PARCELS FOR THE FRONT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE POSTAGE ON PARCELS GOING TO THE TROOPS

IN FRANCE Post Office Department, Canada.

The Department is in receipt of applications to have parcels addressed our soldiers in France sent free or at reduced rates of postage, there evidently being an impression that the Department has control of these evidently being an impression that the Department has control of these rates and could do as it wished, but this is not so, as the question of postage is fixed by International agreement, so that it is not within the power of the Canadian Post Office power of the Canadian Post Office Department to undertake to carry the els free or at a reduced rate of age. Under International law, provision is made for the free trans.

price list. Brantford A mission of parcels for prisoners of Flower Co., Brantford, Ont. war, but this privilege does not extend to parcels for troops engaged in active service, nor is it within the power of the Department to so ex-

The rate of postage required on parcels addressed to the troops de-pends upon the location of the It the addressee is in England, the rate on parcels for England applies, which is 12 cents per pound; whilst, if he is in France, the parcels are subject to the rates applicable to parcels for France, which

1 lb. 32 cents. 2 lbs. 40 cents. 3 lbs. 48 cents. 4 lbs. 64 cents. 5 lbs. 72 cents. 6 lbs. 80 cents. 7 lbs. 88 cents. 8 lbs. \$1.02.

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These are exactly the same charges which existed for years between Canada, England and France before the war, and are the result of an agreement or Convention made between these countries and Canada, and as these countries have not agreed to lower their rates between England and France, Canada has to pay to them the same rates as before the war and must charge the same

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THE LATE MRS. P. E. LENNON

Mrs. P. E. Lennon, formerly of Seatorth, died very suddenly at her home Calgary, Alberta, November 14th of pneumonia after a few days illness. Mrs. Lennon formerly was Miss Marie Kidd, daughter of Mr. Thomas Kidd of Seaforth. The suddenness with which she departed was particularly distressing and shocking to her relatives and friends as she had been in perfect health up to three days prior to her death. She was taken ill Wednesday evening but though every care and attention was given to her she passed quietly away Sunday morning after receiving the last sacraments. She leaves behind her a bereaved husband and a little five year old son as well as her father and several brothers and sisters to mourn her loss. Before leaving Cal-gary prayers for the dead were of fered by the Reverend Father Newman, rector of the Cathedral of which Mrs. Lennon was sacretary of the Catholic Women's Club. On Mr. Lennon's sad journey across the Continent he was met at Winnipeg. Toronto and Stratford by the Grand tion of the Knights of Columbus. On arrival of the train at Seaforth the remains were taken to the residence Mr. and Mrs. James Devereaux the latter a sister of Mrs. Lennon's The funeral took place from St James Church at 10 o'clock Friday morning where solemn requiem High Mass was celebrated by her brother the Very Reverend Monsignor Kidd, president of St. Augustine's Semin ary, Toronto. The interment took place at St. James Cemetery, Seaforth.

A MERITED REBUKE

An English paper called New Days administers a merited rebuke to one of those "patriots" whose mission seems to be the stirring up of rancor. It says:

Somebody, perhaps the author, has sent us a pamphlet, entitled "The Pope and the Conscience of Chris-tendom," by the Rev. Arnold Pinchard, attacking Benedict XV. for his inaction. There is a foreword by the Bishop of Birmingham which is par-ticularly virulent and offensive. We have no intention of defending the Pope's neutrality-it is not our business-but we deprecate in the strongest manner possible the lack of Christian charity, which seizes on a highly debatable subject as a me dium for propagating sectarian views and scoring a point against another church. We have not yet heard that Catholics as a body attack the Archbishop of Canterbury for his inability to stop the war. Do let us stop this unseemly squabbling, and let the parsons follow the example of toleration set by the laity. We want

tion set by the laity. We want work, not words.

The Bishop of Birmingham, who contributes the "particularly virulent and offensive" preface, is the gentleman who abused the hospitality and courtesy of the Archhistop. ity and courtesy of the Archbishop of Rouen, and who stirred up Eng. lish Catholics by calling them "guests of the nation."—Sacred Heart Review.

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DANGEROUS "NON SECTARIAN" ORDERS

Rome has recently given a decis

ion regarding the membership of Catholics in a "non sectarian" order in Canada, which is in effect that, though said order—the Independent Order of Foresters—is not a nominally forbidden sect or society, yet the faithful must be admonished not to enroll in the I.O.F., and must not invite it, as a body, to attend Carho lic funerals. The intent evidently is that the society is dangerous to Catholics and its ceremonies offen-sive. And the Holy Office says that all communication in religious services must be carefully avoided. "The Church is and has always been anxious for obvious reasons that her members should not participate in religious services or rights that are not Catholic," comments the Balti-more Catholic Review. "And in these days of religious indifference, such care is more necessary. The plain duty of Catholics is to shun all such societies and avoid their religious or quasi-religious ceremonies which take place at funerals, memorial services, etc. There are plenty of Catholic societies and there is no excuse for us to join others. It is our duty to support and encourage and join only those societies which are approved by ecclesiastical authority."—Sacred Heart Review.

