

die in defence of what they deem holy and right.

But what of the mothers of these boys? It will not be disputed that self-sacrifice is the harder, their offering the more noble. Like that other Mother, who stood by on Calvary and saw her Son die that men might live, the mothers whom you honor to day suffer quietly, patiently, willing that their boys should suffer if only right and justice and peace prevail.

May God bless these mothers and give strength and courage to their tired hearts.

Faithfully yours,  
JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS.

## ON THE BATTLE LINE

THOUGH STILL formidable, the German submarine can no longer be regarded as a war winner. Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Edinburgh, told his hearers that the Allies are now building ships faster than the enemy can sink them, and sinking submarines faster than the enemy can build them. The past year has been an anxious period for the men on whom rested the responsibility for the transportation of the water of the troops, foodstuffs and war supplies of the Allied nations. There was a time when the submarines were sinking ships far more quickly than they could be built, and when the possibility of Germany winning the war by sweeping the seas of Allied shipping had to be faced. That time is past. Finally defeated at sea, the enemy has but one hope left. Only by a complete victory in the impending battle on the Western front can he hope to discourage the Allies that they will talk peace by negotiation rather than wait till the United States is able to exert its tremendous strength. The proposal to add three million more men to the army of the United States, bringing the total up to over five millions, must convince the German doubters that the Republic is in deadly earnest, and that unless a German peace can be won now the future will bring inevitable defeat. Such incidents as the torpedoing of the troop transport Moldavia, a British vessel with American troops on board, will not help Germany's cause, for they but rouse the fighting spirit of the American people. The killing of some fifty-six soldiers by the explosion is the second serious loss sustained in the transportation of American troops to the battlefield. In all, the loss has been about three hundred men out of over half a million.

THE ZEPPELIN, from which the enemy hoped for great things in the early months of the war, has been a terribly costly failure. They have been used of late as scouts to keep in touch with the movements of the British blockading vessels in the North Sea, but even there they have done badly. Danish fishermen who have arrived at Esbjerg, a Danish port, tell of the destruction of a Zeppelin in the North Sea and the rescue of the crew by a British destroyer.

A RUSSIAN wireless despatch to the State Department at Washington tells of a mutiny among German soldiers ordered from the front at Dvinsk to the West. The mutineers comprised a division of troops, and when they refused to proceed fifty men were executed and a thousand were imprisoned. Other German troops in the vicinity held demonstrations in sympathy with the mutineers. The Russian propaganda against autocracy may be getting a hold on some of the German rank and file, but so long as the officers can be certain that firing parties will fire at mutineers there will be no serious revolt in the German army.

COMPARATIVE CALM still prevails along the front. Berlin bulletins tell of artillery activity on the Lys and Scarpe and in the region south of Moreuil, on the Somme front, chief activity is still in the air, and there the Allies are winning undoubted superiority.—Globe, May 25.

## POWER THAT GUARDS THE POPE

With noble fearlessness the recent pastorals of the English Bishops have defended the rights and honor of the Holy Father. The Bishop of Nottingham looks back to the time, upwards of half a century ago, when the Temporal Power of the Pope, consecrated by the sanctions of 1,000 years, was assailed by the anti-Christian revolution, aided by Napoleon III, and by the Palmerstons and Russels here at home. It was then that the far-seeing Cardinal Manning described the Temporal Power of the Sovereign Pontiff as "the keystone of the arch of Christian civilization, which could not be disturbed without entailing the collapse of the whole superstructure." This forecast, says the Bishop, has been realized to-day. He then alludes, in striking words, to the fate of all who have lifted violent hands against God's anointed:

"Napoleon I. with the sagacity of a great statesman, used to say that in dealing with the Pope you must treat him as though he were master of 200,000 men, which meant, a century ago, that he should be treated as one of the great powers of the world. But his estimate fell far short of the truth. Napoleon learned to his cost, that while he could capture and imprison the Pontiff, he was powerless to subdue him, and still less to avert the Nemesis which dogs

the footsteps of every persecutor of the successor of the Fisherman. It is not too much to say that his insolent treatment of Pope Pius VII. evidently cost him his imperial crown. And yet, in the bitterness of his soul in his exile at St. Helena, the only friend he had left was the saintly Pontiff he had outraged."

The world, Bishop Lacy concludes, is approaching a great crisis, and nothing will save it from disaster save "the Wisdom that sitteth on the Throne." There is a power more than human that defends the Pope, as there is a Wisdom greater than that of man which guides the Church.—America.

