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NOT GOD'S, BUT MAN'S WAR, SAYS ANTON LANG

Oberammergau, Bavaria, Dec. 26. "This is not God's war; it is a man's war. So long as there are armies and so long as nations prepare, there will be war."

So spoke Anton Lang, "Christus" in Oberammergau's world-famous Passion Play, today, on the saddest Yuletide the little Bavarian village has ever known. Of her 1,800 population, Oberammergau has given 350 to the army, including Alfred Bierling, the "Saint John" of the play, who is now an artilleryman in the German army.

Lang desired that greetings be sent to his friends in America and that denial be made that he had joined a machine gun company.

"I have never been to the front," said this bearded man whose face most nearly resembles the features of the Saviour. "I am still alive. Please tell my many American friends that for me."

And then Lang showed his visitors' book, with the names of thousands of his friends signed therein. One signature was that of the King of Rumania. He said:

"Fifty of our people have fallen. How shall it end? I see no end. I see another spring of fighting, bloodier than ever. And if neither side is defeated, then more fighting, with millions being killed and millions of others working so other millions shall be killed, with some of those millions becoming rich in the war."

that it becomes confounded with the State.

He finds Protestant churches in that stronghold of Lutheranism, Lausanne, imitating "Romanism," having "mystic hours," during which the service is a mixture of aestheticism and imitations of Catholic devotion and the pastor by his attitude and gesture seeks to copy the Catholic priest. Then, too, there has been such a flood of immigration from Catholic countries that the parishes have multiplied enormously. As an example, the parish of St. Valentine, which numbered four thousand Catholics, is now divided into four parishes comprising 20,000 Catholics, and many priests have to be provided to meet this great increase.

The writer also finds a wave of conversions sweeping over Lausanne and talks about "young men and girls attracted by the pomp and mysticism of the Roman Church." He admits that the Catholic Hierarchy is perfect, but says a "religious imperialism" is incompatible with liberty, truth and justice, and asserts that Protestantism is the guardian of "religious liberty."

—Providence Visitor.

THE SHEPHERD OF THE NORTH

In spite of the fact that Richard Aumerle Maher, author of the "Shepherd of the North" has another book almost ready for publication there are a great number of Catholic readers, who so far, have not availed themselves of the opportunity and pleasure of reading "Shepherd of the North." In this book Mr. Maher demonstrates his ability to create tense situations and his work was pronounced one of the literary finds of 1916.

The hero of the book is Bishop Alden, a big-brained, broad-minded, generous man, a splendid and wholly satisfying character who will appeal to the reader immediately on account of the lovable qualities of his nature. His ministrations among the people of the Aderonack country whose esteem and confidence he has won and particularly of the war that he wages successfully against an encroaching railroad enables the author to write with much charm.

The climax is reached in a forest fire of gigantic proportion which is set by the railroad as a means of accomplishing its purpose. Forest fires have figured in literature before but one who has seen a forest fire will realize how true and how vivid Father Maher's description is.

"There is a secondary plot in the 'Shepherd of the North' and one which is as dramatic as that centering around the forest fire. It involves a question of honor, the solution of which requires not a little ingenuity on the part of the writer. The problems which Father Maher raises in this connection and which have to do with the confessional are splendidly treated and lead to one of the most powerful situations of recent fiction.

As an illustration of how the Shepherd of the North was received it is but necessary to say that a second edition was required within a week of its appearance. It is a book that should be in every Catholic library and Catholic family; and broad as such a distribution would be then it would still be rather limited, for while it is a novel of Catholic appeal, it is so stirring a story of adventure that the general reading public irrespective of religious affiliations, can find much enjoyment in it.

RECORD READER.

THE LITTLE IRISH SCULPTOR

Some weeks ago, Dr. John F. Golden, Chicago, an intimate friend of the late Dr. John B. Murphy, called on Dr. James Keefe, another intimate friend of Dr. Murphy, and told him in substance, that an eccentric little Irishman had been bothering him with requests to come out to his "studio" and look at a model of a bust of the great physician and benefactor of humanity.

