

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

November the month of the Poor Souls—the holy and helpless souls in Purgatory. Friends of God they are, who can not approach Him except through us.

"In many cases you are paying your share of a joint debt; for you have been an accomplice in his guilt. But your contribution in kind of loving remembrance, whilst his share is a blood offering, in all cases you do a cumulative work of brotherly love.

The doctrine of prayers for the dead is no longer the stumbling block it was so generally made to be in other times, among those outside the fold.

Far from being a "stone of stumbling," it has been in some cases a veritable landmark pointing the way into God's own country, the Holy Church.

But whatever may be the view of Purgatory held by outsiders, the faithful—those who are truly faithful—know that no doctrine of the Church is more consoling and no exercise more fraught with grace to the living than the practice of prayer for the dead.

CHURCHES DESTROYED BY LOUISIANA HURRICANE

From the Morning Star, New Orleans Never, perhaps, has more widespread destruction been wrought among the churches of the Archdiocese of New Orleans than through the hurricane that swept Louisiana on September 29.

The Catholic asylums fared badly in the hurricane and, poor before, they are suffering keenly now. Those damaged badly include the Convents of the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Good Shepherd Convent, St. Alphonsus and Mount Carmel Asylums.

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Elizabeth's and Camp Street Asylums all were hurt badly by the storm.

Sad indeed was the fate of St. Alphonsus' Asylum. It seems only yesterday that we chronicled the destruction of the dome of this institution by a cyclone while in course of erection.

MORE CONVERTS FROM ANGLICANISM

LAST BROTHER OF ANGLICAN CALDEY RECEIVED INTO BENEDICTINE ORDER

London, Sept. 20.—Amongst recent converts is Mr. Cox of Brighton, brother of the well known Anglican rector of that fashionable resort, who was converted two years ago and has since returned to attend a Catholic parish not far from his old parish.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Ottawa, October 15, 1915.

The Census and Statistics Office issued to day its monthly report on the field crops of Canada, based upon returns made by crop-reporting correspondents at the end of September.

YIELD OF PRINCIPAL GRAIN CROPS For wheat, oats, rye and flax the provisional estimate now issued show yields higher even than those reported a month ago; but in the case of barley and oats the present estimate is less than that of August 31.

CONDITION OF ROOT CROPS

The condition of root crops at Sept. 30, measured against a standard of 100 as representing a full crop, is for all Canada 78 for potatoes, 85 for turnips, 87 for mangolds, carrots and sugar beets, 88 for fodder corn and 88 for alfalfa.

porters back. The censor has wiped out most of its vaporings, but from what remains it seems that there is a "religious revival among anti-clericals," at which it is horrified.

ALL SAINTS

There is something especially appealing to the Catholic heart in the Feast of All Saints. One may find many reasons for the thrill that comes every year as the first notes of the beautiful office of the day are sounded.

Now the Church is not behind the world in this devotion to the great of soul. She has her heroes. And even the world cannot keep pace with them in numbers.

How vivid does this feast day make the next life. It reveals the link binding us from earth to heaven. How real is the hope of reward as we recall that these whose glory we celebrate on this day were our friends in life.

All Saints, therefore, is of a special beauty to us inasmuch as it is our own feast by anticipation. If these our friends, our relatives, have saved their souls why not we? It was a struggle with them sometimes to choose the better way.

NEW ATTEMPT

TO WEAN CATHOLICS FROM THEIR FAITH

Rome, Sept. 22, 1915.—One still has frequent news of the devotion of the Italian chaplains at the front and of the sound religious feeling among the troops, but at the same time one cannot neglect to read notices on the other side.

RECITAL

Mr. Arthur George, the well-known Canadian baritone, who made such a favorable impression on Catholic audiences by his artistic interpretation of the baritone solos in Dubois' Seven Last Words, under the baton of the renowned director, Rev. W. Finn, C. S. P., contemplates giving a recital in Foresters' Hall, Toronto, on Thursday, November 4, in aid of the Canadian horses at the front, under Mrs. Stewart Houston.

Mr. Thos. George is to be the accompanist on this occasion.

DIED

FERLEY.—In St. Catharines, Ont., Oct. 2nd, 1915, Patrick Feeley. May his soul rest in peace.

DALY.—At her late residence, 392 MacLaren St., Ottawa, on Oct. 10th, 1915, Mrs. Patrick Daly, formerly Miss Catherine O'Keefe, for many years a resident of Almonte. Requiem High Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's church, Almonte, on Oct. 12th, by Rev. W. E. Kavanagh, P. P., interment being made in St. Mary's cemetery, near Almonte. May her soul rest in peace.

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