## CARDINAL O'CONNELL SPEAKS TO K. OF C.

POINTS OUT THE TRUE COURSE CATHOLIC MEN SHOULD FOLLOW

The twenty-fifth annual State convention of the Knights of Columbus of Massachusetts, held recently, was in many ways the most notable that has been held in this State for many years. This was largely due to the prevailing war conditions and the intimate work of the order in all that concerns the successful prosecution of the War. The gathering was distinguished also because of the visits of His Eminence the Cardinal and the Governor of the State, Hon. Samuel W. McCall, who made addresses.

### ADDRESS OF HIS EMINENCE

I see before me, gentlemen, not only a notable assembly of serious men, but owing to events now culminating for the benefit of the country and of humanity at large, I feel that I am in the presence of men who stand for a sublime purpose. It may be that you do not at this moment realize the sublimity of that purpose, doubtless because many of you fail to realize its full scope. In saying this I intend nothing derogatory to your ordinary keenness of mental vision; I desire rather to lay emphasis on the fact that comparatively few men are able to see through things and be not engrossed merely by their surface indications. When hundreds of men gather for some object, it is always the few who grasp the full meaning and scope of the assembly.

It is too much to expect therefore, that any large body of men should in an instant realize thoroughly the reason for a convention or council of an organization. Because this is a trait of human nature and because I am here this morning for the great purpose which is perfectly clear to me, I feel bound to take no chances and put very plainly before your minds the truths and active principles which should animate you on this occasion. Hence if I speak without mincing words and in uncompromising candor, it is because I feel the responsibility weighing upon me to make you understand just where you stand, just what your plain duties are and the necessity that you fulfill them.

### MISLEADING LEADERS

The great body of Catholics throughout the world know God's will and are willing to obey it, but history and the experience of mankind prove to us that many who would pose as their leaders lead them astray when they should guide them aright.

You, as delegates of the Knights of Columbus, are chosen to lead in the great and beneficent work of the order, not merely in what occupies you today, but in the general work which the society was founded to perform, and by which it must stand or fall; you are responsible agents of the men who have chosen you for the positions you occupy.

I know full well, and you know too, that the great mass of the Catholic people of this district, this State and this diocese are only eager to follow in the lead of the Church. They are single-minded and unselfish. If then they are in danger, the danger is not of their making; they would prefer to die rather than defect from the path their fathers' feet have sanctified. They have no offices to seek, no axes to grind, they are intent on their honest toil, the labor of their hands, the reward of their service. God and duty are very real to them. All they ask is worthy leadership and when they have it they thank the Lord for it.

### RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADERS

Whoever, therefore, presumes to take a stand before such a body of people and to enjoin the leader undertakes a responsibility for which any man may tremble. You are the leaders of the Knights of Columbus in this part of the country. The simple, honest-hearted, confiding men who elected you, have trusted you to lead them aright. This is what your election to office means—and it means nothing else. It makes little difference whether you sought office or the office sought you, you have been placed in position with the understanding that you will lead those whom you represent rightly, according to the laws of God and under the direction of the Catholic Church.

That is the purpose of those who have chosen you, whatever your own ideas may be. As delegates you are responsible, not to your own ideals, but to that great body of the Knights of Columbus who are safe and sane men and true Catholics. These truths, though fundamental and obvious, are easily overlooked, and, on such occasions as this, must be brought to mind clearly and forcibly. I have a duty to these people

you represent and in coming here I am but performing that duty. Two courses are open to me; one is the course of popularity, something I have never cared to obtain and which has never entered into my conception of anything I may do. I would be ashamed to come here and talk pleasing platitudes to you. The second course is the only one I can in conscience and honor take, that is, to tell you the truth. This truth you must hear for various reasons; first as obedient children of the Church, and secondly, for the welfare of the Order.

### PURPOSE OF THE ORDER

The Knights of Columbus were organized for just one purpose; to maintain and extend the progress and prosperity of the Catholic faith in this land. The great body of Catholic men who are Knights of Columbus are true to this ideal. Are you true to it? Do you intend to be true to it in your deliberations on this occasion? This sums up the entire question. The fulfillment of this basic purpose, this original ideal, means much. It means your own sanctification. It means the welfare of your neighbor, not only your brethren of the Faith, but of Protestants and others not of the fold. Finally it means the highest sentiment of citizenship and patriotic action. All this constitutes the practical object of a Catholic organization.

