The Inevitable.

I like the man who faces what he must
With step triumphant and a heart of cheer;
Who fights the daily battle without fear;
Sees his hopes fall, yet keeps anfaltering trus
That God is God; that somehow, true and just
His plans work out for mortals. Not a teat
Is shed when fortune, which the world hold

dear.
Falls from his grasp. Better with love a crust than living in dishonor; envies not.
Nor loses faith in man, but does his best,
Nor ever murmurs at his humbler lot.
But with a smile and words of hope give zest to every toiler. He alone is great
Who by a life heroic conquers fate.

SOLDIER AND PRIEST.

Strange Career of Captain Henry Charles Bowden, now Father Sebastian,

It is a long distance and the road is rough, as well as crooked, between an officer's quarters and position in one of the aristocratic regiments of Her Majesty's service and a priest's robe with the exactions of his holy office, writes Frank A. Burr in the Chicago Herald. There is only one man living who has covered it with success. Few people outside of its influence and exclusive pleasures know what means to belong to the Guards' Club, the top notch in military circles, or to wear the searlet uniform and have the authority and social distinctions of a captain, or even a subaltern, in the Scots Guards. To enjoy these honors is to sit upon the pinnacle of military and social repute. and survey the world with ease and satisfaction from a high place. The Duke of Connaught, the Queen's third son and the future Commander-in-Chief of the British army, is the colonel of the regiment. This naturally gives to it the very highest military power, and its officers a strong standing in social life. The duke is a careful student of his profession, as well as a hard-working officer, ambitious for his regiment because it is the steppingstone to the highest military honor ahead of him, for which he is fitting honor himself. There is no official place more desired by those who can afford to live in luxury and bask in the sun-shine of the rarest flowers of titled existence, or the wild roses of capricious life, than a commission in the Scots Guards. It is about as far away from the severe exactions of the Church and the obligations it imposes as it is possible to get in following the pathway of our practical activities. The man who has the fortitude and impulse to put aside the ease, comfort and power of such a position for the hard work and sacrifice of a priest's place in the Catholic Church must needs be actuated by high motives and endowed with strong natural gifts of head and heart. This is doubly true in a counsect dominates and all state conditions are Protestant. Father Sebastian, one of the most picturesque figures in the priesthood of the Papal Church as it is seen in England, has travelled the long road between the two important stations, and while on the journey "rounded up" a large drove of souls, who have followed him in deserting the English Church for the older dispensa-

CAPTAIN BOWDEN WAS A GREAT FAVORITE.

There are three regiments of foot soldiers belonging to the Queen's Own. They are known as the household troops, and are regarded as the flower of the infantry arm of the British army. The Coldstream, Grenadier and Scots Guards are the names. The officers of either one, like the soldiers, are careeither one, like the soldiers, are carefully selected, and they are both proud of the right to wear the uniform and name. It is a badge of honor everywhere. The highest social circles are open to the officers of either of these regiments, and the attack on their regiments, and the attack on their rouses is always continuous and heavy. purse is always continuous and heavy. Not only must the record of a man be good who carries a commission in any one of them, but a good income must wait upon it. All conditions of life from the bottom to the top are within the reach of him who owns one, and London by night and by day is an open book to them in all its wonderful ways and by-ways. Any officer of the household troops is welcome at the most exclusive clubs, and women feel honored with the attentions of those who are so near the Queen. Not many years ago Henry Charles Bowden was captain in the Scots Guards. father had honored the regiment with good deeds and good conduct before him. There is no spot on his lineage or record. Springing from one of the best county families in England, with plenty of means to support any position he would take, Captain Bowden was welcomed everywhere, and in the royal regiment to which he belonged there were none who knew life better or enjoyed it more. He filled his place moment.

The story or Father Sebastian's and attractive qualities, but a delight-hearted and hard attractive qualities of the British army. He was strong in the head as skell-searing in conversal on a scale in the British army. He was strong in the head as skell-searing in conversal on a scale in the British as well as the heart, charming in conversal on a scale in the British as well as the heart, charming in conversal on a scale in the British as well as the heart, charming in conversal on a scale in the British scott as the heart, charming in conversal on a scale in the British should be seemed to a scale in the British should be seemed to a scale in the British should be seemed to a scale in the British as well as the heart, charming in conversal on a scale in the British should be seemed to a scale in the British should be seemed to a scale in the British should be seemed to a scale in the British should be seemed to a scale in the British should be seemed to a scale in the British should be seen and give him and scarlet uniform of the story of his stranger of the British should be seen and give him new companions in the Duke of the British should be seen and give him new companions in the Duke of the British should be seen and give him and to the properties of the british should be seen and give him and to the properties and the seen and the to the limit of success in both its civic

