his feet he started for the Powell street entrance of the park carefully carrying the child who now seemed asleep. As he neared the lighted street he saw the woman leave the opposite sidewalk and with a lurch start across to the park. Before she had gone half across an automobile, containing a bunch of youths, all laughing and joking, struck her and knocked her in front of an oncoming cable car. The boy yelled and raced for her, still holding the baby, but before he could reach the prostrate figure the car was stopped and people had sprung from it. A policeman appeared; lifting the woman and commanding the crowd to stand back he carried her to a corner drug store. Phil fol-lowed with the baby and stood be-side the woman while the policeman asked the drug clerk to phone for the hospital ambulance. "Well young nursemaid what do you want here?" he asked of Dail. "Well "Well to be the selection of th young nursemant what do you want here?" he asked of Phil. "Well sir, this is her baby that she left in the park and I guess it had better go to the hospital with her." "All right," was the only response, so Phil sat down and waited for the arrival of the ambulance whilst the baby cried

The clanging of a gong announced the arrival of the ambulance and Phil followed the policeman, and the stretcher to it. "You'd better come too," said the policeman, and so with the assistants who had now ar-ranged the woman on a stretcher down the hall whilst Phil sat by a steam radiator and warmed the baby and himself. Presently one of the nuns returned and said: "The oliceman says that you say this her child. Is that so?" "Yes na'am," said Phil, and proceeded to tell his small story touching lightly on his gift of money. "Well, we'll take care of it here," said the Sister taking the ightly we'll take here." said the Sister taking bundle. As she stood there she opened the shawl and saw what Phil had failed to see when he threw away the whiskey flask. Tied around the neck of the child was a faded and dirty ribbon and on this a small medallion bearing St. Anthony's face and the supplication, Ora profice Antoni. "Ah," said the "that you had no use for Protestants and would cheerfully kill us all for the glory of God." what does that matter. You certainly took care of the baby and brought him here and he wears St. Anthony's medal, so, Voila!" Phil smiled as he thought of the day's events and said he must be going. So after the Sister had asked his name and place of residence, which she recorded in a book, she bid Phil goodbye, and he

was once more in the street.

It was a long walk to the lodging house where Phil had slept the previous night, but he got there at last, worn out with the long walk and the excitements of the day.

Early next morning as he left the lodging house an automobile bearing the familiar Red Cross of the Hospitals drove up and as Phil stood wondering he heard the man who had left the auto speak the name, Philip Vaughn to the man behind the desk. "I am Philip Vaughn," he said turning in to the desk. "Then I want you to come with me to St. Hospital please, there's a woman there wants to speak to you

A swift ride landed them at the pospital and soon Phil was standing beside a white bed on which lay the woman who had been injured the talk too much she withdrew. Turning a white and pained face to Phil the woman said: "But for you sir I might never have seen my darling Terry again," and Phil now saw that the baby was sleeping beside her in the bed. "I may not live very long sir but I wanted you to have a poor woman's thanks and"—as PhiI would have interrupted—"never let the drink get the best of you sir—see what it has brought me to Thank what it has brought me to. Thank God I've made my confession and recould be made my contession and re-ceived the Sacraments and can now die in peace. The good Sisters have promised to take care of Terry till they write my poor old mother back in county Clare." Tears were stream-ing down her face as she once more thanked Phil, and as he took her hand the Sister returned with a priest who the Sister returned with a priest who spoke kindly to the dying woman. Presently the woman tried to turn to the baby and after the Sister had lifted him for the mother to kiss she murmured: "Jesus Mary and Joseph I give you my heart and my soul. St. Anthony pray for me and this young man who took care of Terry. Sacred Heart of Jesus forgive me." And then with a sigh she closed her eyes on this world.

With tears streaming down his

With tears streaming down his face Phil left the Hospital and walked and walked not heeding his way till he found himself opposite the Franciscan Church once more. Going in he knelt before the altar of St. Anthony and then as the closing Atthony and then as the closing scene of the poor woman's life came before him again he could not restrain his tears. A tall, dignified gentleman who was not far from where Phil knelt heard the soba that Phil could not suppress and coming over to him he placed his arm on the lad's houlder and whispered consolation. to him he placed his arm on the lad's shoulder and whispered consolation. When presently Phil had regained his composure the gentleman said: "Come with me, I should like to talk to you." They left the church and crossing the avenue entered a building which bore the sign "Knights of Columbus." Going into

