

## BELGIAN ORPHANS

FATHER STILLEMANS SAYS OFT. PROPOSED CHARITY IS IMPRACTICAL FOR THE PRESENT

New York, November 29.—The Rev. Father J. F. Stillemans, presi-dent of the Belgian Relist Com-mittee, has received many requests lately for information concerning Belgian children conheand on a star Belgian children orphaned as a re-sult of the war, the inquirers in mearly every instance desiring adopt one or more. In addition individual applications, Father Stilleindividual applications, Father Stille-mans called attention to reports that several suggestions have been con-sidered, in various parts of the country, the purpose of which would be to bring large numbers of these little unfortunates to the United States to be put into American homes. Speaking of the orphan situation yesterday, Father Stille-mans said : mans said :

'This movement undoubtedly appeals to many as a beautiful charity. But, unfortunately, I fear that it is not practical. Belgium has been in vaded and its population driven out and scattered into different countries. We learn every day that many families are scattered and their members ignorant of one another's where-abouts. In some cases the father is a prisoner in Germany, the mother, and perhaps one child, may be in Holland, and another child in Eng-land. It is veritable chaos. After the war ends these people must be brought together, and only then will it be known what children are or-phans with no relations to care for them. At present it is impossible to tell which children are orphans and will need charity from outsiders. So no practical work can be done at present, and we must keep our zeal until the end of the war. Another matter that must not be lost sight of is that Belgium's popu-lation is practically entirely Catho lic. Consequently the Belgian chil-dren are Catholics, and undoubtedly if they were to be brought up out-side of that faith it would be entirely against the will of their parents and relatives." — Philadelphia Standard and Times.

THE FRENCH ARMY

It is natural that our chief inter-est in the western battlefront should be in the British army, Under Sir John French, that splendid body of men had a great part in the salvation of Paris, and since the German adone or more of the small scapulars. There is a story, which may be true, or may not be, that the attention of vance was checked it has made a the kindly Pontiff was first called to reputation for gallantry and steadithis matter by an African missionary who told how his naked Negro Cath ness which will never die. Yet we must not forget that the main porion of the land work has fallen olics found the wearing of the scapular difficult in the thorny jungles of the French. The line from Belfort the Congo. The permission intended at first for these dusky children of north to the sea is over two hundred miles long. On every portion of this line alike the enemy has been Holy Church, to use a medal as a substitute, was finally given to all Catholics. The wearing of several scapulars is inconvenient, and posheld helpless. It used to be said that the French were magnificent in the attack, but that they were tempera-mentally unsuited to long periods of sibly unsanitary, and this medal can replace any or all of them ; that is, defensive warfare. No military authority now makes such a state. all persons who have been validly invested with a blessed woolen ment.

scapular may use the scapular medal instead—and if they have been in-The French have been magnificent both in attack and defence. Early in the war they took Muelhausen at vested with several, the medal will take the place of all, if properly blessed. This refers only to the small scapulars, for the medal is not the point of the bayonet. Heavy German reinforcements compelled them to evacuate the place. But a week or so later they took it again, showing a spirit of ardent enthusiasm a substitute for the so called that the enemy could not withstand. Ever since the Battle of the Marne, replace an old one without a blessing. This is not the case with the medal. the Germans have been seeking to advance from Metz and beseige Ver-It mus the blessed-and this can be done only by a priest who has faculdun, the fortress on the Meuse. Not once, but twenty times they have once, but twenty times they have thes to bless and invest with the cor-attempted without success to break responding scapular. If the medal the French line. The only re-sult of all this fighting is that the French have pressed foward and are now only fifteen miles from Metz. When, for so long a time and under such unfavorable weather conditions the French forces can maintain themthe French forces can many selves against troops as good as any in Europe, the charge that France is a decadent State will not longer be a decadent State will not longer be The state of affairs about Verdun is not different from that on other portions of the line. The troops nder General Joffre have shown a steadiness and persistence which are worthy of all praise and which recall at days of the Napoleonic perthe gre iod. Conscripts or veterans in those times were alike in their ardor for the service, and in their discipline. Even in the war of 1870, when France was crushed by unreadiness and stupidity rather than by Prussian vigor, one French charge lived in human memory and gave a new proverb to the language, "C'est magnifi-que, mais ce n'est pas la guerre." Nothing could have been finer, in a military sense, than that gallant charge. In this tremendous struggle, the French are not spending themselves in vain. General Joure, the cold, taciturn, resourceful leader, has proved his ability and has won the de-votion of every soldier. He has brought his men to realize that the Germans are not necessarily con-querors, and has stimulated a feel ing of individual ascendency over the enemy which has been of the great-est possible value. While British ships have guarded the north coast and British soldiers have done Homand British Solders have cons Hom-eric deeds on the left wing, in com-pany with the gallant Belgrans, Gen-eral Joffre and his splendid army have sealed the passes of Belfort and

