second, and she was sitting in a heap reaching for the bundle with her other dress in it, when the head and shoulders of the fireman appeared.

the missionary field is it not our knowledge of the future how can we shoulders of the fireman appeared.

the other side, there's a fire-escape there. The wind is strong up here, but you can't blow off, at least not laughed too, the sun was shining on the thin layer of snow, the throb of the engine came ever so faintly to them now, and it was difficult to realize that she had been in even the faintest shadow of danger.

"You said you used to swing in a barn loft," said the fireman. "I knew you were from the country when you first looked at me, wh yon were praying back there in the Look out for that ridge near chimney, it's an ugly place. met it when I was coming after

Did you come down from the roof to that window?" asked the girl shuddering. "Of course, nothing else to do. But where I made my mistake was in missing your windo when I climbed down. You see I ha You see I had counted wrong. I thought I was at your room, when I called to you. I was some surprised when you looked out of the one farther on, but there was nothing for it then but to step

Suppose you had fallen," cried the girl. I was sure you would, that is why I began to pray, and I promised the Blessed Virgin that if she kept you safe. I would go home to Uncle and Aunt to-morrow.

Whew," said the young fireman, 'nobody ever said a prayer for me before, except my mother! Here's the fire-escape, now let me go first and take your time."
He swung himself over the side of

the roof and went down four steps, before he called to Nora to follow I'm going to look right at the wall if I look down, I'll surely fall," she cried as she started down.

"Look where you like, I'm here," he reassured her, and then the long descent was begun. Nora counted forty steps, and then lost track, but both pairs of feet went steadily down, down until at last, she felt the end of the railing in her cold hand. is all, now jump. There's plenty of snow, so you can't get hurt," called the fireman. So Nora jumped into a drift of snow, but was pulled out of it by his strong hands, before she had more than skimmed its surface.

Some day, they'll make those things within two feet of the ground, that's a good jump," said the fire-man. "Have you any friends in the city, that you could stay with until you know whether you can go back here?" he asked with a most grandfatherly air. "No." said Nora. I could go down to the store, where I used to work."

'Indeed you can not. Wouldn't you look nice wandering around all day. Here go over to this number. boarding-house. My mother came up here Monday, she wants me to go back to the farm with her. I've only been here a month. My name's Jack Dawson, and I'm from Iowa. tell her you said a prayer for me and that you're from the country, and she'll be glad to fuss over you." He handed Nora a torn envelope with the house number scrawled across it and was gone in answer to a signal from the man near the puffing

What a small world it is," mused Nora as she turned away from the imperiled building. "How Aunt Carrie will laugh. To think that I Carrie will laugh. To think that I left her and Uncle Henry, after all the years in which they cared for me. just because he said it was time I was married and that he had picked out a farmer in the next county for me. I wonder just what it was that brought his farmer Jack Dawson to Chicago in time to risk his life for

She was going up the steps of the small white cottage, an unexpected sight in such a citifled neighborhood, when the fire apparatus clanged by on its way home. "It's all over," on its way home. "It's all over," she said, as she rang the door-bell, but her heart sang a different song.

THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

During the month of June, dedicated to the Sacred Heart, the urgent and touching appeal of Our Lord will no doubt often come to the mind of the Faithful: "Come to Me all you that labor and are burdened and I will refresh you. Take up My yoke vides good things in the end for all will refresh you. Take up My yoke upon you and learn of Me because I that love Him. God has bidden us am meek and humble of heart; and to become as little children if we have experienced His unbounded this world and gathered a little exlove, the recalling of these words fills perience that we are grown up and us with a renewed devotion to our have been unheard by the greatest majority of mankind. Away in the pagan lands they labor and suffer mere simple children, who must be more simple children, who must be more simple children.

Him to be known and loved. Since it has not been our vocation to go to Are you afraid to walk over to for the evangelization of the world? less graces that will accrue to us beof our spirit of charity.-Intermountain Catholic.

