

trenches, hospitals, casualty clearing stations, in fact every arm of the service and every avenue in which it may be found. Above all, he will appeal for more chaplains, of whom there is still a dearth, and he will also see to the distribution of existing chaplains, who are at present too frequently grouped at the bases and hospitals.

CATHOLIC SOLDIERS

STATE CHAPLAIN BLESSES WORK FOR OVERSEAS BROTHERS

St. Peter's Cathedral, London, August 20, 1917. Mr. J. L. Murray, State Deputy, Knights of Columbus, Renfrew:

Worthy State Deputy—I have learned with great joy of the work which the Knights of Columbus, of Ontario, have done, and propose still to do, for the spiritual welfare of our gallant Catholic soldiers, who are serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force overseas. The splendid financial assistance given by the State Council in May to the Overseas Chaplain Fund is now to be supplemented by a province-wide campaign, during the week beginning September 23rd, by which I trust that many thousands of dollars will be provided for a branch of our military service that has been so far almost, if not entirely, overlooked. I have instructed my clergy to urge upon their people the religious duty of generous response to the appeal that will be made to them by the Ontario Knights of Columbus.

It does not seem to me that many words are necessary to set forth in a most unanswerable way the obligation that rests upon us all at the present moment. Fifty of our priests, and many more than fifty thousand of our Canadian Catholic brothers are serving us in a Great Cause on the battlefields of Europe. They look to us for practical assistance that the most ordinary and necessary spiritual blessings of their Holy Faith may be provided for them in the most trying and critical hours, and that some moderate opportunity be afforded them of practising their religious duties and of meeting together occasionally under the auspices of their common Faith. To provide huts, chapel tents, and the most meagre equipment for them will require a large sum of money. I thank God that the Knights of Columbus have taken the matter in hand, and I pray Him to bless their efforts most abundantly for the sake of our brothers who are separated from us, and who will profit so much spiritually from anything we may do in their behalf. With my most cordial blessing and good wishes to the State Officers and the Knights of Columbus of your jurisdiction.

I remain, Worthy State Deputy, Yours fraternally in Xto. M. F. FALLON, Bishop of London, State Chaplain.

EDUCATION

CARDINAL O'CONNELL'S ADVICE TO CATHOLIC TEACHERS

What is education in the end but the preparation for life? And what is life? Here begins the confusion which ends in the destruction of the very primary principles of education. If life is but the passing chance of material happiness and sensual enjoyment, a materialistic philosophy will frame its base of education upon that degraded foundation and the schools will turn out monsters with neither mind nor soul.

If the conception of life be utilitarian the schools will turn out money machines. If the scope of life be considered merely intellectual acumen, the schools will develop clever criminals. All these views of life are radically or essentially false, and therefore every system of education built upon them as a foundation is radically and essentially false. The truest philosophy of the world has ever known, after its investigations, its experiments, its reasonings and its deductions, has always knelt at the feet of religion for its final answer to the all-absorbing question: What is life? And religion the world over, under whatever name, in whatever guise, has ever been the only exponent of a sufficient answer to this question.

Here again, though all religions differ in their definiteness of response, they all agree in this, that somehow, in some way, man is not meant for this world alone and that life in its fullest sense is more than mere thought or intellect or mind, and that that indefinable something which men call "soul," and which is more than mind, is at the very basis of each individual human being. But there is only one in all the world who has taught humanity what life really is, whence it comes and what its destiny is. Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life, revealed to a world which had wandered into every realm of false philosophy and false belief the only true conception of existence and destiny. To know, to love and to serve God whatever our position, wherever we are and whatever we do, this is the sublime and only answer to questioning humanity.

His Church alone has held true to His answer. She loves every revelation of true science, because it reveals to her more clearly the knowledge of Him who is all truth. Firm as the pillar and ground of truth, she watches unmoved the vain speculations of idle dreamers, who to-day are

famous and to-morrow are forgotten. She has sent forth her children, her Apostles, her priests and her holy religious into all lands to learn as well as to teach, and they have weeded out and sifted all that human learning and research have gathered and have woven into a solid and compact system those principles upon which the very best and noblest education must rest securely for all the ages to come.

Again and again restless minds, tired of the solemn grandeur of perennial principles, have rushed into novelties and experiments, but again and again they turned, tired of their vain search, and have sat down at the feet of the Eternal Master. This country has had its share of fruitless experimentalists. The pendulum has swung far almost to the point of escape, but let us look around us and take courage from the open and public declarations which to-day the men of education here and about us have the honesty and sincerity and, let me add, the courage to proclaim. They are tired of mere experimentalism, and the parents and society at large are even more weary than they, and they are returning a wiser if sadder group of men from the fruitless search after the famous intellectual Eldorado to the simple and solid principles of centuries ago, adopted and used by the Catholic Church; namely, that true learning and real education consist in the building up of the whole man, and in that rebuilding the structure of the moral edifice must have an infinite preponderance and care. So you who form the teaching body of the Church in its scholastic branches, learned priests, members of the great religious Orders whose history is the story of education, stand firm in a fearless conservation with the Eternal Mother of truth as your guide. While clinging tenaciously and rigidly to the wisdom which she had wrested from the ages, accept only that which is really an acquisition from what the present offers.

