HOSPITAL BOMBING

COSTS LIFE OF A CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

London, June 22, 1918.—The War continues to take its sad toll of the clergy, and there is nothing more wonderful in the stories of the battlefields than the heroic deaths of the Catholic priests in the discharge of their duty. Among such is the death of a young priest of thirty, Father Charles Whitefoord, chaplain to the forces, and formerly of the diocese of Shrewsbury. Father Whitefoord was received into the Catholic Church in France, in the Cathedral of Chartres, and it was in France that he laid down his life most nobly. In November, 1916, he was commissioned chaplain, and went out to France to take up his duties. Since that time he had been at his post, facing danger and death continually, and at last, during the recent great offensive on the western front, while ministering to the wounded and dying men in the thick of the battle, he fell mortally wounded. He was carried to the corps main dressing station, where he received the last Sacraments at the hands of a fellow chaplain, then he was taken to the casualty clearing station. The German planes came over and bombed the hospital, and when the priest who had administered the last Sacraments to Father Whitefoord called to see him he found the hospital a heap of ruins, and in the ruins was the undiscovered body of the dead priest.

The other victim of a German bomb in France is Father Baines, formerly a professor at Ushaw, and before joining the army a curate at a Liverpool Catholic church. Father Baines also met his death in the discharge of his duties. The Germans were bombing the place where he was, and looking out of the window Father Baines saw some Portuguese soldiers knocked down and mortally wounded by bombs. He was just going out to give the last rites of the Church to the men when he too was caught by a bomb and killed instantly.

The Abbe Barbier, a young French priest of thirty one, a former professor at the Petit Seminaire at Confians, near Paris, was crushed to death by the bursting of a shell over the dugout where he was assisting the wounded. Abbe Barbier entered the French army in 1915 as a soldier, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Later on he was relieved of his duties as a combatant, and was appointed second chaplain to his regiment, and it was as a chaplain that he met his death. The Abbe Nourisson, of the diocese of Paris, also met his death in action in May, and about the same time the Abbe Richard who was curate of Ivry, and was serving in the army as sergeant in an infantry regiment, was killed in action in Belgium.

Numerous instances are cited of the gallantry of the priests in the face of the enemy. Among those mentioned in the dispatches of General Plumer for their services with the troops in Italy are the following military chaplains: Father James Stack, C.SS.R.; Father Henry C. McGinity, S. J., and Father Robert J. Mc[illegible]iment. In the dispatches of General Haig are mentioned these Canadian chaplains: Lieut. Col. the Rev. F. L. French, who has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order, and the Rev. H. E. Letang of the diocese of Pembroke.

Among the recent awards to the the French Legion of Honor are the names of the following clergy, two of whom are serving with the colors as combatants:

Jean-Benoit Dutang, lieutenant in the 15th battalion of chasseurs (Abbe Dutang, a student at the Grand Seminaire of Belley). An officer of the first order. Has distinguished himself in all combats by his remarkable courage and coolness. From the 15th to the 27th of October, 1916, kept his men together under a violent and persistent bombardment, in spite of heavy losses. Though himself severely wounded, he continued to give an example of the finest spirit, and only allowed himself to be taken to the hospital after he had given an account of the situation to his captain, who was then in command.

Regis Clery, captain of the 128th infantry (the Abbe Clery, vicaire of St. Pierre de Montrouge, Paris). An officer of courage and determination. The commander of his battalion having been put out of action at the beginning of an attack, he took over the command and continued the advance across the German lines, taking numerous prisoners. When the operation was over, he brought back his men in perfect order under a violent fire, being himself the last to leave the enemy's position. Twice wounded and three times mentioned.

The Abbe Eugene R. C. Nicolas, chaplain to the stretcher-bearers of a division. Has shown several times admirable coolness and unwearying devotion, assisting the wounded and going into the most exposed places to encourage the men. Has given the finest example of courage and heedlessness of danger. Has been mentioned four times.

AGRICULTURAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

THE WESTERN FAIR

SEPTEMBER 6TH TO 14TH, 1918

The Western Fair Association of London, Ont., are in the forefront this year with advertising matter for their big Exhibition in September. Prize Lists, Hangers and Maps are being prepared and will soon be mailed throughout the country. The management have added $1,500 cash to the Prize List this year. This has been carefully distributed throughout the different departments and certainly makes the list very attractive from the Exhibitors' standpoint. The Live Stock Department should draw a large entry as the prizes are really worth while and a win at London's Exhibition means considerable. If you have not received a Prize List and would like one, drop a post card to A. M. Hunt, Secretary, London, telling him the kind of entry form you require and it will be sent you at once.

CONDITIONAL BAPTISM

A correspondent writes asking us why the Church gives conditional Baptism. We may answer in the words of "Catholic Belief:"

"Conditional Baptism is, as a rule, administered for safety's sake to all converts from Protestantism on their reception into the Church, from the fear, that, as sometimes has been the case, what they received before as Baptism was not really Baptism, either for want of intention, or on account of some defect in the element used, or in the words uttered, or on account of some serious fault in the administration; and to obtain full information about every case is almost an impossibility."

If a priest is thoroughly convinced that a person has been validly baptized he may omit conditional Baptism. If, on the other hand, the priest is certain that a person is not baptized already he administers Baptism unconditionally. As the author of "Catholic Belief" says, conditional Baptism is given for safety's sake, Baptism administered by a Protestant may be valid, but owing to the laxity of belief among Protestants in the necessity of Baptism it is often to be feared that their administration is invalidated by irregularity of form or lack of right intention.

THE CALUMNIATORS OF THE CHURCH

A STATEMENT BY POPE BENEDICT

In reply to an address from Cardinal Ferrari and the Bishops of Lombardy the Holy Father has sent an autograph letter of which the following is a translation:

To our beloved Son and Venerable Brothers, health and the Apostolic Benediction.

In the profound sorrow of the present time the collective letter which you sent us on the 25th of April last has brought us no small comfort. In your meeting, as those responsible for the government of the Church in the province of Lombardy, you at once felt that "the father could not be absent from a meeting of the brethren;" therefore with ardent affection you called for us to be present in your midst, confirming with most noble words your union with and attachment to us, which are all the stronger "in that in the present upheaval of society the enemies of religion are attacking the supreme authority of Jesus Christ entrusted to him whom God constituted teacher and upholder of justice."

Over and above the unutterable horrors of this war which is without precedent and threatens to drag poor Europe down into the abyss, much grief is caused us by the insidious and crafty campaign of calumny and hatred against our person and our work, while we could conscientiously say to the human race, bathed in its blood, in the words of Sacred Scripture; "What is there that I ought to do more to my vineyard, that I have not done to it."

After the outbreak of this conflagration which for the good of all we could have wished might be averted, as far as was in our power we missed no opportunity of doing or attempting anything that might soften and mitigate the terrible consequences. More than once and especially in the Consistorial allocution at the beginning of 1915 and again more explicitly in the other of December 4 in the following year we reproved, as again we reprove, every kind of violation of right wherever it may be perpetrated. In addition to that, with exhortations, public prayers, expiatory functions, with proposals for a just and lasting peace, we studied to bring nearer the end of this awful slaughter. In spite of that, beloved son and venerable brothers, you know well the crazy and assurd calumnies which, under many and varied forms, publicly and secretly, by word of mouth and in writing, are being spread everywhere. In the country and the villages, where sorrow is deepest and on that account more deserving of regard and respect, it is being said that we desired the War; in cities, on the other hand, it is spread about that we desire peace, but an unjust peace which would be an advantage only to one of the belligerent groups. And our words are so twisted, our thoughts and intentions so suspected, our silence with regard to this or that misdeed is so scandalously misinterpreted, as if in such a state of uncertainty and when passion is so fiercely aroused it were easy or even possible to inflict single condemnations on single facts which by a condemnation pronounced by us in virtue of a general all-embracing principle, have, every one of them, already been reproved, and surely with fairer judgment.

