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THE SPIRIT OF GOD EVIDENTLY MOVING OVER THE WATERS

Almonte, Ont., Mar. 8, 1919.

To My Dear Friends : That the question of Foreign Missions is a live issue on this continent at the present time is manifest from evidence on every side. The Catholic press in general has taken up this matter and the clergy and the laity have awakened to the call that is evidently now making itself heard. As an instance of this I quote the following from the columns of a Middle West paper, the Catholic Tribune of Dubuque, Iowa:

Catholics and non Catholics of all the late battling nations have been impressed, awed, inspired by the oft repeated stories of heroisi displayed by priests upon the battlefield. To Catholics, taught from their youth to look upon the priest as Christ's representative, such con duct was merely what they expected but to Protestants their heroic, all embracing charity and unflagging courage came with the force of a strong object lesson, more potent than any other influence in breaking down barriers of prejudice. Now that the roar of the cannon and whistle of bullets have ceased many of these priests are looking afar off with longing to that distant region whence they had come at their country's mandate; for not a few of them had left a laborious mission post where in their zeal for the Master's cause they had hoped to expend the last spark of their vitality in the conversion of the heathen or in nurturing the tender sprout of native faith and propping it up with the toils of their last years. The call to return was imperative. They obeyed, yet at what a cost? Retained now in their own countries by the dire need of priests there, they see the precious fruit of their hard labour about to perish because there are no labourers to work the vineyard.

"Yet one resource is left. The Holy Father scans the scarred fields of Europe and turns away in sadness; then out beyond the mighty ocean his gaze is bent, and lo! a gleam of hope wipes out for the moment the vision of European carnage and destruction. There lies America -America the brave, America the generous. Shall we not lean for support upon this youngest daughter of the Church? So it was that the voice of Christ's Vicar went out from Europe, a voice eloquent with the sufferings, the needs, the privations of those millions of souls still in the shadow of paganism. American Catholics shall hear that voice, for who realize better than they that it is the voice of Christ Himself? Mothers shall hear it and bravely pray that their little ones may some day be a bearer of light to foreign lands. Inspired youths shall hear it and turning their backs upon the garish attractions of their young lives shall guard as a precious ideal during long years of seminary preparation the vision of that far off ripened harvest which the Divine Voice conjures up. Franciscans shall hear it and the cowl of brown shall part the tangled forest in search of souls. Dominicans shall hear it and a white robed band shall illumine a darkened land. Jesuits shall hear it, nay, have heard it, for we learn from St. Louis University that eight or ten sons of St. Ignatius are about to set out for Bengal and Bombay missions in India. In a word, cannot we confidently hope that the Church of America will be quickened and enlivened by this new impetus of interest in the foreign missions?

newer and deeper meaning for us and may our hands be unstituted in their gifts and our hearts untiring in Martin McGrath, Fielding, their prayers for the great cause of those unfortunates, who have never Isabel McM. heard of their one and only Best Friend."—G. G. S.
Rev. Father P. O'Gorman, C. M.,

writes me from Dublin under date of Feb. 2nd: "I have been at the front for the past two years and am going to Pekin, China, via New York and San Francisco, leaving Liverpool on March 1st. Two other Irish Vincentians and myself are getting charge of St. Joseph's Church, (Tong Tang,) Pekin, with a view to learning the language, and trying to help on the good work in China.

Naturally, we shall be anxious to work in the most cordial co-opera-tion with the other English speaking missionaries especially, and to profit by the views and practical experience of workers like yourself, who have at last awakened the interest of many Eoglish-speaking priests in this great

'An old 'Maynooth man' myself who listened to you when you were first rousing us from our slumbers here in Ireland—I am heart and soul with the Maynooth Mission here in

last received our commission from last received our commission from the Holy See. We have been assigned to Eastern Hupeh with Hankow as the capital. It is a very promising field and we are grateful to Providence for having called us to work in such a place where we can undoubtedly do a great deal for God's glory. I know you will be glad to hear this and for this reason I take this opportunity to write to you. I haven't as yet heard what arrangements are being made to send out the first band of missionaries, but I feel that they should be starting very soon, certainly before the Summer. We should be able to make a beginging with about twenty priests, and the Judge weighs you in the balance at the same time leave a generous supply for work at home. This work will be all important, but a large and self indulgence your handmaid number of American priests are now joining us and as soon as our having got our mission becomes known we are sure to have many more. I shall be glad to hear from time to time how your work is getting on and shall be glad to help it on in any way

As I stated in a former letter, my first move after opening a head-quarters would be to make a lecturing campaign through Canada to solicit the sympathy of the Catholic people in favor of the Chinese Missions, and arouse vocations among the students of the colleges and seminaries. I have recently visited Toronto and Hamilton dioceses, spoken to thousands of school children, lectured with stereopticon views at St. Augustine's Seminary and St. Michael's College, Toronto, and St. Jerome's College, Kitchener, and preached in a number of churches. Everywhere I have been received with bindness and generosity. The outlook in every respect appears promising.

Yours faithfully in Christ.

THE LATE REV. J. J. MASSOTH

PRIEST OF AMERICAN FOREIGN MISSION SEMINARY, MARYKNOLL, DIES ON DUTY

ordained under the title of the diocese

as a professor at the Venard Apostolwith keen anticipation to his life-work in China. While caring for the students during a recent epidemic of malady which developed into pneu-monia. He died at Maryknoll but at the urgent request of his aged parents, who could not travel. body was forwarded for burial to the young priest's home at P qua, Kansas.