GOD'S WAY IN THE WAR

EDWARD F. GARESCHE, S. J.

There come times in the history both of individuals and of nations when some disastrous calamity or some inexplicable sorrow tempts men to doubt the goodness of God. It is a temptation which should be easy to overcome, because, if these occasional calamities are dark and inexplicable to us, they are only incidents in the great course of the world which everywhere else speaks of God's love, compassion, tenderness, and merciful providing. But in the darkness of the hour of trial we are likely to forget the immense and overruling Goodness who is our God and to wonder and repine that He has seen fit in this moment to straiten and chastise us. Thus at straiten and chastise us. Thus at the present time, when the entire world is rushing deeper and deeper into the gulf of physical agony and mental sorrow which the great War has brought upon the world, an increasing number of men and women find it hard to reconcile with the infinite goodness of God the awful calamities that are striking man-kind. They find it difficult to com-Almighty, who could so easily withdraw this red scourge from the world, but yet quietly allows the course of events to shape themselves without making any external mani-festation of His will that the war should cease.

the workings of His Providence we like Him, omniscient. Only the infinite can comprehend is the His ways we should have to be God Himself. Consider how difficult and almost impossible it is at times for men of little intellect and defective and ways of other men who are thoroughly educated and trained in decision and the management of affairs. How hard it is for the savage to understand the mental pro-cesses of the civilized man, because Apply the latter is so far above him in intellect and it may be in earnest-Australian bushman could be shown from us by infinity! We must, in ome times of perplexity and trial, fall on our knees before the All-wise

We can not even faintly under stand the ways of God in dealing His children. The human with parent has a faint and partial understanding, a limited prudence, a feeble power to calculate, which still enables him to give good things to his children in ways that the children neither appreciate nor understand. How much more must it he true of God, that being infinitely wise and with complete and adeyou shall find rest to your souls.

For my yoke is sweet and my burden

We delude ourselves into thinking For us who know Christ and after we have lived some years in there is nothing of the child in us. Dear Redeemer. But these words We are children to the end. Our

with her very finger tips, gave a little jump up, at the same time 'muscling up' as her cousin Dick had long ago taught her.

At the same moment a pair of iron hands seemed to have been clasped have been clasped to the play in siding the every finger tips, gave a little ever, has to be extended to them by mortal mouths, by missionary priest. So while the same time 'muscling on the childing way the childing to the constitution of their efficiency in the fulfishment of their mission. The interest we distribute toward things. For its own good many painful things must be borne and many pleasant things the liked were bad for her, so while the world is writhing on the cross in its agony, we can trust with absolute assurance that after this sorrow there will be a resurrection and that God in many wonders. The remedy is to introduce a constitution arises, How are we to with absolute assurance that after this sorrow there will be a resurrection and that God in many wonders. The remedy is to introduce a constitution of the cross in its agony, we can trust to with absolute assurance that after this sorrow there will be a resurrection and that God in many wonders. The provided these apostles by the cross in its agony, we can trust the question arises, How are we to with absolute assurance that after this sorrow there will be a resurrection and that God in many wonders. The remedy is to introduce a constitution of the cross in its agony, we can trust with absolute assurance that after this sorrow there will be a resurrection and that God in many wonders. about her ankles and she was pushed play in aiding the evangelization of we must be children to the end in through the hole. It was done in a the pagan world is a practical act of the hands, of God. We know little love to the Sacred Heart. We wish of what is best for us. Seeking the pleasant things, fearing pain, with little control over events and no see as God sees and plan as God plans? We are babes in the arms The means of action left at our disposal are prayer and alms. During posal are prayer and alms. During Father, who with inconceivable vigilance watches over His world. If this month of the Sacred Heart, as a liance watches over His world. If proof of a genuine love of Our Divine Lord it is becoming to use these means that will make for the salvation of many and for number. our Father is all-wise and all-power ful and all-loving we shall be at peace, because whatever happens is under the absolute do finite will, wisdom and love.