Dr. Keefe laughed over the description of the little stranger.

"Pass him to me," he said.

A day or two later Dr. Keefe began getting telephone calls; then visits to his office. Finally, he gave the caller an audience. He found him a little immigrant from Cork, fifty-four years old, named M. Thomas Murphy. Dr. Keefe listened to Murphy's story and finally consented to go out with him to view the model.

Murphy gleefully led him through a dark woods into an unheated, unfurnished, discarded portable garage, and lovingly unveiled a lump of something that stood on a block in the center of the floor.

Dr. Keefe took one look and gasped. Before him stood an unfinished but marvelously true bust of

his departed friend—a heroic likeness, bearing so lifelike a resemblance that it is said Dr. Keefe wept.

A photograph was taken of the work. It was exhibited to Dr. Golden and other friends of Dr. Murphy, including, it is said, Mrs. Potter Palmer. And all were struck with wonder at the perfection of the model.

The plans for the Murphy Memorial building have not yet been completed. But it is hinted that M. Thomas Murphy's bust of the surgeon probably will grace it.—The Catholic Sun.

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—His Excellency the Governor-General as president of the Canadian Patriotic Fund has issued the following New Year's appeal on behalf of the Fund:

Twice His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught appealed to the people of Canada in support of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The prompt and generous response on each occasion proves how truly Canada appreciates the debt which she owes to her sons who are fighting for the Empire. Heavy as the sacrifices have already been, the Dominion is as determined as ever to carry the war to a successful conclusion and, however onerous the burden may be, she is equally determined to help the families of those who are serving in the army and in the navy. The administration of the fund has been most successful and economic and subscribers can be fully assured that their contributions are being expended to the best advantage.

Fifty-five thousand families, comprising one hundred and fifty thousand individuals, are to-day dependent upon the fund and it is estimated that \$12,500,000 will be required to meet the requirements of the next twelve months.

The sum is a large one but when the circumstances are fully realized I am confident that the people of Canada will willingly contribute the amount necessary for the fund to continue its patriotic and beneficent work.

(Signed) DEVONSHIRE

HEROIC BISHOP OF ARRAS DIES

Paris, December 26.—Monsignor Emile Lobbeyde, Bishop of Arras, who was recently decorated by President Poincaré with the Legion of Honor for remaining in the city during the bombardment and aiding the soldiers and the civilian population, has died at Boulogne-sur-Mer.

When honored by the French Government, Bishop Lobbeyde offered his Cross of the Legion of Honor to His Holiness Pope Benedict XV., but the Pontiff told him to keep it in his name. Writing to the Bishop on that occasion, Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, said: "The distinguished honor which Your Lordship has received from the highest authority of your country has brought joy to the heart of His Holiness, who sees in the recognition of your merits that of those of the Church itself."

(Signed) DEVONSHIRE

CHRISTMAS

WHISPERINGS ABOUT ETERNAL CHILDHOOD

Vincent McNabb, O. P., in America

I like writing about Christmas after the feast is over more than I do before. Besides, all of us who had money and child friends or child kindred were busy making gifts for children before Christmas. I think that we would give to children with greater generosity or grace if we realized that we are but paying for our schooling. The appeal of Christmas is a lesson with full liturgical accompaniment, in our essential duty of childhood; for childhood is not a swift season of life that passes away, but is an attitude of mind or soul that should abide. All the year long our masters, the children, are teaching their heavenly, peripatetic philosophy as they romp in the nursery, or rescue fire victims up and down the stairs, or fly kites high into the clouds, or play football, or leap with a bound at nightfall from the deepest energy to the deepest sleep. But at Christmas their daily lesson gives place, as the old medieval writers say, to a "solemn lectio," a solemn ritual lesson, with all the romantic accompaniments of cattle and a cave!