Brown and Jones, who were born in the same year. Twenty five years ago, when they were twenty years of age, Brown wishing to give protec-tion to those dependent on him, joined the C. M. B. A., giving both time and talents to advance the interests of the association. Jones, however, looked only for a good time, asleably apending his means on his Freedom is as much a trumpet-call to France to-day as in the stirring times of Rouget de Lisle.—The Tor-

MORE CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS

Some improvement has resulted from the agitation raised in England regarding the dearth of Catholic chaplains for the Catholic soldiers at the front. Seven additional chap-lains have been appointed, among mbom are three Urichmen - but these selfishly spending his means on his own pleasure, without a care for his dependents. But, quite recently, he experienced a change of heart, and desired to make some provision for his wife and children, and so joined the C. M. B. A. Now what is the re-sult. Jones, the new member, is assessed \$206 a month on \$1,000 and Brown, although he whom are three Irishmen; but these are declared to be not nearly sufficient, one priest expressing the opinion that at least one chaplain to every five hundred men is necessary. But an unsatisfactory feature about the new chaplains to the Cathhas been paying assessments for twenty five years, is mulcted in the

same amount. But you may say, Brown had insurance for the last olics at home is that they have been sent to France and ordered to report to the chief of the chaplains depart. twenty-five years. Yes against death, but he did not die. So I maintain ment, who is a Protestant clergyman. He has the power of deciding where they shall be placed and with all the he had no insurance, but has paid his share of the fund to satisfy all claims, under the certificates of de Protestant's ignorance of the vital ceased members.

interests of Catholic souls he has I would point to another injustice appointed the whole seven priests to in the new rates, and I now instance various hospitals. Where they are wanted is with the soldiers on the no fictitious individuals, as there are at least two members in the branch to which I belong in this class. These brothers joined nine years ago, pattlefield, where so many end their young lives and have but a few in the hospitals there is good work to be done, but naturally, in a war at the age of eighteen, taking \$1,000 each, paying at the rate of 83 cents a month, and then upon the raise in to be done, but insturing, in a war like this, it is those with a chance of recovery who reach the hospitals, and it is with the dying, not the liv-ing, that our priests wish to be, and that our soldiers desire their presrates on the old members, \$1.00 a month. Now at the age of twentyseven, your new rate taxes them \$1.06 a month although for the last seven years they had been paying more than your present rate called In Ireland the agitation against

for, at their age at entry. But the hardest blow is struck at the present conditions is growing in vehemence. Of the seven priests just sent out six are seculars and one the old man, the man whose earning power is diminished, or altogether gone. It may be that circumstances were against him, or he may have is a Franciscan. Of the Catholic soldiers now at the front two thirds are Irishmen. By the way, among the first of the old volunteer regieen a laborer whose remun was low, but who pinched and save ments, now Territorials, to be honored with a command to the front that his old and feeble partner might not be a pauper when he was gone, and now at seventy years you de-mand from him a sum that is abso-lutely beyond his reach. Think of has been the Honorable Artillery Company, which is one of the oldest and finest bands of our citizen a man whose earning power must be limited indeed, being asked to pay soldiers. Its colonel, who is joining his men, is Lord Denbigh, head of a great Catholic house, president of the Catholic Association, and well known he had joined at 45 years of age, he as one of the right hand men of the Catholic episcopate in this country. —Church Progress. your rate demands, is simply, so far as he is concerned—confiscation of