But this campaign of hatred is not confined to ourself and our work. The gravest injury is done also to most highly deserving priests and illustrious bishops in casting doubt on their loyalty to their country; by the lowest devices of persecutors and informers attempts are made to take them by surprise, to defame them and bring them into the courts. And so at the very moment when Italy should have so much need of peace and concord among all citizens, the enemies of religion, actually taking advantage of this unhappy time, are striving to stir up the ignorant and simple multitude against this seat of truth and justice, against the clergy, against the Catholics, sowing the seeds of discord among the different social classes.

But though this perverse campaign causes us deepest sorrow, still it does not surprise us or discourage us; much less does it enfeeble us. Far from it. Called by the hidden counsels of Divine Providence to govern the Church, we have profound feeling of our duty to defend its sanctity and safeguard its honor. And therefore, against this diffusion of calumnies and hatred, we too, together with you, beloved son and venerable brethren, protest anew with the voice of our Divine ministry, and we denounce it before the conscience not only of the faithful but of all honest men wherever honest men may be found.

It is your duty, and that of all the other bishops and the clergy, and especially of the priests who have the care of souls, to guard the Christian people against the enemies of the faith: it is our duty to let the faithful know the truth of things, that they may not be drawn away from their loving mother the Church, but remain ever closely united to it and to its supreme pastor who has been constituted by God Himself guardian of the truth, minister of justice and charity, anchor of hope, haven of peace and tranquility.

We pray ardently that the celestial aid may never fail your labors, and as pledge of the Divine graces and testimony of our benevolence we impart with all affection to you and all your faithful the Apostolic Benediction.

Given at Rome at St. Peter's on the 22nd of May, 1918, in the fourth year of our pontificate.

SIX RECENT EVENTS OF INTEREST

Many events of peculiar interest to American Catholics have been crowded together within the last two weeks. The first to be noted is the death, on July 5, of Cardinal Sebastian Martinelli, formerly Apostolic Delegate to the United States, who succeeded Cardinal Satolli to that important position. He was proclaimed Cardinal at the Consistory of April 15, 1901, while still in this country, and returned to Rome in 1902 after a service of six years in the United States. Another death that even more nearly affects us is that of Archbishop Keane of Dubuque, June 22. He was intimately connected with the founding of the Catholic University at Washington, and was appointed its rector in 1889. After resigning his position, in 1896, he was made titular Archbishop of Damascus at Rome, and acted as Consultor of the Propaganda and Canon of St. John Lateran. He was raised to the Metropolitan See of Dubuque in 1900. There now remain but two of that earlier hierarchy, of which he was a brilliant member: Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland. Of deepest concern to all who knew and valued him was the death, on July 12, of Bishop Cusack of Albany. "To labor among the poor, some day, and among non Catholics," says the New York Sun in the long and enthusiastic tribute it accords him, "was his earliest ambition, and from that he would never be turned aside." His ambition was to be satisfied: "It was conceded," the same paper writes, "that he had done more to overcome anti-Catholic prejudice than any other individual." To thousands of readers he has become familiar as "Father Cruise," in F. Hopkinson Smith's novel, "Felix O'Day," but to the Catholic of New York and Albany few memories will remain so dear as his. Another death that must not be left unrecorded is that of the famous Paulist Father, the Very Rev. George Mary Searle, a convert, a noted astronomer and a former professor of the United States Naval Academy. He entered the Paulist Community in 1871 and was elected Superior General in 1904. His last years were spent in writing his memoirs, "Fifty Years in the Catholic Church." He died in his eightieth year. Amid these sad and solemn happenings is to be mentioned likewise the bright and auspicious event of the recent enthronement of Bishop Dougherty of Buffalo, as Archbishop of Philadelphia, July 10, with his Eminence Cardinal Gibbons officiating. At the same time the announcement is made of the consecration, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Buffalo, July 25, of the Reverend Thomas J. Walsh, D. D., as Bishop of Trenton, N. J. The ceremony will be performed by the Apostolic Delegate and his solemn installation at Trenton will be conducted by Cardinal Farley.—America.

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DELANEY.—At Naugatuck, Conn., on June 14, 1918, Dr. W. J. Delaney. May his soul rest in peace.

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TEACHERS WANTED

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