If examples are needed you have many. You have them about you, before your eyes; you have them in France, in England, in every race and country. You have them especially, and I may say, gloriously in our Catholic boys at the front, Knights of Columbus, who are living examples to the whole world of the best living and the highest faith.

### SACRIFICES OF PRIESTS

I need not speak of what our priests have done for these boys, sharing their burdens, partaking of their sufferings and exemplifying true religion and true patriotism. We need not publish these facts; the world knows them and the results, the fruits of them are already manifest in conversions by thousands, in the highest ranks of the army and navy as well as in the rank and file. The lesson of all this is plain, that if we are first of all true and loyal Catholics, we are bound to be and the world is bound to recognize us as the finest type of Americans.

Every organization passes through different stages as it grows older. The Knights of Columbus are an illustration of this. In the beginning the highest intentions and motives were paramount and they were lived up to as is generally the case with small societies. But as an organization grows, dangers manifest themselves. Selfishness and self-seeking began to be felt. Ambitious members try to use the organization for purposes of their own. Politics flourish. The plausible talker comes into prominence, and before the majority realize what is going on, a few men, demagogues, are choking the life out of the society. This has happened many times before in other organizations. It will certainly happen in yours if you heed only the eloquence of the tongue and take little note of a man's actions; if foolishly or carelessly you allow yourself to choose wrong leaders. There ought to be no difficulty about your course in these matters. You know your constitution, your regulations, your obligations. Live up to them.

### ANXIETY OF EPISCOPATE

We, the members of the episcopate of this country, stand by and watch developments with anxious eyes and minds. Too often there is abundant reason for anxiety. Let me give you an instance. The whole hierarchy of the United States was busy in placing before the American people the position of the Church. We were being attacked in a thousand quarters, sometimes openly, sometimes covertly. There were vilifying statements and lies of all kinds printed in disreputable and reputable papers alike. There was a concerted drive against the Catholic Church.

Now while this thing was at its height some so-called representative Catholics stood forth and says: "There is no bigotry in the country; that is a thing of the past." This is not merely false, a piece of folly; it does untold harm. No one gains anything by such blatant falsities, even the speakers themselves, and the Church and the organization loses much. It must be plain to any honest, straightforward Catholic that men who lend themselves to such unfounded statements are not men to be trusted at the head of an organization like the Knights of Columbus. You need as leaders men who are honest before God and men and will speak the truth before God and men.

### CHURCH'S DIRECTING HAND

Another stage of the organization is when it reaches the point where individuals or a group say: "We must be independent; we cannot submit to dictation on the part of the Church." They forget the very purpose for which their society was founded, they ignore its constitution, they talk Protestantism. The plain fact is that the moment a society seriously decides to throw off Church direction, to ignore the direction of the Bishops it is no longer a Catholic society.

But this is seldom the case; what is far more common is that three or four Catholic laymen become so impressed with their own importance that they want to manage everything in their own fashion; they scout counsel or advice. There

have been times when the performances of such individuals became so intolerable that many leading and influential Catholics said: "We will have nothing to do with the Knights of Columbus." Finally the difficulty was cleared up and these so-called leaders began to lose their self-complacency and stubbornness and to see things as they were, but only after a great deal of harm and trouble had been caused. It seems strange that Church authorities have to spend so much time proving to the leaders of Catholic organizations the plain truths and obligations that the humblest members of these organizations understand thoroughly. The members see their duty, but the leaders do not want to see it or do it. The rule for you to follow in such cases is clear. Let no set of self-seekers obtain control of your organization. The administrative feature of the society is designed to enable it to do its work well, not to minister to the ambition or selfishness of any member or group of members or leaders; that great work of the Knights of Columbus is to increase the welfare and prosperity of God's Kingdom on earth.

This spiritual side of your Order is something you must never lose sight of, especially now when, it would appear, the day of rampant materialism is over. If this War has served to open the eyes of the people to their own right, then the blood that has been spilled was not offered in vain.

