay such action which would be unfortunate of course.

But they will still await satisfactory amends from the Magazine, which must be forthcoming at once.

I must repeat that our good Catholic people are heartily sick of this miserable display of Orangism in America, and their own self respect forbids them to tolerate it another day.

Our people are giving their all, their own blood, their sons in the Army and Navy, their best efforts to the Red Cross.

What in comparison with their numbers and their means these Kiplingites are giving besides their everyday sectarian bitterness, would be worth while investigating. And we should like to know, moreover, just who is responsible for this insult in the Red Cross Magazine.

You know you can always rely upon me for co-operation, but I trust that everyone will remember that it is co-operation with a very large CO.

Again let me say your letter does you both honor and credit, and proves your genuine fitness for your high place in the Red Cross Society.

We wish we could say as much of all those connected with this really great organization.

Very sincerely yours, (Signed) W. CARD, O'CONNELL

MR. JACKSON'S LETTER

The American Red Cross New England Division Headquarters 755 Boylston Street Boston, Mass., March 6, 1918.

His Eminence, Cardinal O'Connell, Granby Street, Boston, Mass.

Your Eminence:—My attention has been called to a poem by Kipling in the February number of the Red Cross Magazine, which I read with profound regret, because of the reference which the poem made to the Spiritual Head of the Roman Catholic Church.

I have today received the following telegram from Mr. Harvey D. Gibson, general manager of the American Red Cross in Washington.

"In the February issue of the Red Cross Magazine there appeared a poem by Rudyard Kipling, in the poem there is an unfortunate reference to the Head of the Catholic Church. This poem was inserted in the Red Cross Magazine at the last minute by the editors without having been submitted to Washington. It was regarded purely as a literary contribution from Kipling and the editors did not sense the reflection on the Catholic Church which it contained. It is a matter of the greatest concern to the War Council of the American Red Cross that this should have happened and they regard it as a serious error. The American Red Cross is non-sectarian. Everyone knows the splendid help, co-operation and active service the Catholics everywhere have given the Red Cross. In our official ranks we have many Catholics. In view of this spirit it is hoped that the Catholics everywhere will understand that the appearance of this poem was the result of an oversight and error. The next issue of the Red Cross Magazine will contain an editorial of sincere regret."

I deeply deplore the fact that the poem should have been published in the Red Cross Magazine where it has

given offence to so many of my own friends and fellow-workers in the American Red Cross. It is one of those unfortunate things in which a whole organization suffers and is apt to be held responsible for the stupidity of some one individual.

I wish to express to you my own deep regrets that any such poem should have appeared in the Red Cross Magazine, because I am probably more deeply sensible than anyone else of the great work which the Roman Catholics of New England, headed by Your Eminence, have done for the Red Cross.

You know, as I know, that this poem does not interpret the spirit of the American Red Cross, and as Division Manager of the American Red Cross for New England I want to disavow on behalf of the Red Cross organization any responsibility for the sentiments expressed in this poem. And I trust that in spite of this unfortunate incident—we may continue to receive the kind of help and co-operation that we have received from Your Eminence in the past, so that we may carry forward the patriotic duty devolving on the whole nation.

Respectfully yours, (Signed) JAMES JACKSON, Division Manager.

THE LETTER OF A HERO

The following is the letter and testament of a young University student, Mario Tancredi Rossi, of Fobelli (Valecia), Italy, who fell in the Ortigara, last June. The letter is addressed to his mother and near relatives.

I am writing under artillery fire. It is half past eight, a. m., the 10th of June, 1917. At two o'clock to-day the Italian columns of attack, comprising 20,000 Alpines, will advance on the Ortigara, the Capigolletti and the Cima Dodici; and then...

...Mother and dearest relatives, my end may come to-day. I am prepared, and feel stronger than I was, for her I eternal am ready to die! May the Lord God, in Whom I believe, and with Whom my soul communicated yesterday in the Holy Eucharist, console you, in the event of my death. Know that I shall die with the vision of Italy before my eyes and the vision of you, my father, my excellent mother, my sweet sisters, and of you my brother, whose life also has been heavily burdened. Know that I shall die blissful and happy, with the vision of glory in my eyes, and the blue sky of Italy overhead, on the summit of those mountains which I have loved above all the fairest things in the world. I have lived twenty-three years; I sought truth and cleanness of heart. I have sinned many times; but let the remorse speak in my defence, and the judgment to which I have ever submitted my actions in the name of God, Who knows.