the hallway they turned to the left and after unlocking a door the gentleand after unlocking a door the gentle-man ushered Phil into a small office and placed him in a chair. "Now young man," he said in a pleasant tone, "tell me what your trouble is, perhaps I can help you." Phil told him as shortly as he could of his lack

of employment and his going into the church and what followed, explaining that he was p t a Catholic. "So you need a job, "? Well I'm the man to get you one. I'm the chairman of the Employment Committee of the Knights of Columbus and I think I can place you. Anyway and he falt the Knights of Columbus and I think I can place you. Anyway, and he felt in his pocket; here's half a dollar, go and get a good meal and come back here in an hour." Phil thanked him and set off, had a good meal and was back in good time. Arriving at the office he saw the gentleman in conversation with another man in the hallway, so he waited till they had finished their conversation. Presently he was motioned to follow his new friend to the office and there was told to go to the — Hotel (one of was told to go to the —Hotel (one of the best in S. F.) and ask for a Mr. O'—. Phil soon found the hotel and the man he was after and was as-tounded to be told "I'll put you on as Front Clerk at \$60, and meals. I need a man and you look as if you could do the work. Report to morrow at 9 o'clock." Phil expressed his thanks and returned to the K. of

C. building to report his success. "Good," said his friend. "Now try they rode to the hospital. When the door was opened and Phil mounted the steps he was confronted by a couple of nuns, as he called them in his mind. The injured woman was brought in and taken to some room the half whilst believe the half and peace and help, the half was some to some the half and peace and help. crossed the atreet and was soon kneeling before St. Anthony's shrine. Here he had found peace and help, here he would thank God and St. Anthony. As he made his simple thanks he thought of Brother Pedro The and determined to look for him and this tell him the good news. Going round to the monastery door he asked for and soon was greeted by Brother for and soon was greeted by Brother
Pedro who took him to a small par
lor and shared Phil's joy at
his newly-found happiness. "St.
Anthony always helps," he said,
"and I know you will thank him."
"I have already done so," said Phil,
"as well as I am able, and some day I
will return and put a small offering
in the host in the chand, but bethe

> But he is still unlearning many things Saints brings him closer and closes to the tender, loving Heart of the Saviour Whom he had known, indeed, but as One afar off.

CARDINAL MERCIER'S MARTYR SOUL

TRIBUTE BY LAST "NEUTRAL TO SEE HIM BEFORE ARREST The London, Eng., Weekly Despatch, Jan. 10

This eloquent tribute to Cardinal Mercier, the saintly old man who has been arrested by the Germans be-cause he told his flock they had no masters except not to insult them, is written specially for The Weekly Despatch by Mr. Charles N. Wheeler, the war correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. He interviewed the Car-dinal at Malines, three weeks ago, and was the last neutral to see him

before his arrest.

Cardinal Mercier's arrest at
Malines may be expected to arouse rather than extinguish the insur-rectionary spirit that naturally pre-vails among the Belgians. This vails among the Belgians. This great intellect and noble soul has a remarkable hold on the people, Catholics and non Catholics alike, of the "Like Kingdom." In Malines, where his towering frame and kindly face excite daily reverence from the people who know him best, he is idolised. His profound learning and his democratic manners are clothed with the district that sweetness of with the dignity that sweetness of character and gentleness of action

He is the soul of compassion and honour. His sympathies go out to all mankind. A prince of the Church, of widely-renowned erudi-tien, a scholar and teacher to whom have come learned men from many countries to gain new philosophic ideas, he is, at all times and in all "one of my own circumstances,

Before he was elevated to the cardinalate the townspeople were wont to carry him on their shoulders when they beheld him on the public streets. It was no uncommon sight to see a large throng of men cheering and throwing their hats in the air and, throwing their nate in the air and, from somewhere near the centre of the group, to behold his tall form smiling on all and saying kindly words. Women pressed their faces to his hands and children ran to touch his robes. I had read of such characters. The good Bishop in Hugo's "Les Miserables" was one. Cardinal Mergier is another. Cardinal Mercier is another.

There is no power on this earth, no influence of any kind, that could make him do an act untrue to himself, his Church or his people. Beneath his gentleness is a rock of firmness in what he conceives to be right. He is of the stuff of which martyrs are

vastation—I knew I had been look-ing into the face of one who had contemplated long and humbly the things not of this earth.

Stories came to me from the towns-scople before I went to the palace. From high and low, rich and poor now all levelled to the one plane, without money and without price and all feeling the pangs of hunger—came the same narrative. About one came the same narrative. About one thousand men and women and a few children were huddled together in the square before the Hotel de Ville. They talked in low voices or stared blankly. About them lay the homes in ugly piles of smashed stone and brick and plaster, razed by the heavy shells and completely destroyed by the first that followed. the fire that followed.