Once I heard deep words of wisdom from a school inspector, in a speech he made when retiring in old age from his life's work. As a father might speak to his sons, he warned us younger men not to look on childhood, with its morning color and sweetness, as a mere rehearsal for years that may never come, or may come with less sweetness and color.

In childhood as a span of years there is something beautiful that should endure, and something almost more beautiful that must pass. Keats sang his "Ode to a Nightingale" when racked with pain on a bed of death. We warrant that it was a song he had once heard in childhood, and never again. Only its echoes murmured in his song. Its music, its life, its loveliness had fled with childhood into the irrevocable past. If for no other reason, then, childhood, with its eager eye and ear, should be allowed those sinless joys which it can never taste again, or never on this side of the grave.

But the better part of childhood is not a frail beauty that swiftly falls

from its brow. Like the ideas of truth, goodness, beauty that Plato held to be the heart of all our thinking, the heart of childhood should be eternal. Once a child always a child. A man who had seen many golden visions and had spoken them in many golden words, has left on record that when he was a child he spoke as a child, he understood as a child, he thought as a child. Then when he became a man he put away the things of a child. But he never put away the heart of a child. "Cor Bauli, cor pueri. The heart of Paul was the heart of a child."

But a greater than Paul was once a child and therefore a child forever. Christmas is the feast not of a child, but of The Child. The very essence of Christianity is that Jesus Christ is the eternal Child. We have gone far into wisdom when we have recognized that the Babe of Bethlehem is God's attempt to express some of His Divine attributes through childhood. But perhaps we have touched the crest of perfect wisdom when we see in the Babe of Bethlehem God's attempt to express His essential and eternal childhood.

For this reason philosophers who are still floundering in the mire of the Kantian or Hegelian Absolute should always keep Christmaside by going hand in hand with some children to a church where there is a crib. There, if they have the seeing eye, and the hearing ear—the Lord hath made them both—they will see and hear more than may be learned of a hundred universities or encyclopedias. Their pale dream of a finite absolute Godessentially limited by the thought of His mind and the work of His hand, will give place to an infinite God who has strained His attributes of power, wisdom, mercy, to their utmost by limiting Himself to the helplessness of a little child.

Enduring childhood is not as His. From the beginning this eternal Son had reached the crest of perfect childhood. A poet who wrote authentic words on childhood made at least one mistake when he humbly directed his friends to "look for him in the nurseries of Heaven;" for there are no nurseries apart for heaven's children, where all are children and the whole City is a nursery. "Of such is the Kingdom."

Our childhood, then, once lost must be again recovered; if recovered it must be made to grow. Childhood has been called the time of vision. But Augustine of Hippo has taught us that the blessed have a morning and an evening vision. Assuredly as one draws deeper into the evening shadows of old age new visions visit the soul. Of these the most welcome is that which assures the soul of its power of being again a child, and even of growing in childhood until death. But a poet on her deathbed sang:

Make me grow young again,
Grow young enough to die,
That in a joy unseared of pain
I may my Lover, loved, attain
With that fresh green
Eternity

Gives to the young to breath about the heart
Until their trust and youth-time shall depart.

Let me come to Thee young
When thou dost challenge "Come!"
With all my marveling dreams
unung;

Let me rush to Thee when I pass
Keen as a child across the grass.

RECORD READER.

FRENCH WAR PRISONERS' GIFT TO POPE

The French prisoners in Switzerland, the majority of whom are Catholics, and who, like all the other prisoners interned in that hospitable country, owe the amelioration of their condition to the intervention of the Holy Father, are offering a beautiful tribute of gratitude to their august benefactor. It is the work of the hands of brave men incapacitated for stronger tasks, and will be presented to the Pope next week. It consists of a tryptich in gilded wood, the style being that of Louis XIV. In the central panel is painted Jeanne d'Arc on her white horse about to lead her soldiers into battle, while the "poilus" of to-day are seen springing from the trenches behind her. The interior of the two shutters are covered with fine embroidery representing ancient canons of the altar, and are further adorned by four bloodstones, admirably carved. That on the top right hand shutter represents the Sacred Heart dominating the basilica of Montmartre, with the words "Gallia Penitentem et devota." On the stone set at the base of the frame is seen St. Louis carrying the Crown of Thorns, copied from a beautiful window of the Abbey at St. Maurice.

