

The Catholic Record

"Christianus mihi nomen est Catholicus vero Cognomen."—(Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname)—St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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THE ADORABLE VISION

A sudden, swift onrush of angel wings, A strange, white glory on the exulting skies!

THE NAME

—He who first wrote the Name, wrote it at the end of the list—below every name.

REV. FATHER LACOMBE

INDOMITABLE MISSIONARY WHO SPENT LIFETIME ON THE PRAIRIES HELD HONEST ESTEEM OF ALL

Father Lacombe, who died yesterday at his home in Midnapore, Alta., was not given to tell overmuch of himself. He did not need to. What he did was known not only to the people of his own faith, but was recognized and valued by everyone who read western history with fair-mindedness.

For more than three score years this man of the cloth worked in the West. He went from Quebec, a young man, in the days when it took six months to travel from Eastern Canada to Edmonton.

SECURITY FOR THE FUTURE

Why Germany is likely to submit to our terms. The German Emperor and his Chancellor will give most serious heed to the demand of the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, made in the House of Commons yesterday, for a new credit of \$2,000,000,000 and for the equipment of an additional million men for the army.

Reparation for the past may be reserved for later discussion. There can be no complete reparation. War's awful havoc cannot be repaired. The millions of dead cannot be restored to their homes.

Germany understands these terms. Her Emperor and her Chancellor, her military chieftains know the nature of the guarantee that is going to be exacted of her. They can withhold it. Then, they must fight on.

The priest himself passed through many a fearful experience, when the two Indian boys fought in very devilishness of savagery, he was within an inch of his life. Through all the following stages of the Indians' history, through war and peace, through scourges of smallpox and wilderness tragedy, Father Lacombe ministered, as few men have ever ministered to the needs of the Red Men.

Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you. Out of the war will be born a new list of heroes. But when these, too, in time shall have been forgotten, the eyes of men will still turn upwards to invoke His name.

Among rulers, His yoke alone is easy, His burden light. Among reformers He alone dared to teach men that they were made to God's likeness, and so the equal of their kings.

For faith like that, the tired race is ready now. The age is ripe for Him again. The Name that nineteen hundred years ago was written last upon the census rolls is to be the "Name which is above every name," the Name that brought "Peace on earth, good will to men."

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of the famous Livingston family, were born in the Church. Their mother, however, was a convert and their father remained a Protestant until his death at the age of ninety.

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CHANGES IN AUSTRIA

SPECULATION ON THE FUTURE RELATIONS OF THE CENTRAL POWERS

New York, Dec. 9, 1916. To the editor of The N. Y. Times:

Your "Germany is Beaten and She Knows It" editorial remains valid in spite of Bucharest, and should even Constantinople succeed in joining his imperial brother-in-law, there is not the slightest doubt in my mind that Germany is slowly but surely walking down hill.

BEFORE THE MANGER

On Christmas our proper place is before the Infant Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in the manger. Who is it that lies there so weak and helpless? Unless we can answer truly, we do not know what Christmas stands for.

else can we do but fall down in humble adoration of God's unsearchable ways, while our firm faith acknowledges the truth of the facts which we cannot fully understand?

This has probably been the first clash between the two monarchies. Charles I. has made the first step to reconquer his capital for his dynasty and his faithful Austrian people.

CARDINAL GIBBONS ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

A strong warning against the agitation for woman suffrage has been issued by Cardinal Gibbons. The entrance of woman into active political life, he firmly holds, is "calculated to rob her of her grace of character and give her nothing in return but masculine boldness and effrontery."

Since General Joffre and his officers, even the ultra-radical French statesmen, are not ashamed to attribute the victory on the Marne to the spirit of Joan of Arc, I, an old Austrian, need not hesitate to confess that I see the spirit of Empress Maria Theresa hover over her old palace in Vienna.

THE POPE AND THE CHILDREN

A gift of 10,000 lire, about \$2,000, from the Holy Father, around which the children of America are urged to build a large fund for further relief of the children of Belgium, has been announced by the distinguished Cardinal from the Pope to Cardinal Gibbons.

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IRISH PRIESTS TO EVANGELISE CHINA

WILL BE GREATEST WORK OF THE PRESENT CENTURY

London, Nov. 16.—Apropos of that mission of salvation, it is being renewed and perpetuated in our own day when Irish priests are taking up the work of evangelizing China.

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CATHOLIC NOTES

Pope Benedict's appeal to the Bishops of the world to help Poland, brought to the Vatican 4,000,000 francs, which will be sent to the Polish committee in Switzerland.

In the little French village of Montauban is a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Divine Grace, said to be the only object left intact after bombardments there. At its feet are lying huge unexploded shells.

An edifying sight was witnessed in St. Mary's Cathedral, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, on a recent Sunday, when a western company, destined for overseas, received Holy Communion in a body, their commanding officer with them.

The Province of Quebec lists among its public officials the Very Rev. Canon V. A. Huard, a scientist, from whose laboratories "bulletins" and papers are issued to instruct agriculturists on how to deal with insect plagues.

The Peter Ponos collection in the Archdiocese of Chicago taken up November 26 will amount to \$100,000, it is estimated. This is a large increase as hitherto the annual collection for the Pope in this Archdiocese has been about \$30,000 it is said.

The new mission field, British Guiana, assigned to the care of the Jesuit Fathers of the New Orleans Province, is some 90,000 square miles in extent and has a population of about 307,000 souls. The Catholic population is about 22,000, which is served by 26 churches and 5 mission stations. There are 17 priests.

A small chapel is being built at the instance of Cardinal Bourne over the grave of Monsignor Benson in the garden of his beautiful old house at Hare street. Readers of "Come Back, Come Home," will be familiar with this charming residence, which figures therein, and which was very dear to the heart of the dead priest. When the chapel is completed, the grave of Monsignor Benson will lie under the altar, and in time Mass will probably be celebrated daily over his tomb.

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