LIGHT

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

November the month of the Poor souls, —the holy and helpless souls in Pargatory. Friends of God they are, who can not approach Him ex-opt through us. Our suff ages are the only key of Pargatory. By our pray-ers and good works offsred for the dead we not only loosen their bonds, we also speed the satisfaction of God's justice and advance the com-pletion of His work of love. Parga-tory, writes Father Elliot in the histonary, is the "novitiate of heaven;" and he goes on to say : "When you pray for the dead you are the novice master of a beatific soul, and you are earning his first suffrage when he enters into his testernal bils. "In many cases you are paying

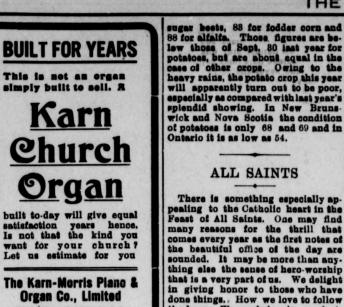
"In many cases you are paying your share of a joint debt; for you have been an accomplice in his guilt. But your contribution is meed of loving remembrance, whilet his share is a blood offering. In all cases you do a cumulative work of brotherly love. You feed the hungry with the bread of hops ; you give drink to e soul thirsting for the living God ; you clothe a naked soul with a robe of peace; you harbor the harborless soul in an casis of refreshment; you visit a sick spirit and lay his fevered head on the cool pillow of your af fection; you ransom the captive of God's righteous anger ; you bury the dead and sinful past of a memory tortured by remore. Add to this that you place to your credit a rich deposit against the sad day of your own detention

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 out-side the Fold. Rightly directed reason now finds it as acceptable to the intellect as it is consoling to the heart. Mr. W. H Mallock forcibly writes of it:

'As to this doctrine of Pargatorywhich has so long been a stumbling block to the whole Protestant world -time goes on, and the view men take of it is changing. It is becom-ing fast recognized on all sides that it is the only doctrine that can bring belief in future rewards and pun ishments into anything like accord ance with our notions of what is just and reasonable. So far from its being a superfluous superstition, it is seen to be just what is demanded at once, by reason and morality; and a belief in it to be not only an intellectual assent but a partial harmon izing of the whole moral idea."

Far from being a "stone of stumbl ing," it has been in some cases a veritable landmark pointing the way into God's own country, the Holy Church. A convert Chief Justice of England declared that it was the doc trine of Purgatory which first led him to investigate the Catholic claims. "Purgatory to me," he said, "embodies the idea of reform which runs through the whole system of human jurisprudence. The offender against the law is given an opportun-ity to make reparation for his offence nd Divine Justice like human jus tice is thus fully satisfied."

But whatever may be the view of Purgatory held by outsiders, the faithful-those who are truly faith ful-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. It puts in our debt souls who have forever lost the now placed at 336,258 000 bushels power to be ungrateful. They who plead for remembrance, can they forget us who heed their petitions? Whether it is that their prayers are so availing for us, or whether it is that God takes it upon Himself in a that God takes it upon Himself in a special manner to reward those who are mindful of the dead, certain it is that the faithful who are greatly devoted to the soul's departed are greatly favored by grace. Here, then is an opportunity not to be ignored. With is a form of charlier in which we can be engaged at every moment of the day, and which has the advantage of keeping constantly before our eyes the gravity of even those deliberate yield is 481.085,000 bushels from and vanial offences which entail such serious penalties at the hands of Him into whose presence nothing unde-filed can enter."—Ave Maria.





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

Sad indeed was the fate of St. Alphonsus' Asylum. It seems only gold. yesterday that we chronicled the de-struction of the dorm tory of this institution by a cyclone while in course of erection, when very near completion. This loss of over \$15,000 has been added to by the further damage on Wednesday last, entailing a loss of upward of \$18,000.

MORE CONVERTS FROM ANGLICANISM

LAST BROTHER OF ANGLICAN CALDEY RECEIVED INTO BENEDICTINE

ORDER

London, Sept. 20.—Amonget recent converte is Mr. Cox of Brighton, brother of the well known Anglican resall that these whose glory we celebrate on this day were our friends in life. Many of them we walked with and talked with; many were our ancestors in a long ago age and in a distant country. Their blood is flow-log through these bodies of our cenrector of that fashionable resort. who was converted two years ago a since returned to attend a Catholic parish not far from his old parish Mr. Cox was president of an organi-zation known as the "Jatholic Socie-ty" which was a High Anglican concern, and his conversion, while turies after they themselves have passed into dust. As they were, so are we. We have the same trials to contend with, the same temptations giving great pleasure to his brother has hit the Anglicans very hard. to the sins that would deprive us of Brother Anselm, the last Anglican Caldey monk, whose conversion was a place in the roll of honor in God's Kingdom. And we have the same reported a week or two back, was helps, the same power unto sternal this week received into his old com munion, now the real Benedictines of Caldey. life. hope All Saints, therefore, is of a specia

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 cor-respondents at the end of Septem-bas ber.

