

Soldier and Priest.

The "Semaine Religieuse" of Tours relates the following incident. Abbé Mauduit is in the front fighting line as lieutenant. Recently his commanding officer ordered him to lead his company to a very dangerous position, telling him he feared he was sending him to his death. The Abbé did not hesitate, but his mind was disturbed for his men. To make them accept willingly the dangerous mission he addressed them as follows: "My friends, you are all determined to do your duty. We are about to find ourselves in great danger. If sometimes in giving your orders I may have appeared harsh and irritable, forgive me. You all know me well. I have always sought to show myself courageous and I demand of you to be also courageous. You call me more often Monsieur l'Abbé or Monsieur le Curé than Mon Lieutenant. Well, as priest would you like me to give you my blessing and absolve you before we start?" Having received a unanimous affirmative reply, all the brave men bowed and made the sign of the cross religiously, while the Abbé soldier traced the sign of pardon and salvation. The company then advanced intrepidly under fire from the enemy. In a few minutes its lieutenant, Abbé Mauduit, fell wounded in the head by a bursting shell. His wound necessitated a most dangerous operation, but it is hoped his life will be saved.—

O dearest Lord! I wish to rest
 As dear St. John upon Thy breast,
 And looking up into Thine eyes,
 Just, tell Thee all the love that lies
 Within my heart, not great like Thine,
 Yet all for thee, my King Divine,
 Jesus, Sweet Saviour mine.