I ask forgiveness of you, mother and father, and of you all, my dear ones, if at any time I grieved you. My only regret in leaving this life is the tears of my mother, of my household and of that dear girl who was my fondest hope. Kiss her brow for me, mother, and tell her that such was my fate, and such the will of the Lord. May God bless and comfort you; may He dry your tears with the thought that my blood is shed on the soil of Italy, for Italy and for Humanity which aspires to redemption only through the efficacy of blood. We shall meet again in Heaven Eternal. I leave the poor things I have written to you personally mother, as a souvenir of me. I have only my memories and my obscure name to bequeath. I am one of the multitude of unknown beings who will be dead or shall die for the enigma of the world. I yearned after glory in the pursuit of Finesse; I shall be satisfied instead to have fought for my country with a stout heart, and to have died for it. O mother, mother, sweet soul and precious jewel, I conjure you in the name of my memory, sustain this awful shock: know that we shall meet again in God and know you must remain behind for the sake of the other dear ones. I am going with faith in your word that I shall not fall; but if I should not return know that Christ said: God is your salvation.

I send you many kisses: I shall die with my heart aglow for you. Bid farewell to her. She dwells in my mind as the last image of spring-time and life. May the recollection of me ever console you: cry out with me: Long live Italy!

CATHOLICS MAKE GREAT SHOWING

MAJORITY OF MEN AT CAMP DEVONS TURN OUT TO ATTEND MASS

Washington, D. C.—The Rev. T. P. McGinn of Boston, Mass., one of the chaplains at Camp Devons, was a visitor at the K. of C. headquarters in Washington recently, and gave some facts about the number of Catholic boys in that camp that are vitally interesting.

Father McGinn pointed out that of the regiments stationed at Camp Devons the Three Hundred and First infantry is 91% Catholic; the

Three Hundred and Fourth regiment 90%, whereas the lowest per cent, would probably be found in the Three Hundred and First engineers, which runs about one-half Catholics—thus bringing the entire regiments a large per cent. of the grand old faith.

He went on to relate that on last Sunday, by special arrangement with General Weigel, commanding the 40th brigade, all Catholic soldiers received permission to leave their barracks under command of officers, to attend Mass in a body, and of the 6,200 men (of the 15% quota of the first draft) a conservative estimate would place the Catholics at 4,600. Eleven Masses were celebrated by the seven priests in the camp, and afterwards two were said for the soldiers in quarantine. At the five Masses celebrated in the main building of the Knights of Columbus, there were approximately 10,000 men in attendance.

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OBITUARY

REV. JAMES J. RYAN DEAD

After an illness of more than two years, the death occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital, March 20th, of Rev. James J. Ryan.

Father Ryan was born in Walton, Ont., August 27, 1879, the son of the late James Ryan. He received his primary education in the Public schools there, and his classical education at Sandwich College, and made part of his theological course at the Grand Seminary, Montreal. He completed his studies at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was ordained in Kansas City, Mo., to the cathedral at Leavenworth as assistant to Rev. John Ward, now bishop of the diocese.

More than two years ago, Father Ryan's health broke down, and he returned to Canada, going to St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, for treatment. Three brothers and three sisters survive. They are: Dr. Thomas L. Ryan, Saginaw, Mich.; Patrick of Goderich; W. J. of Walton; Mrs. Pielan, Blyth; Mrs. T. Nolan of Walton, and Mrs. Morgan Cleary of Seaford.

The funeral was held on Friday morning March 22nd at 9 o'clock in St. Peter's Cathedral, in the Very Rev. Vicar General O'Connor, celebrant. Rev. Father Hogan, deacon, and Rev. Father Goodwin, sub-deacon. His Lordship Bishop Fallon assisted in the Sanctuary and sang the Libera. Many priests and friends of the deceased priest were present. Interment was made in St. Peter's cemetery, London.

MRS. PETER CAVANAGH

On Wednesday, February 6, the death occurred very suddenly of Mrs. Peter Cavanagh of Richmond parish; the deceased lady had been in good health up to the time of her death from heart failure. Mrs. Cavanagh was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. She was of a kind, loving and cheerful disposition, a fond wife and loving mother; a devout Catholic, a member of the League of the Sacred Heart, and a constant attendant of St. Philip's church, Richmond. Mrs. Cavanagh (born Annie McCarthy) was the daughter of Daniel McCarthy and Margaret Dooley who was born in the township of Nepean sixty years ago; she leaves a family of seven children, Mrs. Chris. McKenna, Mrs. D. McKenna, Mrs. Dwyer Hill, Walter, of Edmonton, Michael, of Detroit, Daniel of Goubover, Francis and Sylvester at home; also her husband and three sisters, Mrs. O'Rourke, Mrs. R. Lyng and Mrs. M. White, all of Ottawa. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on Saturday morning to St. Philip's Church, Richmond, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Cavanagh, cousin of the deceased, assisted by the parish priest, Rev. Father O'Neill.

