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Last week one of England's numer ous agents-provocateurs was effect-ively exposed in Dublin. Eng and has always denied she employed such wretches, and it was, therefore, of years. necessary to make the exposure under circumstances that convicted

Yet, before a sixth of the sentence had been served, the prison doors were opened and this felcu who had

1 be would not see doing his duty if the they may yield fruit a thousand fold in God's vineyard.

2 And now, coming to practical work in the matter of fostering vocations, what line of action, it may be asked. walked forth free. No prisoner convicted as he was could be released in Hardy, says the Freeman's Jourvicted as he was could be released in less than three years and nine nal, during the recital grew pale, months unless by special action of his mouth twitched and his hands the English Government. What were shook. the special and extraordinary reasons for the felon's release?

He was released to join the Engtwo years; it would demand the surreptitiously made. These crimwith bank accounts and sent around to act the part of agents provocateur in Ireland and also in certain parts have nothing more to say."

Hardy, crushed and frightened, his employers to hush up the exposure was apparent in the English press. One of the journalists present at the exposure was the special correspondent of Lord North-cliffe's Daily Mail. He telegraphed a full account of it to that paper. The paper suppressed it. Its managing director has just issued a book on Propaganda. This is one instance of how English propaganda is worked, on the one hand by the Lie, on the other by the Suppression of the Truth. In obedience to the wishes of its Government the English press, with few exceptions, supsed the story of the exposure of the English Government-employed felon. But all Continental Europe and all America knows the story

We believe the English Government in the world which has released felons from jail to act as agents provocateur. We are aware England made the charge against Russia when she was at enmity with that country, but she was able to produce the supplying of chapsis, etc., etc., all depend in a great measure on our success in giving missionary priests. We believe the English Governbut she was able to produce no proof of such infamy. Well, Ireland has produced convincing proof against England of the crime against all civilization and all decency— Francis Hardy, thief, forger, felon, employee of the English Government, and associate of its officials in Ireland.

The following record of Hardy, taken from the Belfast News Letter of December 9, 1918, was read out by of this article.

His Lordship (Judge Gordon) said admitting that he had been engaged frauds, including a number of cases in Waterford, totalling £82 48; in Carlow, of £15; Lisburn, £12; Port. hampton, £44; and another place involving sums amounting to £225.

intervals the Ministry sent a fist of all its employees to Scotland Yard, poses it to generous souls, who wish The

When he had finished reading Mr. Griffith turned to him and said:
"You were released from Maryboro' lish secret service and to act for Jail for this work. You came here it as an agent-provocatsur. He is not the only criminal who was specially released for the same purthere were any public for secret information regarding outspirit, morality or intelligence left in England, it would demand a return of the number of habitual criminals released before the expiry of their sentences by order of the ing outrages and assassinations to English Government during the past country boys.

You are a scoundrel, Hardy, but reason for their release, and it would the people who employ you are demand why these releases are being greater scoundrels. A boat will leave Dublin tonight at 9 o'clock. inals have been released, clad in fine raiment, furnished in some instances and never return to Ireland. You

> said in a pitsous tone that he had never done anything against Siun Fein. He could not leave Dublin that night.

> Mr. Griffith waved him off and he walked quickly from the room.
>
> That night he caught the boat for Eugland. — "Young Ireland,"

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FOSTERING VOCATIONS

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before our readers a conference paper prepared by Rev. Father Fleming on the subject at the head

of December 9, 1918, was read out by Mr. Griffith in his presence before the Irish and foreign journalists at the dramatic exposure of this secret pastors of souls in fostering vocations for the priesthood, as well as "Frand Harling, alias Hardy, alias for the religious life. Just nere is for the religious life. Just nere is may say that I cannot recall, or find any theological principle laid down about the religious life. Just nere is may say that I cannot recall, or find any theological principle laid down which we can precisely say to ward for sentence and in reply to His Lordship said his real name was what extent is the pastor duty bound in conscience to provide candidates for the Church and the Convent. the prisoner had had several other The pastor, once in a while, and is names. He had sent in a statement encouraged by the bishop to do so, speaks on the subject of vocations by for some months past in a series of way of exhortation, and takes up an annual collection to help along students in their studies for the priesthood. Does the duty of the Carlow, of £15; Lisburn, £12; Ports stawart, £10; Derry, £10; Liverpool £25s; Leeds, £15; Cardiff, £15; Plymouth, £12; Portsmouth, £8; Wolvermouth, £12; Portsmouth, £8; Wolvermouth, £44; and another place gives the matter his serious consideration, will not be content to rest Damascus, are instances of extrainvolving sums amounting to £225. Did that statement disclose all the frauds the prisoner had committed in the last few months?

