AGENTS AND AGENCIES OF THE

failed to measure up to what we might rightfully expect.

Some of the plots at the Central Experimental Farm, when examined in April, were almost completely covered with live plants of the same kind as seeded, while others presented a sorry contrast. These latter plots had been planted with seed from the regions where weather conditions were not so severe as at Ottawa, consequently the great majority of the plants

had winter killed. Unevenness of seeding, and the presence of large clods of earth or large stones, were reflected in either the absence of plants in definite spots or in the patchy, uneven appearance of the sod. Some spots, however, were bare where the ground was smooth and in good condition with no large stones present. Such areas, it was concluded, were either seeded too deeply or the seeder had become

clogged for a moment.

Here and there plant diseases had taken their toll, and in a few cases insect attacks had so weakened a plant that it could not survive. The greatest reason, however, for the difference between the best and the poorest stands, could be attrib-uted to the kind of seed used and how and on what kind of land it has been sown. Many crop failures are fore-ordained at the time of planting, but fortunately the essenelements of a profitable crop may be ensured at the same time.

Dominion Agrostologist.

BISHOP FAN NOLI

EX-PREMIER TELLS OF SAD CONDITIONS IN ALBANIA

Vienna. — The Orthodox Bishop. Fan Noli, former Prime Minister of Albania, in an exclusive interview here, has given the correspondent of the N. C. W. C. News Service a vivid picture of the dangers to Christianity involved in the usurpation of the government of Albania by the Mohammedan adventurer Achmed Zogu. Bishop Fan Noli, one of the few ecclesiastical dignitaries still holding allegiance to the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, also took occasion to express his gratitude for the sympathetic treatment which the Catho-lic press, alone of all agencies of disseminating information, has given to the Christian cause in Albania. order to express that appreciation the Bishop made a personal call upon your correspondent here. He

LAND OWNERSHIP PROBLEM "The most difficult social problem in our country has always been the distressing condition of the farmers. A few wealthy Mohammedan families, formerly the bul-wark of Turkish rule in Albania erected in Arlington National Ceme-tery here. and still great land-owners, possess the richest parts of the country.

Thousands of Christian and also some Mohammedan farmers are in a state of medieval bondage to these great land-owners. In the stormy post-war period the Mohammedan land-owners were able to concentrate all political power in their own hands. A cry for liberation was then sounded throughout the country and finally all the cultur-ally progressive elements were united and succeeded in removing united and succeeded in removing Achmed Zogu's recklessgovernment, based on violent usurpation, and in forming a cabinet which held its power on the basis of a legally elected parliament and had the power on the basis of a legally elected parliament and had the support of the most numerous ele-

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the fugitive Achmed Zogu who was supported by Russian mercenaries. In the entire country no one sup-ports the usurper except his own foreign soldiers and three or four Mohammedan landowners who had been hostile to the legitimate government because they were dis-pleased with the agrarian reforms.

Referring to the imprisonment of Catholic priests and the threats of violence against the Archbishop of Scutari, as related in previous dispatches to the N. C. W. C. News Service, Bishop Noli continued:

"It is with the greatest sympathy that I deplore the fate of the Catholic clergymen whom the usurper in his rage has chosen as his victims ecause in these steadfast supporters of a more equitable social order and of Christian morals he sees his strongest antagonists. Prominent members of the Catholic clergy are languishing in prisons now and I am afraid the first death victim of these persecutions will be Father Andrew Mjedja, the brother of the Archbishop of Scutari, that aged, noble-minded priest who, because of his untiring and genuine priestly labors and his kindness, is held in the highest esteem by members of of all denominations." (Father Mjedja, who is seventy years old, was arrested and thrown into prison along with several other Catholic priests, after Achmed Zogu returned

"As the League of Nations remains silent and since Italy has given up her position as the pro-tector of the Christians in Albania -a function which she assumed in succession to Austria-Hungary-it is to be feared that Albania will continue to be the scene of anti-Christian atrocities for some time to come," the Bishop said. "How-ever, I still hope to live to see the day of the country's liberation and its resurrection to culture and civilization. Then we shall also apply for assistance to the Albanian emi-grants in the United States who, in repeated manifestations, had expressed their sympathy with that-government by and through the people, which I headed. There is no future for Albania and she must become a place of ruins if she does not find her way back to the Christian spirit of peaceful culture and an equitable social order."