St. Benedict, St. Thomas, St. Ignatius, St. Joseph Calasanz, St. John de la Salle, the great founders and world famed professors of the grand universities of Europe and the illustrious organizers and framers of common school education! What has a later world to offer that can compare with the learning, the wisdom, the sound judgment and the magnificent devotion of these intellectual glories of the Church and humanity?

What other men in all the world have conferred such lasting good upon all society as these truly great educators? I am not arguing for a standstill attitude. I know the value of progress well, but I also know that not everything that calls itself progress is truly such and that not infrequently the man who has mistaken his path is far wiser to turn back to the secure road rather than lose himself irretrievably and to no purpose in the growing entanglement which leads to nowhere. I am firmly convinced that in some instances we have been rather inclined toward the influence of experimentalism, of which the atmosphere all about us is full, and that we have been too sensitive of being considered old-fashioned.

Let us stop and seriously ponder what these new fashions have produced. What are their fruits? Formerly universities turned out men of solid learning with minds solidly grounded in the principles of a real knowledge of the best literature of the age, and with what is even of more value, a profound and habitual love of study. What they knew they knew well and their knowledge, if not embracing every ephemeral theory, was thoroughly broad and comprehensive. Their minds were fitted for whatever speciality they afterward chose to pursue. Their culture was, as it were, pyramidal, with the foundation, broad and secure of both mind and character, and upon this foundation they laid a superstructure of refinement and cultivation which pointed ever upward as it rose. The classics were household friends. They thought as well as read, and they could write something well worth the reading. There was a dignity accompanying their learning which gave them nobility of thought as well as refinement of manner.

What have we now in the place of this? The foundations are abbreviated and curtailed until indeed so little is left of them that whatever is afterward built upon them, no matter how high it may reach, is in perpetual danger of tottering. Modern educators are in perpetual labor in their endeavors to invert the pyramid, with the manifest result that each successive stratum added only makes the structure more feeble, and what is still worse, the pyramid is pointing downward. It is time to invert the process and return to the normal methods. There is such an attempt at futile general culture that solid training is being overlooked, with the result that instead of a compact, well-constituted organism of knowledge, moral as well as mental, there is a spreading out of a thin veneer over so large a surface that it takes but a short time and little wear to penetrate through the thickest part of it. It is principles, principles, principles, the foundation-stones of life, which are needed to-day. The mere glow of satisfaction which comes on the day of graduation is soon dissipated in the rough-and-tumble of life unless those principles of the moral and intellectual order are laid so deep and strong that even if for a moment they are slightly disturbed they can never be really moved or shaken.

Train up minds and hearts to the knowledge and service of God. Send forth from your schools men and women knowing well what they know. Give to the Church and to the State what both have a right to expect from you, faithful hearts grounded fixedly in Catholic faith and devotion, and citizens, who, next to God, will love their country so well that to serve it faithfully and loyally will be to them the greatest of earthly honors.—N. Y. Sun.

APPEAL TO CATHOLICS OF ONTARIO

THE OVERSEAS CHAPLAINS CALL FOR HELP

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PROPOSED CAMPAIGN WEEK TO RAISE FUNDS

In successive issues of this paper, in the last couple of months repeated reference has been made to the necessities of the Catholic chaplains from Canada who are with the overseas forces. Notice has also been given to articles from the pen of Major (Rev.) J. L. O'Gorman, of Ottawa, one of the chaplains from Canada, who was wounded on the battlefield in France, and who is still under medical care, as a result of shrapnel injury. Father O'Gorman can speak with authority; he knows the circumstances.

There is to-day no appeal to Catholic generosity more compelling than the clarion call for help, coming from the Canadian Catholic chaplains. From the training camps of England and from the blood crimsoned soil of France and Belgium, the call reaches us. An organized effort to respond, it is our pleasure to say, is being prepared by the Knights of Columbus of Ontario, and under their direction donations will be sought for from every Catholic man, woman and child in this province.

Thorough preparation for a whirlwind week of campaign and collection is being made, and State Deputy J. L. Murray of Renfrew, advises that the Knights of Columbus intend putting forth a strong effort. The Order in Ontario has already subscribed approximately \$7,000.00 for the overseas chaplains. Not at all content to stand idle recognizing the necessities of the case, Mr. Murray says that, by authority of the Supreme Convention, a regular minimum tax of \$2 per member will be imposed during campaign week, which by the way, is September 23rd to 29th. The proposed tax on members of the Knights of Columbus will account for \$15,000.00 more, a very creditable contribution indeed, but as the Ontario State Deputy points out, thousands and thousands of dollars are further needed, and the Catholics of Ontario should consider it a duty to contribute.

