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sweet times. The poles—the hairy ones—the soldiers of whom France is most proud—welcome their presence.

"Do they pray with you?" I once asked a priest who had just returned from the front. He wore the brown robe of one of the orders. Under it was his uniform.

INDESTRUCTIBILITY OF THE PAPACY

Addison's apostrophe to the Soul seems to be admirably suited to the quality and genius of the Papacy as the embodied spirit of the Catholic Church at the present time:

Thou shalt flourish in immortal youth, Unhurt amid the war of elements, The wreck of matter, and the crush of worlds.

Speculating on the ultimate outcome of the European-Asiatic conflict, a non-Catholic, H. P. Sedgwick, thus adumbrates in "The Atlantic Monthly":

"The Church of Rome will be then as she has always been—the one Church which draws to herself men of all European races. There is but one Church risen with undiminished vitality. It is not strange that many who think that some Divine power stood behind the early Christian Church should believe that the same Power guides and preserves the Church of Rome.

"There have been great crises in her history. She might have been destroyed when the barbarians overran Italy; she might have been wrecked by the Reformation of the sixteenth century; she might have been ruined in the nineteenth century if the Pope had been made the head of a confederated Italy; and she may be vanquished in the twentieth by the spirit of American democracy, but the genius and the passion of the Latin race will subsist, and they are great powers on her side.

"The Roman Church has always been cosmopolitan. There have been Popes from England, Holland, Germany, France, Spain and Italy. Her churches lit their fires from North to Sicily, from Quebec to Patagonia. Her missionaries have sacrificed their lives all over the world. Her strength has been that she is the Church Universal. England recognizes the King as the head of the Anglican church; Russia the Czar as the head of the Greek Church, but the Roman Church has never been bounded by national boundaries. She alone has been able to put before the world the ideal of a Church for humanity.

"This has been the source of her peculiar attraction; and in the next century, with the national barriers broken down, her claims to universal acceptance and obedience will be stronger than ever. Americans cannot kneel to an English King nor prostrate themselves before the Czar of Russia, but many will do both before him who has the only claim to be considered the High Priest of Christendom."

Shall we be able to say: "A Daniel comes to judgment?"—Philadelphia Standard and Times.

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LOUVAIN UNIVERSITY TO RE-OPEN

Not only is the library of Louvain being reconstructed, but the president of the famous university has arranged to open the courses of studies in a week or two, and has offered to find lodgings for any students who will resume their courses or enter the university for the first time.

TERRIBLE CONDITIONS IN MEXICO

Conditions in war stricken Belgium, Serbia and Poland never have been worse than those prevailing in many parts of Mexico, according to advices which have been coming into the State department and which are the basis of the action of the President in issuing in the name of the Red Cross an appeal to the American public to give money to relieve the distress of the Mexicans.

In most of the large cities there is an acute scarcity of food, which in Mexico City has led to such incidents as mobs feeding upon the bodies of mules dying in the streets. The situation at Monterey has become so desperate that recently there occurred in that city the worst riots known in many years. The situation is more serious in that there is grave danger of pestilence. Epidemics already are raging in many sections.

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posed by a man. To the Catholic this surpassing excellence in the expression of human thought and feeling possessed by the Church is no surprise. It is the abiding presence within her of the Holy Spirit who endows her with "the vision and the faculty divine."—Truth.

ANGLICANISM

The Kikuyu controversy, which caused quite a grave commotion in the Church of England a year ago, has been authoritatively settled by the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is amusing to Catholics to note how very elastic Protestantism can be, even when it is vulcanized by the disputed claims of an apostolic succession.

There is nothing more supple in the church line, in adaptability to all kinds of emergencies than the dominant Christian organization of the British empire. There are strong antipathies and wide differences in its three branches—high, low and broad church—but these are reconciled to an external profession of oneness and fellowship by the ingenuity and diplomacy of the Anglican episcopacy.

The Kikuyu controversy need not be rehearsed in detail. At a religious conference in Kikuyu, Africa, attended by Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Congregational missionaries, two Anglican bishops participated in divine service and administered communion to non-conformists. They were taken to task by the Bishop of Zanzibar, Dr. Weston, who accused his fellow churchmen of heresy and schism because of their action. At bottom, it was another episode in the differences between the high and low church parties.

"They further held that Anglican clergymen cannot join in communion with non-conformist clergymen, who, in the Anglican view, are not ordained ministers of the universal church, since the principle of apostolic succession is denied by the non-conformists. Therefore, non-conformist ministers are only laymen without religious authority, in the high church view, and association with them would only stand in the way of the Anglican ideal of consolidating the English, the Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic churches into one authoritative church.

The fact of the matter is that the apostolic succession of the Anglican Episcopate was always historically in doubt. So far as the Catholic church is concerned it was definitely settled a few years ago by the Supreme Pontiff, when the Anglican orders were declared null and void because the apostolic succession was broken during the Reformation. Why the high church should claim to be a branch of the Catholic church is a problem, unless it be that the wish is father to the thought. There are no branches excepting those that were lopped off, and they are withered and dead long ago. The living trunk, with branches and verdure spreading all over the habitable earth, is still the tree and life of Christianity as established by its divine founder.

