BOYS IN BLUE AND

In Halifax, as all who have been there know, is an organization known as St. Mary's Army and Navy Club— a place where, as the name implies, soldier and sailor boys meet in friendly comradeship. Adelightful, "homey" shelter it is where the lads find read ing, writing and rest rooms attractive, well-lighted, comfortable apartments where stationery supplies are at the disposal of the guests, and their free use serves as a pleasant reminder to the boys of the need for " writing On the second floor are big recreation rooms where friendly nes are played, while on the ample tables in the reading room are neat ' dailies "-newspapers from practically every city and town in the Dominion-newspapers and leading nagazines of interest. The Club, b because of its close proximity the boys naturally fall into the habit of "dropping in" to the evening devo-

on." Fuel, light and supplies require money. After the appalling disaster of Dec. 6th, the building was immediately handed over to the Relief Committee, and so during two and a half months the boys were deprived of their meeting place. But now that the Relief Committee has found new quarters the Club has been re-opened. Heretofore, all the Halifax churches—the Catholic churches—have contributed to its upkeep. But on account of the enormous losses incurred it is manifestly unfair to draw from the slender resources of an already overtaxed people. For that reason the organization appeals to

It is not the Halifax boys who frewithin the gates. Your boy, perhaps, or your neighbor's. Then will you allow, that the Club may "carry on as long as the need exists?

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IN PERFECT HARMONY

OFFICIAL ORGAN COMMENTS ON AND LLOYD GEORGE

(C. P. A. Service) translation of the authoritative arti-cle in which the "Osservatore are all parts of one integral action Romano" comments on President

"Ever since the beginning of the present tremendous conflagration, which has been sowing ruin and death in Europe, the Holy See has wished to assume an attitude which has been improperly called neutral, but which has instead been one of absolute and rigorous impartiality between the two groups of gerent nations, the only attitude which it could and ought to take, given its international or rather supernational character, which See must have noticed with legitipointed out to the heads of the belligerent nations, now indeed as articles of a concrete treaty of peace, but as the landmarks and starting points from which action with and could be taken to underto which the recent pronouncements of Lloyd George and President Wil-son seem directed to pave the way, putting aside, as we have already had occasion to note, certain irritating prejudices which would have formed at any time an insurmountable obstacle to the opening of any nego-

tiations whatever. IN HARMONY WITH PAPAL DOCUMENT

"But from this, that is from having noted with pleasure the perfect harmony existing between the above mentioned pronouncements and the memorable Pontifical document of allow the month of March to pass last August, it does not follow in the slightest degree, and it would be a great mistake to think, that on this the Church whose life work the cenaccount the Holy See has any intention of bringing pressure to bear on one side or the other, in sustaining or upholding its concrete proposals, duct which, as we have said above, it has taken from the beginning and which it has strictly observed through every trial and difficulty. And on that account we have have surprised to see put forth in a morning paper the hypothesis of a possible change of attitude on the part of
the Holy See and an affirmation that
it will now be able to take a different
it might be multiplied in other lands have come from we know not where.

men and the Papal note, why a fitting answer was not given to that most important Pontifical document zeal, the crown of his labor, it and the pulsus in touch with the realities of faith. We cannot conceive any reval, the political wisdom and the val, the political wisdom and the high opportuneness have been implicitly recognized by reproducing under another shape its fundamental

WHAT THAT MORNING PAPER SAID The morning paper referred to by "Island of Saints and Scholars," the "Osservatore Romano" had put He relinquished the burden of his forward the argument that, inasmuch as the Holy See recognized the similarity between the Allies' terms and President Wilson and the suggestions in the Papal peace note, therefore unless the Central Empires at once came into line, the Holy See must necessarily range itself on the side of—if not the Allies—at least the terms these had laid down as bases of a just and lasting peace. It is a happy idea and one which has no doubt been in the minds of many not only lately, but ever since August. But the supernatural aracter of the impartiality of the Holy See as an institution is necessarily the first thing to be taken into account. And just as His Holiness has condemned acts of injustice committed by our enemies, so he can approve acts and terms which correspond to what he himself has suggested as just, without infringing on that impartiality. But he cannot

GREATNESS OF THE MASS

CARDINAL NEWMAN GIVES PEN PICTURES OF THE HOLY SACRIFICE

quent the Club: they have their thrilling, so overcoming as the Mass, homes to go to. It is the stranger said as it is among us, says Cardinal Newman. I could attend Masses fornot give, as freely as your means will mere form of words-it is a great action, the greatest action that can be on earth. It is not the invocation merely, but, if I dare use the word. the evocation of the Eternal. He be comes present on the altar in flesh and blood, before Whom angels bow and devils tremble.