MRS. CHARLES MATHEWS

On Wednesday, March 13th, the "Irish Block," Grey Co., lost one of its oldest and most respected residents, in the death of Mrs. Charles Mathews. After a lingering illness of several years, fortified by the last rites of the church, she peacefully breathed her last.

The deceased was born in Albion eighty years ago, and was a daughter of the late Mr. Michael Traynor. Ten of her twelve children are left to mourn her loss: Rev. Bro. Matthew, Toronto; Michael, Melancton, Leo, The Irish Block, Martin and Frank, Saskatchewan—Rev. St. Elizabeth, Toronto; Mrs. J. Foley, Dundalk; Mrs. T. Keating, Guelph, Mrs. D. Cameron, Garryowen, also a Sister, Rev. Sr. M. Patricia, St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

The funeral was held Friday morning, March 15th, to St. Michael's Church, "Irish Block." Rev. Father McNulty of Owen Sound, preached a very touching eulogy on the sterling virtues, lively faith, and sincere devotion of the deceased.

After the services the remains were borne by six nephews, acting as pall bearers, to the family burial plot, and placed beside those of her late husband, who predeceased her by thirteen years. R. I. P.

PATRICK GILBERTAN

We regret to have to chronicle the death of Mr. Patrick Gilbertan at the family residence, Queen St., Lindsay, after an illness covering almost five years, borne with Christian fortitude and resignation to the divine will. The late Mr. Gilbertan was born in County Clare, Ireland, on the twelfth day of March, 1844, and had just passed his seventy-third birthday. At an early age he with his parents

came to this country. They settled in the township of Cavan, where they remained for a few years. Later they moved to the township of Ops, where they purchased a tract of land about two miles north of the town. The greater part of his life was spent there until about eight years ago he retired from farming and took up residence in Lindsay. He was a fine type of Christian gentleman and enjoyed the esteem and respect of a wide circle of friends.

The funeral was held from St. Mary's Church where Requiem High Mass was chanted by Mgr. Casey. A large number of friends of the deceased and the family were present. At the conclusion of the Mass the remains were placed in the vault at St. Mary's cemetery. The pall-bearers were sons and sons-in-law of the deceased: John, Michael, Thomas, Leo Girard, Joseph Egan and Robert Winn. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, and ten children: John, Michael and Thomas residing in Ops, Sister Rita of St. Joseph's Hospital, Port Arthur; Mrs. J. J. Egan and Miss Ella, of Toronto; Mrs. Wm. Clark, of Port Arthur; Mrs. J. J. Dermody and Miss Ethel, of Winnipeg; Mrs. Robert Winn, Reaboro.

PRISONERS OF WAR

Post Office Department, Can. Ottawa, March 10th, 1918.

The German authorities have issued a memorandum to the effect that parcels for Prisoners of War interned in Germany must be addressed to the "parent" (or main) camp to which the Prisoners belong and must not bear the names of any branch or working camp or of any other place to which the Prisoner might be detailed for special services.

The memorandum states that Prisoners who have been detailed for services outside the "parent" camps have been enjoined by the German Authorities from the very first, to inform in this sense any relations or other persons from whom they expect to receive postal parcels. Parcels for Prisoners of War in hospitals also come within the meaning of these regulations.

In the interests of the Prisoners it is therefore essential that these regulations should be strictly adhered to as otherwise the German Authorities will not deliver the parcels to the Prisoners of War for which they are intended, and it is suggested that persons in Canada when writing to Prisoners in Germany should ascertain definitely the name of the "parent" (or main) camp so that they can comply with the regulations of the German authorities in addressing parcels to prisoners.

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Lindsay, March 20th, 1918.

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Virginal, victorious, Lord of life and love, Hark! the Heavens glorious Hymn His praise above!

Hark the throats singing In melodious mirth! Hear the joyous ringing Blithely over earth!

O my spirit! voicing Some faint echo sweet! Of green earth's rejoicing, Christ, thy Saviour, greet

Bow thee as a vestal To thy Lord and King! Chant the psalm festal That His seraph sing!

So may'st thou, victorious O'er the grave of sin, To His Heaven glorious One day enter in.

—P. J. Coleman.

A WARNING

Swindlers posing as authorized agents for the Bureau of Missing Soldiers maintained by the Holy See, have been collecting funds in Italy. In consequence, the Vatican has issued a warning against them through the columns of The Osservatore Romano as follows: "From several quarters information has reached the Holy See of dishonest persons, who, profiting unworthily by the work which the Roman Pontiff is doing on behalf of the prisoners of War and of their families seek to exploit even this paternal and apostolic charity by offering them, in return for pecuniary compensation, as intermediaries to ob-

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