It was a bleak, cold day. A light

mist was falling, making the cobble stone slippery. The sun had not been seen for three days. German soldiers were everywhere.

A grey streak shot into the square

to the accompaniment of a bugle's shrill notes, and came to a sudden stop before the military headquarters in the quadrangle. It was a motorcar carrying a German officer and his aide. The throng scrambled out of the way quickly. Then they crowded down near it. The more courageous of the men brushed up against the tonneau. Behind them was the great hole in the cathedral's ide. It may have been imagination -but one could almost hear the

I was told subsequently that any act of open resentment of the mili-tary authority would be most dis-pleasing to Cardinal Mercier. Others told me that it was the cardinal's counsel that gave the populace courage to suffer patiently.

To understand the feeling at Malines one must take into consider ation the religious life of the popu lace, their long association with the cathedral and the great works of art it contained, and, above all, the idolising of Cardinal Mercier. They have beheld their holy temples profaned and their homes and historic huildings blown into hears of debris. buildings blown into heaps of debris treen one hundred and two hundred civilians were one day placed in a row and shot. Their first sense of terror has worn off. They have be-come hungry and subjected to priva-tion, not of their own making, and when a human being is hungry to the point of inanition he invariably will assail the cause of his suffering. In extreme cases the average man would not hesitate to choke to death with his bare hands, if he could, the

I had a long talk with Cardina Mercier, and my impression is that his pastoral letter was intended, in the long run, to inspire the people with a new patriotism of patience that they might continue to endure, by the very virtue of their hope, and restrain themselves from any serious infringement of the military rules. Any other course by the Belgian civilians at this time would most surely pull down the whole house and result in certain massacre.

DEED IN THE DAYLIGHT

I hesitate to quote the Cardinal at this time because he is in trouble. However innocent our conversation may have been, and however cautious I might be in trying not to give a wrong interpretation of his views, my wrong interpretation of his views, my not suffered materially. They are fallibility of memory or judg those of Lembecq (Mother House), ment might lead to some remark Hal, Brussels, Louvain, Grand Bigard,



that would be misunderstood or twisted into a complexion entirely at variance with the truth. How-ever, it is beyond doubt that he is actuated by the highest motives, both of patriotism, which is never a fault, and of religion; that he is exerting all the force of his great soul and in tellect to the end that patience and Christian fortitude shall not be lost sight of and that his people still may continue to bear up under the great burden of sorrow and privation against the day when the sun may shine more brightly for Belgium—if it ever does.

Such a man is to be trusted as one who performs his deeds and voices his sentiments in the daylight. And such a man is not dangerous to Belgium—only to himself. His qualities harmonize in all details with the character of the martyr. The world is better for his having lived.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND THE WAR

MANY ARE IN THE AMRIILANCE CORPS OR IN THE MILITARY HOSPITALS

One of the religious orders that has been most affected by the great European war is that of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (Christian Brothers) who have houses in nearly all the countries engaged. At the time of the outbreak of hostilities, the Brothers had two flourishing Provinces of their Order in Belgium besides the Mother House, which is situated near Brussels. In all, the Belgium houses numbered 95, including the celebrated Art Schools of St Luke and two State Normal Schools In Germany and in Austria, the Bro-thers have 38 houses; in Egypt, they have 20 houses, and in the Turkish domintons, including Palestine, they had 31 houses.

How the Order has so far been

official statement just issued by the Superior General.

THE BROTHERS IN BELGIUM

In spite of the ravages of war and of the fact that many of the teachers are with the ambulance corps of the army, most of the Brothers' schools in Belgium are in regular working order. The most important Colleges as well as the Novitiate houses l

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ings were seriously damaged during the first weeks of the war.

According to the Belgian military law, ecclesiastics, religious, and others dispensed from military service in time of pages are obliged in ice in time of peace are obliged, in time of war, to care for the wounded in the field ambulances, with the ambulance trains, or in military hos-pitals. A large number, therefore, of the Brothers are now so engaged, either on the firing line or at the different base hospitals. In Calais, forty Brothers are attached to the different Belgian hospitals established there. These various duties often call for

exceptional devotedness, especially in the case of typhoid patients, and the officers in charge, as well as the chaplains, have on many occasions testified to the courage, self-sacrifice, and devotedness of the Christian Brothers. Several of the Brother attached to the ambulances have contracted serious sickness beside the cots of the wounded or have been struck by flying shells on the battle-field. Brother Raymond Joseph, professor at St. Luke's school, Ghent, was killed at the front, at Dixmude, while engaged in his work of charity. Some French Marines, cared for by the Brothers in their ambulance at Athis near Paris, told that on the banks of the Iser where they had been fighting, they had seen the Bel-gian Brothers working among the wounded under a hail of fire from machine guns. They picked up ten-derly the wounded men of both nations without distinction, and bore them away on the stretchers. "They have saved a large number of our men. We shall never forget them !'
added these brave soldiers.