This is that awful event which is the scope and the interpretation of every part of the solemnity. Words are necessary, but as means, not as ends; they are not mere addresses to SPEECHES OF THE PRESIDENT | the throne of grace, they are instruments of what is far higher, of consecration, of sacrifice.

(C. P. A. Service)

Rome, Feb. 16.—Herewith is the sympletic of the authoritative anti-Romano" comments on President Wilson's and Premier George's speeches:
"Ever since the beginning of the was said in the beginning: "What thou dost, do quickly

Quickly they pass, for the Lord Jesus goes with them, as He passed along the lake in the days of His flesh, quickly calling first one and then another. Quickly they pass because as the lightning which shinest from one part of the heaven into the other, so is the coming of the Son or Man.

Quickly they pass, for they are as the words of Moses, when the Lord ses it above the contentions and flicts between nations. The by: "The Lord, the Lord as He passed by: "The Lord, the Lord God, mercicame down in the cloud, calling on conflicts between nations. The Holy See has kept scrupulously to this line of conduct in these three t And as Moses on the mountain, so

depart from it in the face diplomatic events and high heads to the earth and adore." So of recent diplomatic events and the authoritative pronouncements from the English Prime Minister and the Drasidant of the great North Ameritative pronouncements from the English Prime Minister and the out for the great Advent, "waiting for the moving of the water," each in his with his own heart, with his place, with his own heart, with his own wants, with his own thought, mate satisfaction that in their two with his own intentions, with his own intentions, with his own intentions, with his own prayers, separate but concorrecent speeches, both the one and own prayers, separate but concorthe other have taken as a base for dant, watching what is going on, possible peace negotiations and for a new settlement of Europe those very points which, in his appeal of the first of August, the Holy Father, Benedict XV., pointed out to the heads of the belligerent nations, not indeed as articles of a concrete in a sweet harmony, we take our post in a sweet harmony, we take our post in a sweet harmony, we take our post in a sweet harmony.

take to carry out those negotiations old men and simple laborers and to which the recent pronouncements students in seminaries, priests preparing for Mass, priests making their thanksgiving, there are innocent maidens and there are penitent sinners; but out of these many minds rises one Eucharistic hymn, and the great action is the measure and the scope of it .- Sacred Heart Review.

A WORLD APOSTLE

It would ill become any periodical, turies have broadened into what may justly be called a world apostolate. It is not merely that St. Patrick within the span of his own life, converted a nation in its enline of conduct from that which this same paper thinks fit to attribute to saint's life's purpose was to offer to god not only the gift of a race rehave come from we know not where.

where already the future missio.... igion where already the future missio.... ingion self denial. Prayer and fasting the task awaiting. He was given to the task awaiting. He was given to the bis own eyes the dawn of the days of Christ; they are that day in Erin's history which won tial in the days of Christ; they are from the historian's pen the title, not less so now.—New World. from the historian's pen the title, "Island of Saints and Scholars." earthly years only after he had seen enkindled in his spiritual children the inner light of faith and science and zeal that was to guide them like their prototypes, the apostles, to distant shores and quicken them to the conquest of distant peoples. The pathway of Catholic faith following the conversion of Ireland in the fifth century is interlocked with the history of that country. Secular sciences and the arts found here a fruitful nursery. It rested upon the Ireland of St. Patrick to give the world the most brilliant example and the most potent proof of the nexus between faith and human achievement.