"The prisoner said it did. For 2½ years he had rendered good, honest service at the Ministry of Munitions and had got right on his feet when he was suddenly handed a month's pay in lieu of notice. He insisted on knowing the reason for his dismissal and was told that at intervals the Ministry sent a first of the month of the content to rest there can be likely to come to definite conclusions reasoned out the conclusions reasoned out and follow Him. But God's Providence of the most part, works in the ordinary calls from God to leave all and follow Him. But God's Providence of the most part, works in the ordinary calls from God to leave all and follow Him. But God's Providence of the most part, works in the ordinary calls from God to leave all and follow Him. But God's Providence of the most part, works in the ordinary calls from God to leave all and follow Him. B

him reinstated but these failed and of these states, which all are free to then, said the prisoner, he got fairly desperate and would have committed murder it it had come his way. He acted with a recklessness for which acted with a recklessness for which there could be no excuse, but he asked His Lerdship to deal with him mercifelly and he would undertake to pay 20s in the £ to every one of those whom he had defrauded, spreading the payments over a series of years.

"The prisoner's speech from the of years.

"The prisoner's speech from the dock, which was politely listened to by the Judge, occupied nearly a quarter of an hour.

"The prisoner's speech from the Church, embracing the perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Bearing this in mind, the good pastor knows that it is his duty and coult to lead souls to God by way. under circumstances that to define the possibility of denial. Her agent was, therefore, left to expose himself before a gathering of American, French, Italian, Irish and English journalists, whom he imagined were Sinn Fein leaders. He had asked to meet them in order the had asked to meet them in order as a matter of fact he began his inner knowledge carser of crime 32 years ago. In He had asked to meet them in order to offer them his inner knowledge as a paid English secret service agent and he was told that if he came at a certain hour he would meet people who would take a special interest in him. He did. He met the representatives of leading European and American joarnals, and they listened in dissembled horror and disgust while the villain made—following the instructions of his English Government employers—his vile proposals.

Less than two years ago this Less than two years ago this secondrel was sentenced at Belfast Assizes to five years' panal servitude for fraud. His record of crime, extending over 32 years, was read by the judge, who declared that, in the interests of the community, he could not give him a lesser sentence.

what line of action, it may be asked should be adopted by the pastor? This, as it appeals to me, should be determined upon by each pastor, who makes it a point to ask himself. from time to time. what efforts is he making, and what is the extent of his zeal in extending the kingdom of God in the way of vocations. Some pastors seem to possess a special talent for seeking out the developing vocations, while others are failure. I must confess I am of the latter class, though I have made an honest effort, and tried to develop the material that I considered would produce good results; but, with the Donations may be addressed to: exception of two cases for the conent, I have failed.

I shall not stop to discuss here the cause of failure in my own case, or that of others, but pass on to what should be addressed : may be termed the principles that may be observed and helpful in fostering and encouraging vocations, though I cannot but feel that any suggestions that I might offer, would have better effect and greater weight Previously acknowledged \$8,799 08 coming from one who has had a greater measure of success in this work than I have bad. To my mind, the environment of

children in their homes, should be first considered in searching for true religious vocations; for if the child, in its home life, is not properly brought up and trained in its duties to God, and often under the influence of bad example, except in rare instances, no matter what the paster may do in such cases, his efforts will likely be a failure. The child, as a rule, will be what the parents make The pastor will be more or less influenced in his judgment by what he sees and knows of home life of the child, and its surroundings for good or evil, when he is picking out The Catholic Church Extension a tender shoot that he expects will bloom and developinto a good promisand calling for assistance. Our work ing aspirant for the Church. Is the though manifold is directed chiefly home of the child a good Catholic to the sparsely settled sections in pertains to the good of religion? Do Canada. When we have priests to they pay their lawful debts to the minister to the people, organization Church according to their means? follows and then, churches, schools, Are they honest in their dealings convents and everything necessary with their neighbors? Do they bear for the proper direction of souls to a good moral character? These are This week we are enabled to put pastor would like to see answered in the affirmative before he makes an effort to seek the germs of vocation in the home. These may be considered as good indications, but I am in serving it, going to the sacraments at least once a week, and practising, in some way, acts of self-denial-in a word to be a manly and good boy, truthful and obedient, from whom is never heard vulgar or vile language, much less, profanity, a boy who is not a sluggard, but has ambition to get along with his work, and has an aptitude and love for study, and be relied upon as trustworthy in every respect. Such a boy is worth while looking after, and, with the grace of God is a likely subject for the priesthood or religious life. St. Peter, leaving his boat and nets, or St. Paul

