

HOLY NAME SOCIETY AT THE FRONT

CORDIAL CO-OPERATION AND HEARTY ENDORSATION OF CANADIAN OFFICERS

BISHOP'S LETTER OF ABSORBING INTEREST

London, Ont., Oct. 1st, 1918.

Editor CATHOLIC RECORD:

No news can make more pleasant reading for our Canadian Catholics than the fact that the religious and spiritual welfare of the men in the Canadian Army Overseas is being actively and zealously promoted, and the knowledge I obtained of this fact was one of my greatest consolations during my recent visit to the front.

I earnestly hope that every Officer, N. C. O., and man in the Division which I have the honor to command will read and take to heart the contents of this leaflet.

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"I would like to be enrolled as a member, I know that on many occasions I shall probably fail, but with God's help, I shall try to keep His Name hallowed and not take it in vain.

"In taking this pledge our attitude should not be merely a negative one. While pledging ourselves to refrain from using blasphemous language, we should endeavour by our words, by our actions and by the thoughts of our hearts to show our faith, our confidence and our trust in the love and power of Him Who gave His only begotten Son to die upon the Cross that whosoever believed in Him should not perish but should have everlasting life.

"May our daily prayer to the Great Ruler of the Universe be 'Thy will be done.'

Yours faithfully, (Sgd.) A. W. CURRIE.

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"The aim of the Society is to honour the name of Jesus, thereby to invoke the blessing of God on our arms and so obtain victory.

"The whole subject will be placed before the Brigade and fully explained by the Chaplains on three consecutive Sundays. After the first Sunday, a copy of the leaflet dealing with the subject will be distributed to the Company Commanders, so that each man in the Brigade will have a copy.

"The method of becoming a member (a)—To sign the promise on last page of leaflet and hand same to Platoon Commander. Or (b)—To inform the Platoon Commander that he is willing to undertake what the Society required, although he does not care to sign any form.

"The signatures, as well as names of those joining up but not signing, shall be handed to O. C. Companies who will give them to the Chaplains for enrolment.

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"A man is all the better soldier for a firm faith and belief in the Divine Power, but irrespective of the religious aspect, profane, obscene, and baseless language is unmanly and unbecoming.

"I am glad to think that it is not common amongst our men. I hope that the pamphlet will have a wide circulation in this Division and be sympathetically considered by all ranks."

(Sgd.) G. LIPSETT, Major-General, Commanding 3rd Canadian Division.

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case, religious instruction ceases and the future hope of the Catholic Church in Saskatchewan is disipated.

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The Catholic Ruthenian problem, in Saskatchewan alone, is so difficult and complex that it demands for solution the united efforts of the Catholic dioceses of Canada.

If this effort is made the dioceses of Canada will not, as now, rejoice and glory over a mere handful of converts made each year but will have to their credit thousands of souls saved to God and the Church.

The facts given above are on the authority of Bishop Budka, the Redemptorist Fathers and from the personal observation of an officer of the Extension Society.

Donations may be addressed to: Rev. T. O'DONNELL, President, Catholic Church Extension Society, 67 Bond St., Toronto.

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GOLDEN WEDDING On Saturday, Sept. 28th, a very happy event took place in Owen Sound, when Mr. and Mrs. Michael Forhan celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

During his lifetime spent in Owen Sound Mr. Forhan has been one of the town's most useful and energetic citizens, serving for some years in the town council, and as a trustee of the Separate School Board. Later as a representative of the S. S. Board he served on the Collegiate Board for twenty years. For twelve years he was a member of the Hospital Board; a director in the Children's Aid Society since its inception, also a director in the Owen Sound Building and Savings Society since its incorporation.

With the late Rev. F. X. Granottier Mr. Forhan was closely associated in the many Catholic interests of the parish. Mrs. Forhan has always taken a deep interest in all church work, being President of the Altar Society and of the League of the Sacred Heart until ill health deprived her of the strength to conduct the work.

Solemn High Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Church at nine o'clock; Rev. F. Roach, celebrated with Rev. Frs. Sharpe and McNulty as deacon and sub-deacon. Miss Mary Scully ably presided at the organ, and the solos were beautifully rendered by Mrs. J. E. Doyle, Misses Viola McLarty, Lynette and Mr. R. Keenan. During the Offertory Mrs. Amyot sang Lige's Ave Maria and O Salutaris at the conclusion of Mass to the great pleasure of all present.

The children of St. Mary's school attended in a body out of respect for one who had worked so long and successfully in their interests.

Luncheon was served later at their beautiful home on the West Hill to the officiating clergy, Mrs. Isabel Julien, Mr. Leon Julien, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Doyle and daughter Isabel, the immediate members of the family and the house party which included Rev. Mother General Clare of the Ursulines; Sister Aloysius (nee Miss Beatrice Forhan), London; Mrs. Josephine Forhan, Detroit; Mrs. Amyot and daughters Ima and Margaret, Windsor; and Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Forhan, Hepworth.

In the afternoon an informal reception was held which gave many old friends an opportunity of congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Forhan and wishing them many more years of happiness.

THE TABLET FUND Toronto, Oct. 1st, 1918. 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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If you would be good enough to acknowledge publicly these amounts in the columns of the Record I would be very grateful.

Respectfully yours, W. E. BLAKE, 98 Pembroke St., Toronto.

DIED MACKELL.—March 6th, 1917, John Mackell in his eighty-third year, at his late residence, 217 Waverley Street, Ottawa, Ont. May he rest in peace.

MACKELL.—September 7th, 1918, Mrs. Ellen Mackell, widow of the late John Mackell, in her seventy-eighth year, at her late residence 217 Waverley Street, Ottawa, Ont. May she rest in peace.

COLLISON.—On Sept. 11, 1918, at his late residence Biddulph Tp., Jos. R. Collison aged fifty-nine years. May his soul rest in peace.

KING OF BELGIUM CONFERS MEDAL ON SISTER OF CHARITY The Belgian minister to Great Britain, Baron Moncheur, who was formerly minister at Washington, D. C., has transmitted the following communication to the Superior, Rev. Mother Lambertine of the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy, which has branch houses in Willimantic, Baltic and Tataville, Conn.:

Legation de Belgique. Madam—I have the pleasure to inform you that the King of the Belgians has been graciously pleased to confer upon you the 'Medaille de Reine Elisabeth,' in recognition of the kind help and valuable assistance you have personally given to the Belgian refugees and the Belgian soldiers during the War.

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