caused a sensation. Gfficers of the army were astounded, and very many of the aristocratic women of England marvelled when it was officially announced that Henry Charles Bowden had ceased to be a captain in the Scots Guards, to become a priest of the Catholic Church. With a military record without a stain, his promotion was certain, and all the pictures of his future were drawn with bright colors, when, with a firm hand, he drew the gray canopy of humility, self-denial and conjecture over them all. In the festive career of a royal regiment, where life is both by day and by night without regard to expense of concern, where life is both by day and by night without regard to expense of concern, and lowly work of the Church. His income and all his powers are devoted to his new choice with an earnestness no bounds. But the dark gown and exactions of his present office are in quarters after parade, in social circles and at afternoon teas. But every day the gossip grew less and less, until caused a sensation. Officers of the well modulated and musical. His facquarters after parade, in social circles and at afternoon teas. But every day the gossip grew less and less, until finally the name and fame became a tradition in the famous guards, in which both father and son had made fine records. While this mist of forgetfulness was drawing slowly over his career as a soldier, so soon to be forgotton, Captain Bowden was going through the struggles of his novitiate with a fixed purpose which novitiate with a fixed purpose which could not be swayed. He has never had, it is said, a regret for the step he took, and now seems to look back on the events of the years behind him as only a "vanity fair," of which he was simply a part; illustrating how strangely, and et how easily, new words can be engraved on the marble of our conduct without marring the statue of our lives. Good examples are like fresh mushrooms on the beefsteak of exist-When the priest's robes were

ence. When the priest's robes were fairly won, and the arrows of criticism which had been levelled at him when he left the army recalled the history of St. Sebastian and the archery practice of which he was the victim centuries ago, he took the name of that persecuted saint and carried it into the Order of wherein devotion and suffering are the as an example of high fortitude and wonderful self-sacrifice. It was quite natural that, after what Father Sebas-tian had given up for the Church of his adoption, he should turn toward this branch of the Catholic Church.

FATHER SEBASTIAN'S POPULARITY. It was but a short distance from his

graduation and ordination to the head

of the chapel on Brompton road, in one try like Great Britain, where another tradesmen and professional haracters, sect dominates and all state conditions as well as those who labor hard, live in the neighborhood of the temple wherin he now administers holy rites. Perhaps no better quarter for his evangelical no better quarter for his evangelical labor, as it may well be called, could have been selected. Certainly no parish could have brought more satisfaction to him in the harvest reaped than the field in which he will glean the balance of his life. Naturally this soldier priest has given much attention to those within his reach who still cling. to those within his reach who still cling to other tenets than those he teaches He has been so successful that it may truly be said that he presides over congregation of converts, where almost all Americans of the same faith who visit London go to their Church duties. "The Oratory," a curious house of wor-ship, like most churches in this century, is built in irregular shape with a numfew flower beds to add to the beauty of the greensward. There is much that is attractive in it and its surroundings. and Father Sebastian makes things so pleasant inside with fine music and eloquent talk that many go there who are of a different faith. Every Sunday it holds forth a large and distinguished congregation. While the humblest are welcomed within its walls and to the land and more of the paster warm hand and word of the pastor, women and men of high rank in all the walks of endeavor furnish the majority of those who sit, listen and follow the creed therein taught. Dukes, lords, earls and numbers of recruits from the priests of the English Church are among the number. Two of the leading newspapers writers of London have recently put aside the Episcopal faith to join in the throng who follow Father Sebastian's words. A leading stock-broker. tian's words. A leading stock-broker, himself an old officer of the army, has turned from the creed of Henry VIII.'s time to the older religion. Judges, bar-risters, doctors and rich tradesmen

eloquence or a more attractive way of presenting their thoughts to an audi-ence. This adds to his power and gives an attractiveness to his church work that brings all classes within his reach and pleases them. TIRELESS IN HIS WORK. Fifty-four years of labor on the field and in the Church leaves Father Sebastian still a young man in spirit and activity, giving him the power as well as the desire to fill to the full the demands of his order. Night or day he is at the beck and call of the hum blest as well as the highest of his con gregation. Sleeping on his cot at night with the call bell at his ear waiting to be summoned to the sick or the death bed, he makes a very different picture than when on the tented field

Oratorians, one of the strange and strong orders of the Catholic Church mand to arms. He is so earnest and careful in his work that the respect of typical emblems of its holy record.
Ever since Philip Neri, the son of a lawyer, founded it in 1556 it has stood knowledge of the world gives him the power to attract the young, and his church thrives as much because he provides good amusements for his people as on account of his devotion to A visit to the Oratory and to this strange man, who started as a soldier

and ended as a priest, is of interest i only to see how complete a change man can make in his habits and surroundings without marring his best fiber. As Father Sebastian is clearly the typical Catholic convert of high degree in England, so is the Duke of Norfolk the leading representative of the old faith among those whose anabout £1,000 will be held over to meet the old fatth among those whose ancestors clung to the Church when Henry VIII. assaulted it. He is known as the "Little Duke," and is not only the first Catholic of the United Kingdom, but the head of its oldest house. He is often seen at the Oratory, and is, I believe, the only duke who clings to the oldest of faiths. He represents a long line of distinguished ancestors who have stood steadfast to it while the laws and customs of the country were naws and customs of the contact it.