THE SCAPULAR MEDAL his certificate. I have not considered the options as they do not, any of them, appeal to me, being I think equally as ob-In a regulation made by the late Holy Father Pius X., in 1910, it is jectionable as the rate. permitted to wear a medal instead of

I am not implying motives to the Grand Council, but I think, and I believe the great majority of the mem-bers will agree with me, that there has been shown a great lack of judg-ment in fixing the rates. If sister societies can carry out business suc-cessfully, under the rate at age of ntry, then so can the C. M. B. A. I have just one suggestion to make

if these rates are persisted in. Let the words "fraternity" and "benevo-lence" be eliminated from all documents connected with the order. MEMBER.

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## THE CATHOLIC RECORD DECEMBER 19. 1914 Nature's apparent caprices are all part of her absolute order, and work unerringly toward some end. So, too, God's certain Providence, guided by the direct operation of a higher than natural law, disposes each human happening, with beautiful forethought, to the fulfillment of vast designs.—Robert Cox Stump. STAINED GLASS J. J. M. Landy HOUSEKEEPER WANTED W ANTED RELIABLE MIDDLE AGED Catholic woman to assist with light house work. Apply to Box 83, Schomberg Ont. **Everything in** 1887-1 **Catholic Church** FARM FOR SALE A FIRST CLASS too ACRE FARM IN THE Township of Hullett, with good bank barn soto, with stone stabiling underneath and a good is torey, frame house with good callar, with telephone in house. There is about 7 or 8 acres of hardwood bush. This farm is studed 2 miles north of Clinton of the stability of John Reynolds, 181 Queen St., Stratford, Ont. 1879-2 Supplies Special Sale of Vestments 405 YONGE ST. 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THE C. M. B. A.

To the Editor of the RECORD : To the Editor of the RECORD : I enclose an open letter to the Grand President of the C. M. B. A. that I I trust you will publish. As I feel there is in this new rate an unjust discrimination against the old mem-bers I think that every member should publicly protest against it.

It may be necessary to raise the rates but it cannot be necessary to strike them on the acquired aged in-stead of the age of entry. I believe they should be kept just as low as possible, compatible with safety. (Name and address enclosed)

Toronto, Dec. 7th, 1914.

OPEN LETTER TO THE GRAND PRESI-DENT OF THE C. M. B. A. OF CANADA Sir,-In the new table of rates for the C. M. B. A. just published in the "Canadian," there are some points that, in my humble opinion, are not

just to the old members. Take the assessment of all mem the Moselle, have occupied the passes of the Vosges and in the Argone the acquired or present age. To have set the Germans burrowing like foxes. It is a military accomplish-ment of high value, and proves that

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SHANNON.—At his residence, 172 Mance street, Montreal, Que, on December 5, 1914, Mr. P. C. Shannon, Chartered Accountant, in his sixtyfifth year. May his soul rest in peace !

MCGREGOR-At her home in Til-bury Rast, on Monday, Dec. 7, 1914, Ann, beloved wife of the late William C. McGregor, in in her seventy first year. May her soul rest in peace !

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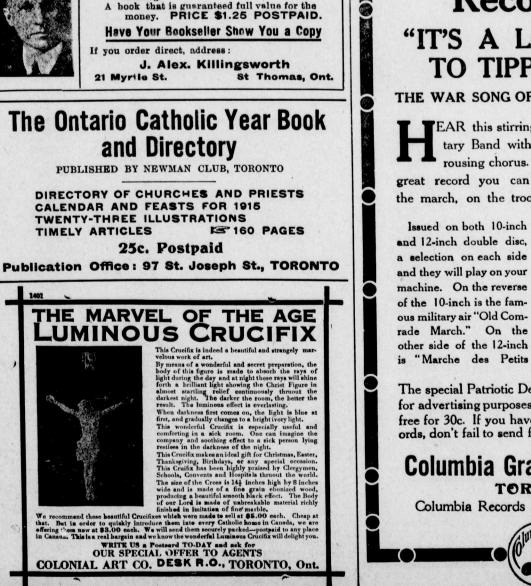
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