### END OF AN EPOCH

Everybody realizes today, the President perhaps the most keenly of all the public men of his time, that this is the end of an epoch. What the beginning of the next will be, God alone knows. Conditions during the past fifteen years were fast becoming insupportable. A few men were gathering in their hands the resources of the world and then throwing them in the faces of the slaves they had created. Socialism and anarchism were becoming rampant. This is all changed. The new order is more visible in England than here, but in reality, though not so palpably, in this country a new spirit is working. There is a new hope, the spirit of true democracy. The people are awake and recognize what they must do to keep America safe. That is our immediate duty, and with God's help we are going to do it. A cataclysm is impending. The people are infuriated at the wrongs done to them at the hands of tyrants and moneyed men. What happened in Russia might happen here tomorrow, but I feel confident that it will not, and one reason of my confidence is that in the manifesto of the President the other day, I see the spirit of God working. In his Proclamation of a day of "Public humiliation, prayer and fasting," the Executive of this country turns to God. That Proclamation is a prayer, and thank God, it remained for a President of the United States to give the world a document like this.

### THE FOUNDATION OF TRUTH

President Wilson has a special faculty for keen analysis and very clear expression of thought, but in this Proclamation he has surpassed himself, and the reason is that he is going down to the foundation of truth and on that foundation he has built his hopes to attain the Will of God.

This nation should be inspired to reflect that in these days when materialism is so trite and so powerful, when men are seeking only the great purpose for which the War was begun, in their own selfishness, the President of the United States points out in such conspicuousness and isolation that all the world may see, that there is one great leader whose words have that sublimity which comes from solemn reliance on Almighty God, one whose hopes are grounded on eternity. The spirit of God is working in Woodrow Wilson, for this is the end of an epoch and we cannot suppose that God would be indifferent to the conditions in which this country stands and the tremendous burden laid upon the shoulders of its President.

### POPE AND PRESIDENT

That Proclamation stands out among the public utterances of leaders at this time, in splendid isolation. There is another that stands above it, but near it, the message of our Holy Father, the Pope. I am proud and happy as a Catholic to be able to join these two influences together. There is the influence of the Holy Father who is constantly pleading for peace because his children are suffering so that he can stand no longer, but he remains impartial towards all the world and asks God to grant peace to the sufferers. That is the hope of the Father of Christendom. But as an American, our President stands by his side—only on a slightly lower plane because of the great internationalism of the Church for whom the Pope speaks, and but one step down to the plane of nationalism. But both stand there on the same dais, and well may the Holy Father say from the bottom of his heart:

"God bless the President of a country who can make a statement so sublime, so profound, so true, so religious and so eminently Catholic as that, as the leader of a people who if they will pray to God in that spirit can never fail."

Wit is the god of moments, but genius is the god of ages. As the heart is, so is to love the heart.—Longfellow.

## HOLY FATHER LAUDS RED CROSS WORK

CARDINAL GIBBONS PUBLISHES MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM MSGR. FAY AT ROME

Cardinal Gibbons has made public a cablegram he received from Right Rev. Msgr. Sigourney Fay, an official representative of the Red Cross at Rome, in which Msgr. Fay says the work of the Red Cross has made the name of America a synonym for generosity and helpfulness. "The very sight of an American Red Cross uniform is the signal for an enthusiastic demonstration of friendship and affection," Msgr. Fay says. "The Catholics can feel entire confidence in the fairness and good feeling with which Catholic charities are treated."

The cablegram came to Cardinal Gibbons through the Secretary of State, at Washington, to whom it had been communicated by Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross War Council, who is now in Rome, with the request that it be transmitted to the Cardinal.

The Cardinal gladly acceded to numerous requests to make the message public, hoping that it will stimulate generous interest in obtaining funds for the Red Cross.

### THE CABLEGRAM FOLLOWS:

The Holy Father speaks of the Christian charity displayed by the American Red Cross not only to the soldiers but to the civilian populations affected by the War. Nobody can realize how tremendous the work of the American Red Cross is until they see it, or of the effect it has had in putting hope and courage in the hearts of the soldiers and the civilian population both in Italy and in France. It has made the name of America a synonym for generosity and helpfulness. I naturally know more about the work in Italy. The effect of it there has been little short of a miracle. The very sight of an American Red Cross uniform is the signal for an enthusiastic demonstration of friendship and affection. The Catholics can feel entire confidence in the fairness and good feeling with which Catholic charities are treated. There has never been an organization in Italy so well spoken of by all parties and by people of all shades of opinion as the American Red Cross. All Americans can feel confident that the American Red Cross is prompted by the deepest sense of responsibility to represent the feelings of the whole American people in carrying their message of sympathy and good cheer to the people in these different countries who are suffering from the direct effects of the War.

Mr. Davison greatly pleased and would like Your Eminence to make this cable as widely known as you think proper. Signed,  
SIGOURNEY FAY.