YIELD OF PRINCIPAL GRAIN CROPS

and sin. But they won the battle against themselves. Are we not as strong as they with the same helps which God offers us? Surely All Saints is to us the feast of hope. For wheat, oats, rys and flax the And so we lift our voices in the provisional estimate now issued show yields higher even than those re-Church's hymns of praise to the flower of our human family. But it is not only a day of praise; it is a day of intercession. The doctrine of the Comported a month ago ; but in the case of barley and cate the present estimunion of Saints assures us that the saints in heaven can help us by their now placed at 836,258 000 bushels from 12 986 400 acres, representing pravers. Is it not a most wonderful loctrine that we may invoke the whole an average yield per acre of 25 89 bushels. This total is 174 978 000 court of heaven and enlist it in our work of sanctification ?-The Pilot.

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 form of charity, in which we cent. in excess of the annual among the troops, but at the same time one cannot neglect to read notices on the other side. There are not many of them, nor are they just 1,365 000 acres, an average per acre of 42 33 bushels. Barley comes out at 50 868 000 bushels from 1,509,850 now of any value, but one comes across them now and again. For infrom 112 300 acres, or 22 07 bushels per acre and flaxseed 12 604 700 bushels from 1,009,000 acres, or 12.48 bushels per acre. In the three Armonia from Verona draws attem bushels per acre. In the three northwest provinces the estimated yield of wheat is 804,200,000 bushels tion to astivity in this direction among the soldiers at the front. All about the roads in the neighborbood of the barracks and anywhere and of oats 305,680,000 bushels. The remaining grain crops of Canada, whose yields are now reported on for the first time this year, are as follows: peas 3,240,400 bushels from 196,210 acres an average of 16.62 is directed against the spread of the gospels among the troops which has been carried out by the Society of St. bushels per acre; beans 594,000 bushels, 43 310 acres, 13 71 bushels per acre; buckwheat 8,101 000 bushels, 843,800, acres, 28 5 bushels per acre; Jerome for the Diffusion of the Gospels. In any case the Osservatore does not think that this effort is mixed grains 17 128 500 bushels going to have any effect among the 466.800 acres. 36 69 bushels per acre : troops, who are showing daily how the war has quickened in them the corn for husking 14 594 800 bushels, 253 300 acres, 57 62 bushels per acre. feeling of the true religion-their re-ligion-for there is nothing more In arriving at these estimates cartain deductions have been made for true than that if you rob an Italian of his Catholic faith you rob him of quantities reported as destroyed by the weather in the province of Ontatio, chiefly sprouting in stock all faith. That there is Protestant activity is a fact, and not only at the through the excessive rains during August. These deductions do not front. Anyone here in Rome who goes for an afternoon walk under the walls of the Trinita dei Menti to-wards the Pincio may find himself represent a total loss, as the sprouted grain will be used for feeding. They amount on the average to 11 per cent. of the total crops for wheat, 9 per cent. for cats, 8.5 per cent. for peas, and 6 per cent. for beans. The Catbolic asylums fared badly in the hurricane and, peor before, they are suffering keenly now. Those damaged badly include the Convents of the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Good Shepberd Cenvent, St. Alphonsus' and Mount Carmel Asylums. The latter had the roof of one of its buildings destroyed. St. Vincent's Baby Asylum, the St.

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sugar bests, 83 for fodder corn and 88 for alfalfa. Those figures are be-lew those of Sept. 80 last year for potatoes, but are about equal in the case of other crops. Owing to the heavy rains, the potato crop this year will apparently turn out to be poor, especially as compared with last year's splendid abowing. In New Bruns-wick and Nove Scotia the condition of potatoes is only 68 and 69 and in Ontario it is as low as 54. 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-cleri-cals," at which it is horrified. But we shall have to wait till the war is finished to find out if there is any thing left of the "anti-clericalism" which has been so long the bane of Italy, and the Masonic intrigue of Italy, and the Masonic intrigue of which, truth to tell, the Osservatore

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Remano discovers dangerous symp-toms every day-though there is no indication of them on the surface.-New World.

RECITAL

Mr. Arthur George, the wellknown 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. ing remembrance the man that in time stood above his fellows The herces of war, the herces of Stuart Houston. Mr. George will be assisted in his recital by Mr. Ernest Seitz, who as a pupil of the famous Russian Shevinne, needs no introducpeace, the orators, the statesmen, the poets, the doers of charity, there is a long roll of them which the world is continually picking out in letters of tion as a gifted pianist.

Toronto is to be congratulated on Now the Church is not behind the having two such artists in her midst -that she appreciates the fact is world in this devotion to the great of soul. She has her heroes. And even the world cannot keep pace apparent from the generous support which is being given on all sides by with them in numbers. The Litany of the Saints, long as it is, is but the patrons of so worthy a cause and by lovers of the Divine Art. introduction to her bead roll. The Mr. Thos. George is to be the men and women that she names are accompanist on this occasion.

countless, and then lest she might forget even one soul that has attained the fame of eternal life she makes this feast of All Saints to call to our DIED mind the remembrance of the whose names may be forgotten with

FERLEY .- In St. Catharines, Ont., us but whose good works God re-Oct. 2nd, 1915, Patrick Feeley. May How vivid does this feast day make the next life. It reveals the link his soul rest in peace. DALY .- At her late residence, 392 binding us from earth to heaven How real is the hope of reward as we

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 Kavanegh, P. P., interment being made in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery, near Almonte. May her soul rest in peace.

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In the city alone four churches have been completely demolished. These were St. Cecilia's, the Star of the Sea, the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and St. Dominic's, while numbers of others are almost wrecked.

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