> Again, we must always remember times of calamity, and sorrow that God has set Himself to rule the world not as a despot, but as a father. Having given men free will, with infinite consistency, He leaves them free. "My son," He says to everyone who comes into the world. give Me your Heart." It is a free and voluntary service of the human heart that God wishes from His world, and to secure this service He left it free and He has arranged the whole tremendous scheme of the universe so that it will accord with our freedom. It is a magnificent attribute of the infinite God that He is powerful enough and wise enough to bring His glory out of such a world as this. He can leave all men free, the wicked as well as the good, and can allow the wicked to work out their devilish machinations, and yet bring therefrom His own glory and the welfare of those who love Him. The world as we see it today is the resultant of the age long struggle between God's goodness and man's wickedness. If God wished He could indeed blot out with one terrible catastrophe all evil-doer and force all men by might to own His way, but He has decreed otherkind. They find it difficult to comprehend the ways of the all-wise and need, and then let them work out their salvation. Hence the events of history and the course of the world are profoundly modified by human will. If all men fulfilled the will of God and obeyed His commandments the earth would be a terrestrial par-To begin with, it is not only diffiadise. It was the wickedness of cult for us, it is absolutely impossible, to understand the ways of God. human wills that ruined our race and changed the world from a place Were we able to sound the depths of of pure joy and holy innocence to a valley of tears and a place of death. His judgment and to comprehend It is the same free will that continues to torment the world and that cause of evil. The one only the infinite. To understand God and evil in the world is sin, and with sin God wages a constant battle, so as to effect the repentance and salvation, if it may be, even of the sinner. He will leave men free to the end. education to understand the thoughts the great judgment day we shall see how God is always infinitely holy, just, merciful, and compassionate, and that all sorrow and pain on

Apply this reflection to the catas trophe of the great War. This worldintellect and it may be in earnest-ness and moral rectitude. If an Australian bushman could be shown our method of educating children, long to us, and we must not usurp what an unconscionable piece of the judgment seat of God. But this cruelty he might consider it. While he lets his boys and girls run wild there is in the War is not of God. and do their own sweet will all the time, he would see that the white human will which God has given man shuts his children up in close rooms, pens them in little wooden stalls and makes them sit there day after day spilling black water on world, because constraint and necessity. after day spilling black water on white paper, wearying their eyes and their fingers, when they might be out of doors enjoying themselves. The methods of civilized parents would be oute in comprehensible to the wild methods of civilized parents would be quite incomprehensible to the wild man, and yet he is removed only a little from ourselves in point of intellect. He is, as it were, an inch away in distance, yet so far off in comprehension! How utterly impossible then must it be for us to understand God, Who is removed from us by infinity! We must, in

earth are man's doing by reason of

The only true evil in the horror of this War is the sins that are being committed by mankind; all other evils are only seeming evils. The great physical suffering, the tremendous loss of property and life, the ravaging of great districts, the agonies of mothers, widows and orphans bereaved of those they love, famine and pestilence, all these things are not unmitigated evils, because in the providence of God they bring us nearer to God. How much heroism, unnselfishness, patience and good-ness have not been occasioned by this dreadful War! How many prayers most earnest and sincere have not gone up to Heaven in con-sequence of these afflictions! Sins have been atoned for, merit has been gained, and the noble and lofty side of human nature comes out in bright relief against this background desolation and suffering. and women have found in themselves possibilities of nobleness and self-sacrifice that would have lain pagan lands they labor and sulfer also, and they are not refreshed. They also dream of peace and rest, but their dreams remain unrealized. The sweet yoke of Christ they know not, and the burden they carry is that its Mother does for it. While the child would be playing it must be self-sacrifice that would nave lain dormant all their lives in piping and convenient times of peace. The one sole evil in this War is sin. The origin of all evil is sin. And with sin God has no part. But yet so wighty is the Lord, and so wise is With arms outstretched toward that multitude of men on whom He that multitude of men on whom He that compassion, Our Lord bid them to come to Him. His bidding, how that it was such a pity that all the transfer of the can bring even out of sin our goodness and His glory. It was sin that crucitied our Lord and from that crucitied our Lord and from that crucities of Sales.