## TELLS OF LOSSES OF FRANCE

NATION MOURNS LOSS OF THREE MILLION MEN KILLED OR CAPTURED BY ENEMY

Since the beginning of the War, 3,500,000 French soldiers have been killed or taken prisoner, and as many more wounded, the Rev. H. Sauvage, D. D., of Holy Cross College, declared at a meeting held in Washington recently under the auspices of the Catholic Woman's War Relief Society of the National Capital. Father Sauvage is in this country on a confidential mission for the French Government.

The theme of Father Sauvage's address was the spirit of sacrifice of France. In addition to the losses sustained by the army, he said, France lost at the beginning of the War 3,000,000 of her inhabitants and her richest province in the north. Of her present population of 35,000,000, about 1,000,000 are under arms. In spite of these facts, France holds two thirds of the front.

Still France is unwilling to terminate the War without a just peace. The spirit of the people is most strikingly presented in the women. Few French women are there who do not mourn for two, three or more of their immediate family. One woman lost six sons in one battle.

The young men of France show a beautiful spirit of devotion and readiness to sacrifice all for their country. Father Sauvage was a member of the Catholic University at the outbreak of the War. Responding to the call of the French Government, he joined the army as a private and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He served in both the French and British armies, acting as interpreter and acting chaplain for a number of British regiments. Father Sauvage was under fire in the first battle of Ypres, on the Somme and at La Bassée, and received a medal for distinguished service in those battles.—Buffalo Echo.

### A NUN WHO DID THINGS

Many good people desirous of being of service to others fall in achievement. Such would do well to study the plan of a little nun which Dr. James J. Walsh tells in *The Catholic World*. He says:

In explaining how she succeeded in doing things that seemed hopeless to others, she was in the habit of saying: "What do you wish? You men who look at these problems have too

much to do, and then you want to do too much all at once. For instance: There is no need of lengthy discussion as to the necessity of protection for immigrants, but what is needed is to put protection for the immigrant into effect.

"You see, I do not discuss. I find there is a good thing that ought to be done. I set myself and my little institute at work at it at once. I do not despair of finding the means with which to do it. I always feel confident that somehow or other I shall always find them.

"I do not know quite how it is that I find these, and others do not; but, perhaps, that is because I am only a little nun whom nobody minds, and therefore I meet with less opposition, and people are ready to help out."

This little nun was Mother Cabrini, who died some months ago. One of her last works was to mobilize the members of her order for the aid of Italian soldiers and their families. Though less than seventy when she died, the little nun left seventy houses of the order she had founded.—Sacred Heart Review.

## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF CANADA

### ACTION

There appeared recently in the daily press an article showing the activity of our non-Catholic brethren. Recognizing the opportunities to be found in the Mission fields for the propagation of their beliefs a plan was conceived to obtain \$100,000,000, for mission propaganda. Only one member of the conference objected, on the ground that the present time, on account of the War, money was hard to get and people required their money for other purposes. However the decision was almost unanimous that, now is the time for action, that to make the world safe for democracy religion must play an increasingly important part, and that the entire world must receive the Christian message.

Are we Catholics, heirs to the true Faith, to stand idly by while the exponents of error bend all their energies to propagating their doctrines in every land and to every people? God forbid! Nevertheless there is too much come-day-go-day-God-send-Sunday about our methods. There is lacking that strong pull and long pull and pull altogether, so requisite to-day in order to get results.

The Extension Society is the plan approved for the support of our Canadian missions. The plan—and we come to the conclusion from the words of praise and commendation received from men fit to judge—is ideal. But it is one thing to plan a work and quite another to work a plan. For the proper working of our plan or machinery the action of Catholics of Faith and Charity is an absolute necessity. It is no use standing hat in hand bowing to an ideal unless you are willing too to strip off your coat and work for it.

In the propagation of the Truth of Jesus Christ so many difficulties crop up that very many shrink from the task. "We can't do it," spoken by pessimistic Catholics has hindered the progress of many great works for God. We admit the work of Extension requires work, money, sacrifice and self-denial. But was there ever a work worth while accomplished in the world that was not the fruit of labor and sacrifice? No. Labor and Sacrifice are the strong medicine required to-day by many of our congregations to put them on their feet and make them run in the ways of God. For want of these vital qualities many churches are dead and others dying.

We are followers of Jesus Christ. But we cease to follow Him when we cease to exert ourselves in the pursuit of this most important work, propagation of the Faith—salvation of souls.

