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ANGLICANS PRAYING FOR THEIR DEAD

HEAVY WAR TOLL SMOOTHES WAY FOR CATHOLIC PRACTISE

"One of the results of the War has been that the Catholic doctrine of praying for the dead has this year been brought more prominently before Protestants and has received a more cordial welcome than at any date since the lawless movements of the sixteenth century," comments the editor of notes in the Irish Theological Quarterly. That High Anglicans have this feeling causes no surprise, for, except for the primacy and infallibility of the Roman Pontiff, they are prepared to accept almost all the tenets of the true Church.

But (says the Quarterly writer) the more moderate Anglicans and even the Low churchmen have in many instances, followed the lead. The Carlisle diocese may be cited as a startling example. It is about the last place in England that one would search for traces of Catholic dogma. Its Bishop has seldom lost a chance of abusing and insulting the Catholic faith. But even Saul is now among the prophets. As is to be gathered from the Church Times, at the Carlisle Diocesan Conference, "no chapter reported unfavorably on the practice of prayer for the departed. Thirteen rural dean chapters welcome the provision made by authority for prayers for the departed in consequence of war, and want further provision, especially in respect of celebration of the Holy Communion." Which only shows how, in the great crisis of life, the severed sects are powerless, and how nothing but the Catholic doctrine delivered by Christ Himself to His Church, can satisfy the needs of suffering humanity.

REJECT ILLOGICAL POSITION

Noting the hopelessly illogical position of the Protestants who conducted services for the dead, the Quarterly asks: "What are they praying for? Merely for comfort for the living? They will not admit it; their prayers in some way help the dead. But how? There is no purgatory; their friends are either in heaven or hell and in neither case can prayer avail them. So said their idols of the sixteenth century, and so they themselves pretend to believe. Their "Homily on Prayer" assures them that "the soul of man passing out of the body goes straightway either to heaven or hell, whereof the one needeth no prayer, and the other is without redemption" and draws the conclusion "let us not, therefore, dream either of purgatory or of prayer for the souls of them that be dead." Their twenty second Article declares the doctrine of Purgatory to be a vain invention repugnant to the word of God. If they believe all that, why do they pray? If they do not, why do they still assert it?

Commenting on the statement of a Protestant clergyman that prayer for the dead "is a great solace to the bereaved" and "satisfies a natural instinct," the Quarterly emphasizes the fact that Catholics have greater reasons for prayers for their dead: "We can afford to leave the living out of the question, and think only of our dead. Our practice—and this is its essential merit—is founded on Scripture, on the customs of our saints back to the dawn of the Christian era, and on the inflexible dogma of God's own Church."—Catholic Transcript.

DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAM MCGEE

On Wednesday, Jan. 17th, Mrs. Wm. McGee passed peacefully away at her home in Biddulph. The death was somewhat of a shock to the family and friends, and her son John, who had returned to Winnipeg but a week previous, was hurriedly recalled to her dying bedside.

The deceased was born in Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland, in 1833. When quite young she came with her parents to London, and in 1855 was married to Mr. Wm. McGee who predeceased her about seven years ago.

Her kindness to others and especially to her parents was amply rewarded in a family of eight sons and three daughters, who, even to the day of her death, vied with one another in showing an edifying affection towards a worthy mother. They are Mrs. Jno. Carrigan, Guelph; Mrs. Chris. Murray, Wyoming; Mrs. Jas. O'Grady, deceased; James, of Stratford; Patrick, of Biddulph; Thomas, William and Michael of Detroit, Michigan; Edward, of London; John, of Winnipeg, and Martin, with whom the deceased subsequently lived.

Her death marks the close of a model life. As a daughter, a wife, a mother and a friend, hers was a

generous dedication of self to the cause of home and the Church.

The funeral, which was largely attended took place on Saturday, Jan. 20th, from St. Patrick's church, Biddulph. After the Requiem High Mass, Rev. Jas. Hogan, P. P., preached a touching and consoling sermon. Six of the sons acted as pallbearers. A grandson, Wm. P. McGee, is a member of the Basilian order, Toronto.

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It is the condition of affairs so created that the Canadian Patriotic Fund seeks to modify. It was called into existence at the opening of the War by the prompt revelation that without some such Fund at least two of every three families, left behind by our soldiers, would be in need. It went without saying that Canada had no intention of allowing the brave wives of her brave men to make the wholly unnecessary sacrifice such suffering would mean, and consequently the Canadian Patriotic Fund became a national undertaking the moment the need for it became apparent. Generous Canada, from East to West, gave the necessary money, and patriotic men and women, in every city and county, undertook the task of assisting the soldiers' families and of supervising the distribution of the Fund.

Clearly, with the increasing size of our armies, and the alarming rapid growth of the cost of living, the Fund must be increased. In 1917, Ontario will be asked for \$6,000,000 against \$5,000,000 in 1916. The province is prosperous, and there is no good reason why this sum should not be guaranteed by the end of January. In that month, campaigns will be held in a large number of the towns and cities, and energetic work, coupled with generous loosening of the purse-strings, should ensure that by the end of the month the Fund will see its way clear to fulfill its duty towards Ontario families until Dec. 31, 1917.

THE TABLET FUND

Toronto, Feb. 21, 1917.

Editor CATHOLIC RECORD: I thank you for giving space to the Appeal for the Tablet Fund for the Relief of the Belgians. So far I have received because of this appeal:

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DIED

WOOD.—At Harrison, Ont., on Sunday, Jan. 14, Mr. Stephen Wood, aged ninety-two years. May his soul rest in peace.

FOLEY.—In Westport, Ont., Feb. 7, 1917, Mr. William Foley, a brother of Rev. Dr. D. E. Foley, of St. Michael's College, Toronto. May his soul rest in peace.

DOHERTY.—At Brown City, Mich., on Feb. 13, 1917, Mr. Thos. Doherty, one of the most highly respected residents of Sanilac County, aged seventy-three years. May his soul rest in peace.

KELLY.—At Osgoode, Sunday Feb. 11th, 1917, Margaret Reardon, beloved wife of William Kelly, after a few hours' illness, aged forty-seven years. Funeral took place Feb. 13th from St. Bridget's Church. May her soul rest in peace.

MCGILLICUDDY.—At Kenilworth, Ont., on Feb. 11, 1917, Miss Madeline McGillicuddy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. McGillicuddy, and niece of Dean Brady, Brantford, and Rev. P. J. Brady, Montreal, aged fifteen years. May her soul rest in peace.

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Organizations are requested to arrange for instructive talks by practical gardeners on the subject of vegetable growing. In cases where it is impossible to secure suitable local speakers, the Department of Agriculture will, on request, send a suitable man.

The demand for speakers will be great. The number of available experts being limited, the Department urgently requests that arrangements for meetings be made at once; if local speakers cannot be secured, send applications promptly.

The Department suggests the formation of local organizations to stimulate the work by offering prizes for best vegetable gardens. It is prepared to assist in any possible way any organization that may be conducting a campaign for vegetable production on vacant lots. It will do so by sending speakers, or by supplying expert advice in the field.

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