The golden era in the history of that land and that people has past. The new day is that of industrial resurrection, little less remarkable in its compass than that which charthe impress of the saint's apostolate has not yielded to the erasure of modernity. Industrialism, strange to say, has signally failed to vitiate the Catholicism of Ireland; rather has it served to emphasize the racial characteristic of the Gael as that of unquenchable loyalty to the heredi-To me nothing is so consoling, so in Christian womanhood.—The Cath-

"NEVER MADE A TRAITOR"

WRITER IN A SECULAR JOURNAL PRAISES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

C. A. Windle in an article in Brann's Iconoclast, a secular journal, defends the Catholic Church from the slander of the bigots that she is opposed to education and pays strong tribute to our parochial schools. He

Parochial schools cost Catholic Americans \$40,000,000 annually. But for these schools Protestants would be paying more taxes and it would cost many additional millions to provide buildings for the pupils now attending religious schools. Justice W. R. Day, of the United

preliminary education in public schools, while Chief Justice White got his start in the parcchial school. A Catholic education did not dis-qualify Joseph Tumulty from becoming private secretary to the President of the United States, nor did it prevent Dr. John B. Murphy, of Chicago, from becoming the greatest surgeon

The universities of Paris, Salerno. Oxford and Cambridge were founded by the Catholic Church in the thirteenth century.

In the fourteenth century she established the universities of Rome, Dublin, Cologne, Heidelberg and others. In all the centuries of the Christian era her priests have been and criminal weakness of the parents. recognized as the best educated men According to a Milwaukee paper a of their day.

Today her scholars, her scientists divide honors with the greatest men of the world. Among these we find the name of Pasteur, Madam Currie and Marconi. Among the master painters of the world she placed the names of Raphael, Murillo, Rembrandt, was apparent in the soldier. The

record of gallant deeds the story of many undisciplined boys and girls this republic could not be told. this republic could not be told. start out in life. The present en-Here are a few of them. Columbus, forced training of millions of men, De Soto, Joliet, Marquette and De La the fathers of the future, will also Salle.

A Catholic education did not make oppressed.

the republic.
Catholic education never made a

fact is sealed by the blood of Catholics shed upon every battlefield of the republic from Lexington to Manila Bay.

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

A character in one of John Ayscough's novels marveled at the shortsightedness of sinners; it cost so much less to be virtuous. Convenience does, at times, join hands with religion, and the combination is fortunate. Doctors are constantly preaching the discipline of abstinence. For the few who die of starvation, the many perish of surfeit. Now comes the call of the country asking all manner of restraint, promising victory as the fruit. The trinity of demands, economy, health and patriotism are strengthened and made supernatural by the call of our religion. With so many props, Lent to would seem more reasonable and serious to ask, noting the perfect correspondence between the pronouncements of two eminent states. It is devoted members.

The devoted members and the serious to ask, noting the perfect correspondence between the pronouncements of two eminent states. It is devoted members, and the singular satisfaction as he laid aside for the last time the staff of his authorous division of time. A whole hearted observance of those forty days made what he believes.

faith. We cannot conceive any re-ligion without penance. Forgive-ness is based on sorrow, and sorrow

A MISSIONER'S DEVICE

INVENTED "CATHOLIC LADDER"

TO INSTRUCT CHARGES Father Blanchet, the pioneer, experienced some difficulty in communicating his Christian doctrines and history to his dusty flocks, says Charles M. Buchanan in The Indian Sentinel. They could neither read nor write; nor, indeed, could they converse with the missionaries. He therefore, invented a novel contrivance to instruct them, and this device, better known as the "Catholic Ladder" or the "Sahkah-lee Stick" became a potent assistant in the evangelization of the Indians of the Pacific Northwest.

He used a long stick, on which he cut forty short parallel lines, or in its compass than that which char-acterized the earlier centuries. Yet the impress of the saint's apostolate to Heaven). Each line or notch represented a century, and the whole forty represented the traditional 4,000 years of the world's history prior to the advent of Christ. These lines were followed by the thirty-three points of dots and three crosses to show the years of Christ's life and the manner of His death. A church as that which made the name of Bride synonymous with the noblest twelve apostles. Eighteen further twelve apostles. Eighteen further twelve apostles or marks (each a century) and thirty-nine points (each a year) indicated the lapse of time since the death of the Saviour

Incidentally, also, it fixed the date of the institution of the device as 1839. The ladder and its lessons held the attention of the Indians wonderfully. They themselves made and took home copies of the stick, and some of them even yet cherish the precious relics. Almost all of the pioneers and historians of the Pacific Northwest, whether of Catholic. unique and successful device.