It was to be expected that the Archbishop of Canterbury, primate of the Anglican church, would compromise the Kikuyu case. So he mildly says in his findings that "there is no objection to Bishop Peel of Mombasa and Bishop Willis of Uganda attending a joint Protestant missionary meeting." He declares that although no sanction would be given to the acceptance of communion by members of the Church of England at the hands of an unepiscopally ordained minister, the Anglican bishops at Kikuyu gave communion to devout Christians under unusual circumstances. The primate finds their act justified, provided it is not regarded as setting a precedent.

How marvellously elastic and accommodating a so-called Christian church can become, when it has separated from the truth, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Charity is the fulfillment of the law, and covereth a multitude of sins, but when it is a cloak for the approximation of error, it ceases to be charity—for charity and truth are from one and the same divine source.

The apostolic succession means nothing without a living, continuous, authoritative church even to the consummation of days.—Intermountain Catholic.

STARVING NATIONS

Misery is supreme in a great part of the world. War, famine and pestilence are doing a deadly work, and nations are driven to a bitter and untimely end, in tears and despair. From Mexico and Poland especially rise the cries of the aged, and women and children, like a wall from them dying in the night. Gripping hunger is upon them and they lift their gaunt, white faces to heaven calling upon the God of pity to send them death, the angel of peace. The old are moaning their lives away; they are starving and there is no bread to break for them, and the lands are filled with weeping Rachels, whose children are not. The crucifixion of nations is enacted before our eyes and a million eyes ten and more million people are crying to us from their crosses of pain: "We hunger and thirst!" This is a supreme hour for us, a day of grace in which to show Christ that the seed of His doctrine has not fallen upon stony hearts, but upon rich soil whence springs the divine flower of charity, the true test of a Christian.

The cry of Poland, Mexico and Belgium should constitute a special appeal to Catholics: for whatever may be said of the classes of these countries, the masses are Catholic. They have been true to the Faith; they have been guiltless of the crimes which precipitated this awful war by which an outraged God has delivered nations to their own counsels. They have not denied the Master these simple folk. They have not doubted His standard, nor mocked His divinity, nor scorned His precepts. They labored in peace for their bread, and as they sang their song of content, war clouds formed of godlessness, broke over their heads and rained down upon them cruel and crushing misery. And now through no fault of their own, they are hungry unto death, and Christ has said, Whosoever shall give you to drink a cup of cold water in My name, because you belong to Me: amen I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.—America.

AN UNUSUAL HONOR

The daily press with flaring headlines announced recently that Columbia University in New York City had for the first time conferred the degree of LL.D. on a woman. The event deserved the announcement which it received and the recipient richly deserved the honor conferred.

But away down on the same list of honors given that day at Columbia—hidden so obscurely that not even the watchful eye of the New York press discovered it—there was the record of another unusual honor bestowed upon a woman.

Sister Marie Jose, of St. Elizabeth's College, Convent, New Jersey, was made in course a doctor of philosophy by Columbia.

We are informed that the learned nun specialized in the classics and that her essay on early Greek won unusual commendation from the faculty of the university.

Sister Marie Jose was not present to receive her degree, the modest retirement of her religious life forbade that privilege. The diploma was forwarded to her.—Monitor, Newark.

THE POPE AND PEACE

Benedict XV. at this very hour is illustrating the truth of a statement made by Cardinal Newman before Benedict XV. was born. Speaking of the part enacted in human affairs by every successor of St. Peter, the great English Cardinal said:

"According to the need of the day, and the inspirations of his Lord, he has set himself now to one thing, now to another, but to all in season, and to nothing in vain."

A French Bishop, Mgr. Gibergues, says: "If the Pope's office were understood by all, if the grand mission of religious fatherhood which he has received from the Father who is in heaven were accepted by all peoples, what immense blessing would flow thence for them? What a magnificent impulse would be given to moral progress and to the material well-being of the nations. May they understand it in the hour when peace is signed. And may the Pope's presence at the conference which will regulate its conditions be for them a pledge of stability in justice and of inviolable fidelity to sworn faith."

POPE AND PRISONERS OF WAR

Pope Benedict has just received from the Swiss and other governments definite promises which assure the success of the latest step taken by His Holiness in behalf of suffering prisoners of war. In compliance with his earnest request, the Republic of Switzerland has undertaken to give hospitality to ten thousand sick and wounded war prisoners belonging to all the nations that are engaged in the terrible conflict, their respective governments agreeing to pay all the expenses incurred. In this way the unfortunate prisoners will receive the best of medical attention in surroundings which will insure their comfort in every other respect, physical and spiritual—great advantages that it would otherwise be impossible for them to obtain.—Intermountain Catholic.

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