THE TABLET FUND

Toronto, March 11, 1919. Editor CATHOLIC RECORD: I thank you for giving space to the Appeal for the Tablet Fund for the Relief of the Belgians. So far I have received because of this appeal:

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ALMS

During Lent we are exhorted by During Lent we are exhorted by the Church to give aims to the needy. We are not exhorted in this special manner solely on account of the necessities of the poor but our holy mother urges us to almsgiving for the sake especially of our own souls. Very often during the year we have gone our own ways,—and our ways were not always the ways of Grace,—we separated ourselves from God. Pride and conceit took possession of our hearts; a little success in the Gabriel's; next as secretary. when with the Maynooth Mission here in Ireland."

While speaking of the Maynooth or Irish Mission to China, the following letter from Rev. E. J. McCarthy, its American Superior, will be of supreme interest to you:

Omaha, Nebraska, Feb. 16th, 1919.

My Dear Father Fraser:

"I have seen recently in the week. ly magazine America that you have successed in starting your college at Almonte. Need I say that we are all delighted and wish you every success. Father Calvin is at present in Ireland, having left the United States scon after Christmas. We have at

our senses she throws ashes on our heads and reminds us of the folly of giving all our time to money making and earthly business. What a shock she gives us, if we have not lost allit." What will it profit you then, if the Judge weighs you in the balance

and pleasure your guest what can you expect but condemnation? During Lent the Church recalls all this to our mind so that we may not be as butterflies going from flower to flower—from pleasure to pleasure— forgetful of the drear and dread eternal winter before us. No matter how great we may think ourselves she tells us that one day she saw the wicked exalted as a cedar of Lebanon and when she passed that way again

his place was not even to be found. While like an accomplished sur geon she is cutting into our very souls for our spiritual well-being, she is at the same time pouring in the healing oil and the wine of con-solation. She places at our command an infallible remedy for the healing of our wounds. What is this balm? Almsgiving or as it is commonly called, "Alms cover a multitude of Charity. sin and will not suffer souls to go into darkness." "Deal out thy bread to the hungry and bring the needy and harborless into thine house. When thou shalt see one naked cover him and despise not thy own flesh. Then shall thy light break forth as the morning and thy health shall speedily arise and thy justice shall go before thy face and the glory of God shall gather thee up." What a grand reward promised by God to the merciful almsgiver! Why not merit it? It is something within the power of everyone of us through the grace

The American Foreign Mission Seminary at Maryknoll announces the death of the Rev. John J. Massoth, Christ. When you aid them according to your means you are meriting. one of its first priests.

Father Massoth was a native of Kansas and made his preliminary studies at St. Mary's College (Jesuit Fathers), St. Mary's, Kansas. He was He was are clothing with the garments of diocese of grace poor souls spiritually naked ordaned under the title of the diocese of Des Moines, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, by the Rt. Ray. Patrick J. Hayes, now Archbishop.

After ordination he was assigned are breaking the bread of life to the control of the Versal Aportal. hungry who are in a state of spiritual ic College, the preparatory School for Maryknoll, and looked forward the prison of sin and from the power of the evil one captives who have languished in chains. This is much but you do more when you aid the influenza Fr. Massoth contracted the malady which developed into pneu- help to provide for the continuation of the priesthood of Christ and the perpetuation of the Sacrifice of the Son of God.

During Lent too we are reminded that 'he that closeth his ears against the cry of the poor, shall himself cry and not be heard" for is it not written "judgment without mercy unto him who showeth not mercy."
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giving and how necessary especially is it during the Holy Season of Lent! Donations may be addressed to: REV. T. O'DONNELL, President.

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were studious and his ways winning. These have been dominant characteristics with him, and now, as he becomes Archbishop of New York, he is regarded everywhere as one of the Church's most scholarly prelates, and by his charmingly and unaffect edly human manner be has made friends on all sides. There is no one in the entire Church

in the United States better fitted both by experience and temperament to be the leader of Catholic New York than Archbishop elect Hayes. As an administrator he is certain to achieve memorable results and as a preacher he will take his place among the most eloquent members of the American Hierarchy. sterling patriotism has been displayed in many ways since he be-came Chaplain Bishop of the Army

and Navy.
Under Archbishop Hayes' leadership the Archdiocese of New York will advance steadily. His priests and his people will ever be at his side to help him carry out his plans for the advancement of the cause of God and country.—N. Y. Catholic News.

DRISCOLL,-At Clermont, P. E. I, on February 27, 1919, Mrs. T. A. Driscoll. May her soul rest in peace.

FURLONG .- At Mount Forest. Ont. on Wednesday, February 12, 1919, Mr. Patrick Furlong, beloved husband of Elizabeth Brady. May his soul rest in peace.

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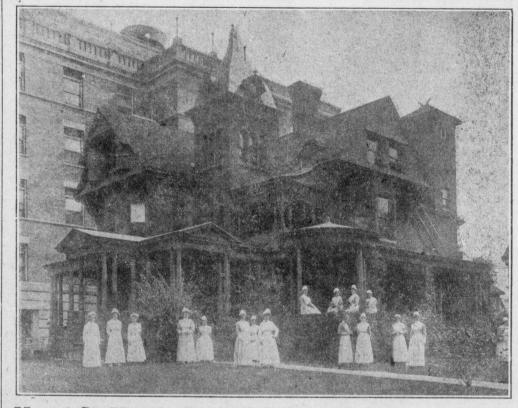
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