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Where'er the mailed hand
Doth hold in stern subjection's bonds
The genius of the land,
There may thy glowing words be seen—
A scroll of deathless light,
There urge the patriot mother arm
Her son in Freedom's fight!

Live! Mercier of Belgium,
God's priest and prelate bold,
Who reprimanding speaks to kings
As prophets spake of old;
Oh, may thy bleeding Belgium
Soon pass her dolorous way;
And may her seed possess the land
The tyrant wastes to-day!

SOME "INSIDE" FACTS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

(By Rev. Thomas F. Coakley, D. D., in Our Sunday Visitor)

Open your Bible. No other document or book or argument is necessary to prove which is the only, true, genuine Church of Jesus Christ.

Christ commanded us to fast. He gave us rules for fasting. "When thou fastest anoint thy head and wash thy face, that thou appear not to men to fast." (Matt. 6: 17.)

The Apostles themselves fasted before engaging in their sacred functions. "They ministered to the Lord and fasted." (Acts 13: 2.) "And when they ordained priests in every city they fasted." (Acts 14: 22.)

The Catholic Church, obeying these commands of Christ and the Apostles, prescribed fasting at stated times, particularly during Lent. A Catholic priest is always fasting when he officiates at the altar. He breaks his fast only after he says Mass. Catholic people must be fasting when they receive Holy Communion. When Bishops ordain priests they are always fasting, as also the candidates to be ordained.

No non-Catholic denomination commands its adherents to fast. Indeed many members of such denominations cast ridicule on fasting. Neither do their candidates for the ministry, nor the ordaining ministers, fast on such occasions.

The Catholic Church has never deviated a hair's breadth from the sacred words of Christ and His Apostles regarding the holy sacrament of matrimony. Christ and His Apostles taught the utter impossibility of divorce.

Speaking of marriage, our Saviour said: "Whoever shall put away his

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wife, and marry another committeth adultery against her. And if the wife shall put away her husband and be married to another she committeth adultery." (Mark 10: 11, 12.)

St. Paul is no less emphatic. "To them that are married the Lord commandeth that the wife depart not from her husband and if she depart that she remain unmarried. And let not the husband put away his wife." (1 Cor. 7: 10, 11.)

Following literally, and with absolute fidelity, these solemn words of Christ and His great Apostle, the Catholic Church forbids the husband and wife to separate from one another; or, if they do separate, neither of them can marry again during the life of the other. "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder." (Matt. 19: 6.)

No non-Catholic denominations obey these awful words of Christ; they have relaxed this rigorous law of the Gospel of Christ, they freely allow divorce for various and even trifling causes.

The inspired Apostle, St. James, tells us in his epistle: "Is any man sick among you, let him call in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. (James 5: 14.)

One of the most ordinary duties of a Catholic priest is to obey this inspired command of the Holy Ghost, speaking through the great Apostle, St. James. Catholics when they fall seriously sick are careful to send for the priest, that he may anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

This explains why Catholic priests are always found attending the sick and dying, and they must risk their lives to carry out the command of God Himself, in the text of St. James quoted above.

But no such ceremony as that of anointing the sick is practised by any non-Catholic denomination, in spite of the injunction contained in the Bible.

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The faith is advancing by leaps and bounds in Switzerland, even in the Vaudois. In the organ of the National Protestant church, The Semeur, a Monsignor Fournedord has been writing a series of articles on the present situation. He feels anxious, for he sees all around him the revival of "Romanism." He thinks this is partly due to the faults of the Protestant system, which takes from the Church its universal importance with its character of Catholicism, so