Journeying among these scenes for recreation and study I came in contact with both these men who so strongly stand out as representatives of the Catholic Church. The one represents in his person and power generations of the faith who have fought for the Church in a lordly way, and the other

The interest which Englishmen are eginning to take in Ireland promises to become more extensive and profound as the general elections approach. The troubles caused by the treachery of Parnell have inspired Mr. Chamberlain with hopes. He is preparing to instruct the non-Conformists of England in the fact that the Irish hierarchy is strong enough in Ireland to overthrow and destroy any party that opposes them, and he believes that the bitter feelings such instruction is bound to raise will secure to him the non-Conformist vote against Home Rule. At the same time, through his Conservative allies, he is ready to offer to the Catholic Bishops such an education bill as will cover their entire demands in the matter, and an education mands in the matter, and an equation bill is sufficient in his mind to win over the Irish Bishops. The success of these hopes depends on many circumstances. If Mr. Gladstone should die before the general election, if the non-constraints should forgat, the noble to the constraints and all were pleased with the sum of the constraints. crowd the Oratory, giving some strong stances. If Mr. Gladstone should distillustrations of the peculiar religious tendences of the English mind at this Conformists should forget the noble

LATEST CATHOLIC NEWS.

The statue of Leo XIII, to be erected in Washington is now ready and will be shipped shortly. It is a beautiful work of art.

The Most Rev. Archbishop Ireland lelivered the oration of the day on the th of July at Fulda, Murray county Minn.

It is reported from Chaldea that 200, 000 Nestorians, who, since the sixth century, have adhered to the heresy of Nestorius, have returned to the bosom

f the Catholie Church.

Father Aranza, the Arabian priest who was ordained by the Pope in 1884. s making strenuous efforts to found a church in Chicago for the benefit of he two hundred and fifty Arabian families now in the city.

During the recent Archiepiscopal visitation of the Archdiocese of New York, three churches were dedicated, and twelve thousand, one hundred and ifty-seven persons confirmed.

Senor Romero, the Mexican Minister t Washington, denies emphatically he truth of the report published in a San Francisco despatch to the effect hat Mexico is ripe for a revolt against he Diaz government.

The medal commemorating the fourteenth year of the Pontificate of Leo XIII. is about to be struck as usual at St. Peter's. This year the Vatican Observatory, restored by the munificence of Leo XIII., will be epresented on the medal.

In the United States the total Indian population is 277,020, of whom 87,375 are Catholics. The Catholic Indians have 104 churches, 81 priests and 58 schools, which have an attendance of 3,096. Members of several sisterhoods each in the schools. The number of oaptisms in 1890 was 3,807 children and 245 adults.

There are 151,614 Catholic negroe in the United States. They have 27 churches for their exclusive use, and 33 priests attend to their spiritual wants. There are 110 schools for colored children, which are attended by 6460 pupils. During 1890, 4558 children and 590 adults were baptised. Besides the schools there are 8 orphan asylums, 1 foundling asylum and 1 hospital.

The Bishops of Ireland at their meet ing in Maynooth College a few days ago resolved to apply a sum of about £4,000 to the improvement of the build ings and equipment of the Catholic University School of Medicine. The greater part of this sum will be ex-pended at once in providing increased accommodation for the students, and other needs according as they arise.

Supt. Porter, of the Census Bureau, has in preparation and will soon issue a bulletin upon the membership of the Catholic Church in the United States, by States and counties. The bulletin will show that the membership now numbers 6,250,000 communicants over fifteen years of age. This minimum limit of age to fifteen years will be adhered to in the statistics of other churches which are in course of preparation.

Timoleague Abbey, a monastery which in ancient times belonged to the Franciscaus, was the scene of an interesting ceremony recently. Brothers of the order who were holding a mis sion in the village decided to have Mass Rev. Father Jarleth, O.S. F., Killarney

Cardinal Lavigerie has decided that for the future all Belgian candidates who join his society for African Mis sions shall be employed in the districts of the Belgian Congo. He has had a happiness rarely enough enjoyed by missionaries in Islam. Five Mohammedans from an easis of the south arrived baptism at the hands of the Cardinal-Archbishop. They are stated to be Archbishop. They are stated to be men of education and of considerable

authority. Two thousand members of the society of Catholic Foresters of Massachusetts held a picnic a few days ago at Haver hill in that State and there were pre sent besides many friends of the mem bers. This association has no connec tion with the society generally known as the Foresters, but its object is similar concerned, and it is conducted in con formity with the laws of the Catholic Church. There was a pleasant gather ing, and all were pleased with the day's proceedings.

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