mighty is the Lord, and so wise is our father in Heaven that He can destroying the influence of the family unit, will sconer or later produce baneful results on the larger of Sales. mighty is the Lord, and so wise is

ful ways of which we do not dream and which we can not possibly comthe good of those that love Him.— Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

GENERAL INTENTION FOR JUNE

RECOMMENDED AND BLESSED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XV.

THE REIGN OF THE HEART OF JESUS IN FAMILIES AND IN SOCIETY

During the present month, which s consecrated to the Heart of Jesus, all lovers of that Divine Heart should make a special effort to respond to the invitation of the Holy ather who, in this, his latest Inten tion, asks that Catholic families and Catholic society in general be more and more permeated with the spirit of the Sacred Heart. In his recent discourse, delivered in connection with the canonization of Blessed Margaret Mary, Benedict XV. expressed his pleasure at what had al-ready been done throughout the world for the accomplishment of her wonderful mission, but he did not hide the fact that devotion to the Sacred Heart was still a hazy quantity in the minds of millions of Cathlics. He left his hearers persuaded that much ground had still to be travelled over, and much work had to be done before the spirit of the Sacred Heart could renew all things in Christ, which was practically the

aim of his venerable predecessor There is no time more favorable than the present for a new start in a homes and in society. Judging from conditions in Europe, God is preparing the world for this renewal He is evidently taking a hand in its spiritual resurrection. His own resurrection was preceded by much rrow and by the shedding of His lood, but it was succeeded by the social and moral resurrection of the world, a noble result, and one worthy of the sacrifices that brought it about. As a result of the carnage we are witnessing in the present War and of the tribulations we are sharing in, we have reasons to surmise that millions will experience a change of heart. During the past three years political and economical conditions have been giving the world food for thought; the vanity of human wishes was never so manifest as it is now; the brevity and cheapness of human life, and of all that men care for, are becoming more and more evident—all factors which should surely turn men's ambitions to higher things. This evolution should find us Catholics ready to seize our opportunities. Let us see to it that the Christian spirit which is after all the spirit of the Sacred Heart—shall permeate more and more the hearts of our fellowmen. Home and society, the two pivots on which the human race rests, will feel the lasting influence

The home at Nazareth is the ideal of the Christian home, the ideal of simplicity and greatness, of sweet-ness and strength, of holy joy and chastened sorrow, of work and prajer, of love without weakness and authority without harshness, of an active outside apostolate and an inner life wrapped in God. It is the ideal proposed by God Himself: He wishes home and society to seek in Nazareth an example to follow, not March under the flag past the cheer-

allowing the use of that great faculty which He has given them for their, merit. To ask God at the same time to leave us free to merit and to make the more of the company to the company the company that is the company to the company the company that is the c and Almighty, beating our breasts and saying, "Thou art just, O Lord, it impossible for us to commit sin is preparation for their great destinies it impossible for us to commit sin is the Christian home cooperates with God. Is it not true that in the training of souls, that is, in the gradual evolution of Christian childhood into manhood, the home is the great university of the world? If we except the priesthood, there is no higher mission on earth, none more practical than the training of the units of a family for their passage through

this world to the next.