The call for more priests, at the and that in consequence of Scotland
Yard furnishing his past record the
Ministry had decided to dismiss him.
Attempts were made by Superintendent Thomas of the police and the
C. J. who took up his case to get

Souls must be saved in one or other

The call for more priests, at the presented from all sides, and the supply is not in any way in proportion to the demand for foreign missionaries. The pastor in distance in the world, was born in 1836. His father was a soldier and the score in advancing God's

Who is zealeus in advancing God's

Kingdom on earth will hearken to

the calls for help outside the limits of his own diocese or territory, and see in the distance the fields ripe for call is coming from Western mission fields for more priests to save the thousands of souls scattered over that vast territory—souls many of which are lost to the faith and caught in the net of the proselytizer. A piercing cry is heard from far off pagan lands-China for instance. with its 400,000,000 souls sitting in shadow of death, calling for priests to baptize, if only a few of the 33,000 pagans that die every day unbaptized. Father Fraser, the Chinese Missionary, now in Canada, is crying out for help to christianize those pagans for

whom Christ died to save their souls. On account of the great number of priests killed and disabled during the late War, and the many cities and towns destroyed, the cry is heard from thousands of victims banished from their homes, to send priests to help them to raise their drooping hearts, and give them the consola-tions of our holy religion. The good and zealous pastor will not close and zearous pastor will not close his ears to those piteous calls for help, but will pray God to make him instrumental in raising help, guiding youths to the priesthood of Jesus Chriet, to help to save souls purchased by His Blood."

a promising career in the military profession to answer the call to a bigher vocation, and became a simple priest of the Oratory in 1870. Here he labored assiduously for the remaining years of his life.

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Catholic people, who understand the meaning of their Catholicity and the grace and glory that is bound to the grace and glory that is bound to redound to them for doing a share of Christ's work for the growth of the Kingdom of God, will not permit the Kingdom of God, will not permit the chromating of these were men verting. Many of these were men vocations. They may not have the priest's opportunities but they will priest's opportunities but they will oratory and was distinguished by his rare literary gifts. He is best glorious work. It is possible, for example, for the well-to-do Catholic to have his own priest by paying for the education of some aspirant to the priesthood.

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development takes place today in peace.
among the Congregationalists of England and Wales that should not be overlooked by Catholics. The Congregationalists, who were one of the fiercer sects that emerged from Protestantism shortly after the re-formation, have set their face sternthat extempore prayer which, in their opinion, uprose from the heart.

They hated the Anglican prayer book as much they hated the Pope, book as much they hated the Pope, book as much they hated the rope, perhaps worse, since they looked on the Pope as a benighted foreigner, while the Auglican prayer book, as a seven years. May her soul rest in

But the Congregational Union of England and Wales, which is the hierarchical body of the sect, has today put into circulation a small volume entitled "The Book of Congregational Worship," a manual of prayers and sacraments, that is to fulfill the purpose of a missal and breviary for the Congregationals. The significance of this step is vastly important, since it means that the Congregationalists have abandoned one of the main points of their body. They have practically, by this step, abandoned the use of the extempore prayer for the use of the liturgical prayer. A person who prayed from a book was almost auti-Christ to them, yet here we have the hierarchs of the Congregationa-lists actually giving their imprimatur to a manual of public liturgical prayer.

A NOTABLE LIFE

The death of Father Sebastin Bowden of the London Oratory removes one of the great English convert churchmen who participated in the Oxford movement. A student at Cardinal Newman's Catholic University in Dublin, a convert to the faith in Father Faber's day, a leader among the Fathers of the Oratory, he was called to his reward on the anniversary of the death of Father Faber at the advanced age of eighty four years. Had he lived another fortnight he would have celebrated the gelden jubilee

of his priesthood. L. C. J. who took up his case to get Souls must be saved in one or other Kingdom on earth will hearken to military career. He became a Cath-

of his own diocese or territory, and see in the distance the fields ripe for the harvest, but, as in the days of old, the laborers are few. A loud

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