HOME DISCIPLINE

It is a notorious fact that discipline in the home today is very much on the wane. Corporal punishment, even when badly needed, is replaced States Supreme Court, received his preliminary education in public appeal is made to a child who does not yet realize the moral significance of the appeal. The result is that the average parent becomes humbly subservient to the unbridled whims of his unruly offspring. The effects of such criminal negligence on the part of parents is shown most lamentably in the alarming increase of juvenile delinquency throughout the country. ber of cities of the nation have been obliged to establish courts to handle juvenile problems alone. In the majority of cases the moral and young soldier, observing that a younger brother would not perform little chores around the house until promised a quarter by his father, said: "Father, the discipline in this

Reubens and Da Vinci.

Among her immortal poets we find the names of Dante, Dryden, Pope and Shakespeare.

Writer then proceeds to that to the soling lesson from this incident.

If it will serve as a corrective to the "rotten" discipline prevailing in the "rot and Stakespeare.

America owes much to Catholic so many homes, military training must commend itself to all who their names and recognize the handicap with which

A Catholic education did not make Lord Baltimore an enemy of freedom. He made Maryland a refuge of the sometimes feels, scarcely know the ppressed. meaning of the word "obey," neces A Catholic education did not keep sarily leads to graver forms of insub Charles Carroll of Carrolton from adding his name to the American next step, disregard for law, is Declaration of Independence, nor prevent General Phil Sheridan from becoming one of the great soldiers of obedience to school authorities the republic.

Catholic education never made a traitor to the Stars and Stripes. This this measure is often dangerously little.—Catholic Bulletin.

LEADING SOULS TO GOD

God rarely leads souls to Himself through disputations, says the Catholic Herald. The Protestant or unbeliever sees the Catholics crowding their churches when those of the denominations are empty; he sees the Catholic go to Mass every Sunday, rain or sunshine; he sees the Catho lic say his prayers, before retiring; he sees the Catholic take off his hat as he passes the church; he sees the Catholic wearing a medal or the scapulars, and he also sees that the Catholic is not effeminate, nor a weakling, nor a coward; and he asks himself what there is in Catholicity that influences men as he sees that the Church influences those who are

its devoted members.

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He should be able to recommend books to his Protestant friends that will give the information desired; and books incidentally are better than verbal explanations as a rule because they can be read quietly and privately by the enquirer and con-sidered carefully and dispassionately. But above all it is the example that

THE LIBERATOR'S HEART

wins the victory.

The heart of Daniel O'Connell, the famous Irish statesman, is preserved in Rome. When removed from his body in Genoa it was embalmed and sent to the "Holy City," to which he had bequeathed it when dying. The Holy Father ordered the urn containing it to be sent to the Church of St. Agatha, attached to the Irish College, as the most appropriate place for it. It now rests in a nagnificent mural monument near the altar of the Blessed Sacrament erected for it by Charles Bianconi, his friend and admirer.

It is of pure Carrara marble, ex quisitely sculptured and stands about twenty feet high. The upper part represents the Angel of Liberty bidding Erin, who sits chained with her Irish harp and wolf dog, to arise for hope has come. The lower part represents O'Connell at the bar of the British House of Common refusing to take the anti-Catholic declaration then imposed upon members of Parliament, O'Connell's words: "I at once reject this declaration; part of it I believe to be untrue, and the rest of it I know to be false," are chiselled underneath.— Sacred Heart Review.

DIED

JORDAN.-At Dublin, Ont., on Jan. 23, 1918, Mr. John J. Jordan, in his sixty-third year May his soul rest

BILLY.-On Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1918, at 281 Dalhousie St., Ottawa, Mrs. Louis J. Billy. (nee Lina Des champs.) aged thirty four years, sister of Rev. Father Deschamps, curate at St. Mary's Church, Bays water. May her soul rest in peace.

BULGER.—At Killaloe, Ont., on January 27, 1918, Mr. Nicholas Bulger, aged sixty six years. May his soul rest in peace.

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