Let a moment of our time be given to meditation on the worth of a soul and that there is no other means under heaven except the name of Jesus, whereby it can be saved and then by the grace of God we will be willing to be active—to seek, as Christ sought, to labor, to sacrifice and deny.

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### CATHOLIC BISHOPS MAY SIT IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

(C. P. A. Service)

London, April 25.—A new vista is opened to Catholics by the majority report on the reform of the house of lords issued last night, which does away with the hereditary privilege. That portion which concerns us is the recommendation that bishops of the Catholic Church and leaders of the Protestant sects should have the right to be elected to the "upper

chamber." Naturally the Anglican bishops who now sit there do so by benefit of the Catholic "lords spiritual" of the past whose places they have usurped, but hitherto the "upper chamber" has been closed to our own bishops. If Lord Bryce's plan is adopted it becomes evident that we may yet see a Cardinal and some archbishops sitting in the house of lords and taking care of Catholic interests there.

### MOTHERS' DAY

Mother with the smile of grace;  
Mother sad and wan;  
Mother with the lips that burn to pray,  
What to you the dials face,  
Marking minutes gone?  
Every passing day is Mothers' Day!

Mother at the washing-tub;  
Mother with a song;  
Mother at the sweat-shop or the play;  
You who saunter, you who scrub—  
Swift your hour, or long—  
Every coming day is Mothers' Day!

Mother at the baby's bed;  
Mother at the grave;  
Mother with the hair of iron gray;  
Mother with the aching head;  
Mother gay and brave—  
Every sunny day is Mothers' Day!

Mother in the factory;  
Mother in the field;  
Mother laboring blinded in the May;  
Mother with the heart all free;  
Mother sorrow-steeped—  
Every toiling day is Mothers' Day!

Mother waiting in the dark  
For the sun of sons;  
Mother hearing "Never!" far away;  
Mother singing with the lark,  
Sobbing with the nurse—  
Every rainy day is Mothers' Day!

Mother looking o'er the sea,  
Where the hell-fire darts;  
Mother with the fear of shattered clay—  
Mother millionfold you be:  
So, O million hearts!  
Every martyr day is Mothers' Day!

—JOHN O'KEEFE.

### FRENCH INSTITUTE HONORS CARDINAL MERCIER

C. P. A. Service

London, April 25.—The Institute of France, led by several members of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, proposes the election of Cardinal Mercier to a seat as "foreign associate." It will be remembered that last year the same academy adjudged its great prize for devotion to duty and good works to the Primate of Belgium. His Eminence, who is honored by the whole world, is not only a great character and a profound philosopher, but he is also a vigorous and cultivated writer. Above all, he is a great churchman.

News is now filtering through of how the Belgians under his direction celebrated this year the fete of the First Communion. The Cardinal urged on all the necessity for greater fervor and simplicity on this occasion in the fourth year of war. He exhorted the parents to receive Holy Communion with their children, and recommended all to go in sabots, since the times were such as to cause their general use; not only among the poor but also among the once well-to-do.

Is it not a magnificent thing to be a Catholic? Faith is such a glorious gift. Think how it makes over to us, (as it were, and they truly are, our own hereditary possessions), all the grandeur of the universal Church, the famous Church, the martyr Church, the Church that is never old, but ever has a perpetual freshness like the Holy Trinity, ever teaching like the apostles and doctors, ever witnessing like the confessors, and sending up a perpetual song of victory even out of the fires of persecution.—Father Faber.

My experience of life makes me sure of one truth which I do not try to explain—that the sweetest happiness we ever know, the very vine of human life, comes not from love but from sacrifice, from the effort to forget ourselves so as to make others happy.—John Boyle O'Reilly.

### FATHER FRASER'S CHINESE MISSION

Taichowfu, China, Nov. 26, 1916.  
Dear Readers of CATHOLIC RECORD  
That your charity towards my mission is approved by the highest ecclesiastical authorities of Canada let me quote from a letter from His Excellency, The Most Rev. Peregrine F. Stagni, O. S. M., D. D., Apostolic Delegate, Ottawa: "I have been watching with much interest the contributions to the Fund opened on behalf of your missions by the CATHOLIC RECORD. The success has been very gratifying and shows the deep interest which our Catholic people take in the work of the missionary in foreign lands. . . I bless you most cordially and all your labors, as a pledge my earnest wishes for your greatest success in all your undertakings." I entreat you to continue the support of my struggling mission, assuring you a remembrance in my prayers and Masses.

Yours faithfully in Jesus and Mary  
J. M. FRASER.

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