NATION'S MEMORIAL

summarized the situation in Albania TO WAR CHAPLAINS TO HONOR PRIESTS

Washington, May 8.-Six Catholic

CITATIONS OF HEROIC PRIESTS A summary of the service of the

Catholic chaplains to be honored

Chaplain William F. Davitt, born Chaplain William F. Davitt, born at Holyoke, Mass., in 1886, appointed from Massachusetts January 6, 1918. Served with 120th Machine Gun Battalion, went overseas February 10, 1918. Killed Armistice Day, 1918, by a shell. Buried in France. Awarded Croix de Guerre with palm. Citation: "With 125th Inf. . . he worked uninterruptedly under violent fire and with total disregard of danger. His encouraged the men of his regiment

support of the most numerous elements of the Albanian people. A program of social equity and religious peace was announced and I had the honor of being placed at the head of that government. I now in his citation: "During the advance from Courmont to Mt. St. Martiens, Chaplain Davitt worked singlehanded without ceasing for any-thing, collecting the dead of his division and looking after their burial. He did this under fire, to which he apparently paid no attention. While doing this work he stopped to encourage with cheerful words and advice the enlisted men along the line who were also under fire. The results of his work were 125 American soldiers buried, many wounded cared for, and soldiers in

the line encouraged."
Chaplain Colman E. O'Flaherty, Chaplain Colman E. O'Flaherty, born in Galway, Ireland, 1878, appointed April 4, 1918. Went overseas in May, 1918. Killed in action October 1, 1918. Post-humously awarded D. S. C. Citation: "For extra heroism in action near Viry, France, October 1, 1918. Chaplain O'Flaherty displayed conspicuous gallantry in administering to the wounded under terrific fire.

THE MEADOW'S STORY

SEED FROM ACCLIMATED PLANTS

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Each young plant, especially of the various clovers, stands out fairly distinctly at this time of the year, and we are able to see wherein our seeding has either succeeded or failed to measure up to what we might rightfully expect.

Wish to be allowed to make grateful acknowledgment of the confidence shown and the assistance rendered me by the Catholic clergy—at all times to be found among the most important supporters of civilization in Albania.

"Agrarian reforms held the foremost place in our program. Peace and order were restored to the gravely afflicted and sadly tried country; its financial stability was restored; education, with the cordial support of all religious denominations, prospered; and safety of life and property was established once more. But this government became the victim of an attack by the fugitive Achmed Zogu who was by his tireless efforts many lives and some plant and support of the men in the attack and by his tireless efforts many lives and some plant acknowledgment of the confidence shown and the assistance rendered me by the Catholic clergy—at all times to be found among the most important supporters of civilization in Albania.

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Amongst the others honored is Chaplain Herbert P. Doyle, born in Canada, 1888, appointed July 26, 1918. Assigned to 90th Division. Died of pneumonia in France October 5, 1918.

October 5, 1918.

MAY SONG

"IN HONOR OF THE MOTHER OF GOD" I would give the two of my eyes for

one of your smiles,
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blisses for one of your kisses,
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is sure.

O! Mother of God.

They who protest thy Son's Name
Will never know what is meant by pain, O! Mother of God.

For when this world's life journey The Mother of God calls them Her friends.

