

martyrs marks the steps of zealous priests, brothers and nuns, who, indifferent to worldly comfort, or to life itself, have labored for the conversion of that great country.

ON THE BATTLE LINE

ITALY'S DISASTER

Berlin and Rome announce an Italian defeat of magnitude, the full effects of which are not yet calculable. The former claims the capture of 100,000 prisoners and 700 guns.

WASHINGTON VIEW

Italy's greatest industrial centres are in the north, and the ability of the German invaders to spread their tentacles over any wide stretch of that region would be a blow from which it would be difficult, if not impossible, for the country to recover.

THE WEST FRONT

Berlin hastens to announce a voluntary withdrawal on the Aisne Front in these words: "Unnoticed and undisturbed by the enemy, we systematically withdrew our lines from the hilly front of the Chemin des Dames last night (Thursday)."

ARMY CHAPLAINS' FUND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Enclosed is copy of account of Chaplains' Service Fund in detail from its inception to Oct. 1st, 1917. I propose to send a report home in this way from time to time.

THE RUTHENIANS

A Convention of Presbyterian Ruthenians (fallen away for lack of priests) was held not long since, in Saskatoon, Sask. From the Convention the following conclusions were reached by the Presbyterian Church.

Table with columns for Date, Description, and Amount. Includes entries for June 7, 9, 13, 18, 19, and Sept. 19.

Table listing various contributions and expenses with amounts. Includes entries for Cable Co., Rev. J. Symior, June 27 Capt. J. Knox, etc.

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Table listing various contributions and expenses with amounts. Includes entries for Bank Pass Book Cr., Outstanding chs., Total Receipts, etc.

Table listing various contributions and expenses with amounts. Includes entries for June 18 Cheque Book, Western Union.

tions that the State provides." The Catholic Church Extension Society is aiding Rt. Rev. Bishop Budka to keep his flock within the Fold.

We are giving substantial financial help for his School Home in Winnipeg, where young Ruthenians, the hope of the Church, are guarded from the enemy while attending the Jesuit College. Many of these youths will be Priests.

We have enabled the Bishop to buy seven lots in Saskatoon, on which will be erected with our help, A CHURCH, PRIMARY SCHOOL and SCHOOL HOME.

Another School Home is required at Canora. This will be commenced with God's help, next year. This is the work of the Extension Society for which we ask your help.

Send your contributions therefore for this holy work and be assured you are investing your money in a noble cause—the salvation of souls and here and hereafter your reward from God is assured.

REV. T. O'DONNELL, PRESIDENT, Catholic Church Extension, 67 Bond St., Toronto.

Let us look up and smile. If we can do this, we have reached with a bound the heart of Christian philosophy. I honor the soul that can and does smile through suffering; it seems to me that this is about the most sublime sight imaginable, for it takes a spirit refined and strengthened to struggle up to this grand such: Perhaps they are not about me, but our circles are circumscribed, and we do not know of the nobleness and sacrifice which is daily taking place.

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. Peregrina 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

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"Shall Your Brethren Go to War and Shall Ye Sit Here?"

Numbers 32, 6.

So spake Moses to the children of Gad and of Reuben, when they pleaded to remain with their cattle, instead of going with the children of Israel, across the Jordan, to fight the battles of the Lord.

Moses was too much of a patriot and too astute a general to let their selfish interests interfere with the plans of the Lord, in taking the promised land for all the twelve tribes.

Moses knew what we realize to-day, that when the nation is at war all the people are at war; and all must do their share, fighting, or otherwise helping the nation to win.

What the people of Israel did to win the promised land—we in Canada must do to preserve Freedom, for the War has resolved itself into a life or death struggle between autocracy and the Freedom-Loving peoples of the earth.

The duty of every citizen at this moment, therefore, is to buy Canada's Victory Bonds, so that sufficient money to feed, clothe and equip and protect our fighting forces will be available.

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