MOTHER AND BISHOP

INCIDENTS WHICH TOUCHED HEARTS AT CONSECRATION CEREMONY

The Denver Post in its reports of the ceremonies of the consecration of Rt. Rev. A. J. Schuler, D. D., as the Bishop of El Paso, called especial attention to two little incidents which deeply touched the hearts of all. Said the Post:

"When the Bishop elect reached the front row of seats, he turned, allowed his eyes to sink into the upturned blue eyes of a little woman whose shoulders are bent with the burdens of life, whose face is deeply traced by lines of care. For just a slow moment, mother and son looked at each other, then she sank to her kness and he moved up the

"A meek, little, white haired woman, in the plainest and most old-fashioned of black dresses, sat at the end of the second row of pews in the cathedral and watched with tear filled eyes and quivering lips the impressive ceremony of the con-secration of the new Bishop of El Paso. In all the vast throng that filled the edifice to the doors, there was no person who had so deep a personal interest in the ritual as she. For she was Mrs. Joseph Schuler, mother of the man in whose honor the ceremony was tak.

ing place.
"It was a red letter day in the long life of this faded little mother. After years of unrelieved poverty and unending self sacrifice for her children, she was thus seated among the chief dignitaries of the Catholic

new official was to bring forward, in the presence of that great congregation. his trambling, white hairs? the presence of that great congrega-tion, his trembling, white haired Hall, Richmond Street. Frank Smith, President.

mother and bestow upon her his initial pontifical blessing.
"Thus the new Bishop's first thought was of her who had given

FRANCISCANS AND THE WAR

According to the" Franciscan Annals," "La Voce di S. Antonio" has compiled the following statistics re-garding the number of Friars Minor engaged on both eides in the Euro pean war: 147 Franciscan priests are serving as military chaplains, 130 as Red Cross nurses and 84 as common soldiers in the ranks. Of the studer clerics, 76 are Red Cross nurses, 155 common soldiers. Of the lay Brothers 116 are with the Red Cross and 705 in the soldiers' ranks. Thus far priests have been killed and 6 wounded, 10 clerics killed and 24 wounded, and 31 lay Brothers killed and 97 wounded, Six Franciscen convents have been destroyed, 30 occupied as barracks and 39 given over to hospital purposes. Of the Capuchin Friars, 250 are engaged in the war, some as army chaplains, others (and unhappily they are in the minority) as soldiers in the ranks.

AN ILLUSTRIOUS SON OF ERIN

It has been laughingly alleged that the Irish are great travelers, but it is only fair to add that, as a race, they have traveled to good purpose. To view the Celt as a detonair minstrel, with no other object than to amuse, or as an emigrant with no motive save that of self-aggrandizement, is

to do him gross injustice.

The celebration of the thirteenth century of St. Columban, who died at Bobio, Italy, November 21st, 615, will be useful, if for no other reason than to recall to the mind of the world the debt owed by continental piety and civilization to the little bands of Irish monks, who, from time to time, pitched their tents along the Rhine, in the French valleys, on the shores of Lakes Constance, and who ever carried their messages of religious reform and restoration across the Ales into the northern Italian prov-

There was something of the patriarch about St. Columban. A chron-icler says of him that "he desired, like Abraham, to travel into some foreign country." Also, there was about him something of St. John Eaptist. He did not hesitate to rebuke a licentious monarch and to allude to his conduct in terms that were considerably more pointed than they were complimentary.

God knows, we have as great need of the spirit of conquest and courage, as had the men and women of St. Columban's ruder day. The battle field has changed a bit in contour and shifted forward a few centuries, but the essentials of the conflict are the same: God and Heaven on one side; Satan and Hell on the other; man between the two. An innumer able multitude are on God's side who bear with them the glorified toils which they endured in the flesh, and mong them is our sturdy old Irish saint. Assuredly, there are more for us than against us.—New World.

DIED

FLYNN.-At his late residence, 18 Picton street, on Friday, Nov. 26, John Flynn. May his soul rest in peace. Hogan.-In St. Joseph's Hospital Peterboro, Francis Hogan. May his soul rest in peace.

DALY.—At the Royal Victoria Hos pital, Montreal, Wednesday, Oct. 20th, F. J. Daly of Peterboro, Ont. Aged sixty-three years. May his soul rest in peace.

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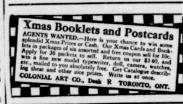
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