OBITUARY

SISTER MARY EUCHERIA FOLEY Sister Mary Eucheria Foley, one of the most dearly loved members of St. Joseph's Community, Hamilton, died on Sunday the 10th inst. at St. Joseph's Convent Hospital after an illness of several months. In her eighteenth year she entered the Convent, and during her religious life of thirty-seven years, gave her exceptional talents generously in zealous labor for the benefit of humanity and the honor and glory of God. Her life was almost wholly devoted to the education of youth for which she was eminently qualified by gifts of nature and grace. To the orphans and destitute she was particularly a friend, kind, charitable and sympathetic. In her Community she was highly esteemed for her daily example of piety, charity and self-sacrifice. Sister M. Eucheria was a daughter of the late Andrew Foley of Hamilton. The only immediate surviving relative of the late and the surviving relative in the late and the surviving relative in the late and t Katherine Foley of that city. Mr. Thomas Daley, also of Hamilton, is a cousin of the deceased. The funeral services were held in St. Joseph's Convent Chapel, Park Street, on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. His Lordship, Right Rev. J. T. McNally officiated. May she rest in peace.

WEIGHED THE EARTH

BROADCASTS STORY OF JESUIT'S ACHIEVEMENT

How an aged Jesuit priest, working in a mountain monastery cell with home-made apparatus, succeeded in performing the intricate task of weighing the earth and

The speaker told how the aged Jesuit arrived at conclusions which were almost exactly those obtained by another scientist working at the same time with every scientific appliance two great universities could afford, and how in his experiment he used successfully for the first time a particular manner of procedure which has today been adopted as standard but at the time was rejected by the university

This work took place about thirty years ago, said Dr. Heyl, and since that time no successful attempts to weigh the earth have been made.

"As has often happened," said the speaker in recounting the re-markable feat, "two men worked on this experiment at the same time, without knowing of each other's doings. One of them was a British scientific man, Professor Boys, who worked with the best facilities that London and Oxford

to the wounded under terrific fire, exposing himself at all times to describe their sides and give them aid.

Jesuit teacher of physics all his life. reach their sides and give them aid. In the performance of this heroic work he was killed."

Citation by his colonel: "Chaplain O'Flaherty displayed extra courage and devotion to duty in the courage and devotion to duty in the colonel in the colone in th

"But Dr. Braun could not content himself in inactivity and for something to do set up an apparatus in his cell in the monastery and determined the weight of the earth. His result, when published, was almost exactly that obtained by Professor Boys.

"Much of Dr. Braun's apparatus is academic and useless in a practical sense, Dr. Heyl pointed out that a knowledge of the weight of the earth would be of primary usefulness to astronomers in their work, which benefits humanity greatly. He pointed out also that such a knowledge would enable man to learn something of the interior of

the earth, but without improving the figures of Boys and Braun. He widow (born Godfre May he rest in peace then described how, at the present time, another experiment is being made with the same purpose, in Washington. It is being carried out under the auspices of Dr. Burgess, director of the United

States Bureau of Standards.

Describing the methods pursued, he told how a miniature system is set up representing the earth and a body near its surface, to deter-mine the actual force of attraction between these two bodies. Then, having determined the weight of the miniature earth and miniature body nearby and the at-traction, on the one hand, and having determined the mass of anactual small body near the actual earth, and the attraction of the earth for it, the scientists form a proportion problem from which the weight of the earth is determined.

MOST DELICATE INSTRUMENTS USED It is in measuring the attraction that the most delicate instruments are brought into use. So very sensitive are some of these devices that, as an instance, it is necessary to work thirty-five feet underground to avoid natural disturbances of a certain pendulum. This is the invention—the "torsion pendulum" -which Father Braun successfully placed in a vacuum to eliminate trouble from air currents which might disturb its swing. The vacuum plan is being used in the

new experiment. Dr. Heyl said that from the pre vious experiments the weight of the earth had been determined to be about 6.000,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons. The first three exact figures are definitely known, thanks to the work of Father Braun and Dr. Boys; it is hoped in the new experiment to ascertain a fourth.

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Professor Boys.

"Much of Dr. Braun's apparatus was made by himself. It is noteworthy that he was the first person to use a vacuum about his torsion pendulum with success. Professor Boys.

He pointed out also that such a knowledge would enable man to learn something of the interior of high value to humanity, especially in the field of magnetism.

McCann.-At his late residence Westport, Ont., Mr. George Mc-Cann. May his soul rest in peace. HARRIE.—At 219 East Anoka, St., Duluth, Minn., Mr. John Harrie, aged ninety-six years. May his soul rest in peace.

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