THE BROTHERS IN TURKEY

Up to the time of the declaration of war with Turkey, the Christian Brothers' Schools in those parts had Brothers' Schools in those parts and been working under the most satis-factory conditions. At Constantin-ople, in particular, in spite of the absence of a number of the teachers, bliged to serve in the French Army the classes opened with the usual numbers. The College at Kadi-Keui had no less than 1,000 pupils, 300 o whom were Mussulmans, Turks, Arabians and Persians. The other establishments were equally pros-

The different authorities showed themselves in general, most considerate and the Turkish Minister of Public Instruction expressed his high esteem for the solid and practical August 5th, when a number of Brothers and other Religious left for France with the first contingent, they received a great ovation. The Minister of Marine, Djernel Pacha,

For the first three months of hostilities in Europe this feeling towards the Brothers suffered no change, but at the beginning of November disquieting rumours began to spread. It was said that new laws were being prepared against schools conducted by foreigners. In fact, this arbitrary legislation was soon put into effect. On the 18th of November, it was enforced at Constantinople and was afterwards exended to sall the Provinces of the

Turkish Empire.
The Brothers of the Christian schools were given two days to leave Constantinople, but, through the in tervention of the United States Am bassador, who was ever most kind and obliging, they were allowed ten days more. On the eve of the Brothers' departure, the Turkish Minister of Public Instruction called at the College at Kadi Keui to assure them of the continuance of his personal sympathy and to express the hope that the former amicable

relations might be soon restored.

However, when a "Holy War" was proclaimed throughout the Empire, the Brothers were necessarily ex-posed to grave danger had not Divine Providence deigned to protect them. Indeed, a very special protection throughout these trying times seems to have been granted to all the Religious. While most of those be-longing to the allied Nations were interned in concentration camps and retained as hostages, the Religious were allowed to leave the country. The buildings were converted into Turkish Schools or Barracks for Turkish Schools or Barracks for mobilization purposes. There was, therefore, no massacre, the Religious being simply expelled. In most cases, the Brothers were allowed to take with them an inventory of their property, a duplicate copy being given to United States Consul or other representative of a Neutral Power.
The moveables were also placed
under the protection of different
Consulates, to be the object of future claims when comes the hoped for Peace of happier days. The Brothers' College at Smyrna is a remarkable exception to the general situation. There the authorities insisted that its continuance was essential to the well-being of the inhabitants. So the classes are going on as usual. Those of the Brothers from Turkey who are exempt from military service at home, went to the Houses in at home, went to the Houses in Egypt, Greece, and the Balkan States to replace those who had been obliged to join the Armies. So far the Brothers in Palestine; Jerusa-lem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Caiffa, Jaffa, Beyrout, etc., are still in secur-ity at their post doing our dear Lord's work in His own home land.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day is a day full of suggestion and inspiration to all who enjoy the proud privilege of being even remotely descended from the race which was Christianized by the Apostle of Ireland. On St. Patrick's Day no matter how dark the outlook seems, the Irish race throughout the world looks back lovingly to Erin's patron saint, and looks forward hopefully to the bright future which they firmly believe will crown the struggles of the old land as a consequence of its faithfulness to St. Patrick and to the faith which he left as a precious legacy to his chosen country. Faith and fatherland are as one in the Irish heart and mind on St. Patrick's Day: through all the prayers uttered on that day runs the note of patriotism, and in all the songs and speeches of tirring patriotism we hear the sound of prayer, the supplication of God's watchfulness and care over the old Catholic nation. So may it be for-ever! Irish prosperity, Irish self-government, even, would be dearly purchased at the price of loss of faith. May Ireland still continue to be, as she has been in the past, true to the faith of St. Patrick, and there need be no fear but that out of her seemingly lowly state the Almighty Ruler of races and peoples will raise her in His own good time to a place among the nations of the earth, there to shine among them all as an example of His justice and go and as a sign that there is still a God in Israel.—Sacred Heart Review.

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