But there is another phase of the question which did not escape the attention of the Holy Father. Is not the home itself the unit of a larger damental element, and the value of the organism may be gauged by nature and well-being of the cell. In the gorganism of human society the family, not the individual, is the cell. Individuals are isolated and die, but the family remains to perpetuate traditions, aspirations, loves, yea, even the faith that saves! The enemies of the Christian religreact on society in general.

homes, how can we keep it there? By practising devotion to the Sacred Heart. The Heart of Jesus wishes prehend is arranging all things for the good of those that love Him.— Lord Himself promised all lovers of His Heart that He would establish peace in their families, and He told Blessed Margaret Mary that He would bless every place wherein a picture of His Sacred Heart would be set up and honored. As a sort of corollary, one of our recent Popes. Leo XIII., called devotion to the Sacred Heart the remedy for all present evils, and asserted that the spread of it among the faithful would mean the dawning of better days for Christian society.

The Catholic world, attentive to the suggestions of our Sovereign Pontiffs, has begun to understand the value of this devotion around family firesides. One of the most remarkable movements of the pres ent age is that of the Consecration of Families to the Sacred Heart. In ever increasing numbers families are turning to this source of sanctifica light and strength. tion to the Sacred Heart supposes triumph over human respect," said Benedict XV. recently, "because difficulties and obstacles often hinder the principal practice of this devo tion, which is the consecration of families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as social usage and domestic custom seem opposed to the necessary act of having the picture of the Sacred Heart placed in a prominent position in the home. Consequently, the spirit of Christian strength of character is needed in order to practice this beautiful form of devotion. And yet it is a joy to our heart," the Holy Father added, "to be able publicly to attest the satisfaction we have felt in learning how much the renewal of the Christian spirit, that is the spirit of the Sacred Heart, in oped." The movement has specially aggressive since the began, as if the gifts which the Infin.

ite Goodness is ready to bestow on mankind must come to it only through tribulation and sorrow and the shedding of blood. If, therefore, the present War is to purify society we must accept its crosses in a spirit of resignation and penance; and if we wish to have our share in the spiritual renewal which is evidently intended by Divine Providence, we must become friends of the Sacred Heart; we must study it, meditate on it, taste the sweetness which ex hales from it; imbue ourselves with its spirit of kindness, meekness, charity, patience, humility, and the other virtues which the Sacred Heart so eloquently teaches. must cultivate a strong Christian spirit in our homes if we wish to give a Christian tone to society How shall we acquire this Christian spirit unless we cultivate a devotion to the Heart which is the source of all the Christian virtues? The the Christian virtues? The Heart of Jesus wishes to reign over the hearts of men ; let us put no obstacles to the free exercise of this

glorious sovereignty.
E. J. DEVINE, S. J.

THE FIGHTING IRISH

You know they will fight by the build and the breed of them; know by the deeds they have done in the past.

That whenever the country they love has the need of them They'll rush to the colors and stick

to the last.

Brave men from Wexford and bold ing colleen, and Galway and Wicklow and

Kerry men Are wearing the khaki as well as the green.

Gradys and Gallaghers, Gibbons and Gilligans, Doughertys, Dolans and Duffys and Doyles.

McCarthys, McCloskeys, Mulcaheys and Milligans, Barrys and Bradys and Buckleys and Boyles; Flynns and Fitzgeralds and Foleys

and Flanagans, Qualeys and Quigleys and Quinlans and Quinns Larakins and Logans and Lynches and Lanigans, Morriseys, Murphys, McGuirks and

McGinns. True to the cause of the innermost soul of them. Look at the service flags when they go by,

The shining red stars representing the roll of them Are thick as the stars in a clear winter sky.

The call has rung out and they anorganization called society? In swer it loyally, every living being the cell is the fun. Springing to arms to the last mother's son, the Serving their country and serving it

loyally, And thus will they serve till the War shall be won! -JAMES J. MONTAGUE.

How can we doubt that the day of ion are well aware of this, and that is why they bring their batteries to bear against the family, confident that their efforts will in the end which are budding and bursting into bear an society in general. Divorce Divorce, blossom around His Cross a certain state education, interference in home life, anything that is successful in of Life will bear? I mean the merits

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