There should indeed be a generous response to the appeal. There are today thirty-two Canadian Catholic chaplains with the Canadian Forces in France, besides those in the training camps in England. These worthy priests are facing the horrors and dangers of war to give spiritual comfort to the brave troops who are fighting our battles overseas, and amid the terrible carnage they are struggling to win souls for Christ. In their work they are dependent on the good-will of other denominations or associations for shelter in which to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, to hear confessions, and perform other sacred functions devolving on them. As the readers of this paper know, the functions of the Catholic chaplains are of vital importance to the thousands of sons of Canadian Catholic fathers and mothers.

The chaplains have had no huts or tents of their own, and each chaplain out of his own pay has so far personally provided the necessary articles of religion, including altar breads, altar wine, candles, linens, etc., as well as rosaries, crucifixes, medals, etc., for distribution among the soldiers. Surely that condition will not be allowed to continue.

Some readers ask why has no appeal been made long since. Father O'Gorman says:

"If no Canadian chaplain had appealed to Canada for assistance, it was because the chaplains wished first to devote all their spare efforts to get a sufficient number of Catholic chaplains overseas, and above all, to secure that the Catholic Canadian chaplains should not be under a Protestant director of chaplain services, but under an official head of their own. Their efforts towards a reorganization of the chaplain service proved successful. With four Catholic chaplains appointed to every Canadian Division, one to each Casualty Clearing Station and one to each group of hospitals and provision made for Railway Troops and other auxiliary units, the Canadians in France are as well provided with chaplains as any soldiers in the world. There is room for additional chaplains for the newer units in France, but those will be and are being supplied. A British Catholic chaplain is never required to do any work other than attend to the spiritual interests of his Catholic soldiers."

Now the appeal is being made, and the direction of the campaign for funds is in the hands of the Knights of Columbus, the leading Catholic lay organization in Ontario. The Apostolic Delegate, in a recent letter regarding the matter says: "The appeal of the Rev. Father Workman, O. F. M. C., Assistant Director of Chaplain Services (R. C.)

about to be conveyed by you to the Knights of Columbus, in order to obtain assistance for the Catholic Chaplain Service of the Canadian Overseas Forces, will, I am sure, receive a prompt and effective response. The Knights have always made it their chivalrous duty to further the interests of religion wherever and whenever most necessary. Their generosity in seconding the effort of Catholic chaplains working for the welfare of soldiers in the Canadian Forces will be most praiseworthy."

His Grace Archbishop Spratt, of Kingston, writing to State Deputy Murray endorses the proposed campaign in these words:

"It is with sentiments of very great satisfaction that I give my most willing approbation to the project of the campaign about to be launched by the Knights of Columbus, for the purpose of securing funds to provide for the spiritual needs of chaplains and soldiers overseas."

"I am conversant with the difficulties confronting the chaplains at the training camps; where no provision is made for shelter in the way of temporary chapels or huts, wherein they may celebrate Mass, and attend to the spiritual needs of the soldiers."

"This grand move, then, on the part of the Knights, is highly commendable and merits the generous support of clergy and laity. It will undoubtedly solve a very perplexing problem that has been before us for some time."

"Praying that you may meet with the success that so worthy an enterprise deserves, and assuring you of our substantial support."

Considering the circumstances, the proposed campaign should indeed meet with success. It is the call of the hour, and the Catholics of Ontario will undoubtedly respond generously. The funds raised will be remitted to and expended under the direction of Lieut.-Col. Rev. W. T. Workman, Director General Catholic Chaplain Services, London, England; Major Rev. F. L. French, Assistant Director Catholic Chaplain Services, in the Field, France; and Major Rev. J. J. O'Gorman, Ottawa.

PACIFIC INFLUENCE OF POPES

LINGARD

In His "History of England," Vol. II, Chap. 2

"Writers have not always sufficiently appreciated the benefits which mankind derived from the pacific influence of the Roman Pontiffs. In an age which valued no merit but that of arms, Europe would have been plunged in perpetual war had not Pope after Pope labored incessantly for the preservation or restoration of peace. They rebuked the passions and checked the extravagant pretensions of sovereigns. Their character, as the common fathers of Christians, gave to their representatives a weight which no other mediator could claim; and their legates spared neither journey nor fatigue to reconcile the jarring interests of countries, and interpose the olive of peace between the swords of contending armies."

QUIZOT

In His "History of Civilization in Europe."

"By methods of various kinds the Church strived to check the tendency of society to violence and continual wars. It is a matter of notoriety that by the Truce of God, and many measures of the same kind, the Church struggled against the employment of force, and devoted herself to the introduction into society of a greater degree of order and mildness. These facts are so well known that I am spared the trouble of entering into detail regarding them."

FATHER FRASER'S CHINESE MISSION

Taichowfu, China, Nov. 26, 1916

Dear Readers of CATHOLIC RECORD

That your charity towards my mission is approved by the highest ecclesiastical authorities of Canada let me quote from a letter from His Excellency, The Most Rev. Peregrinus F. Stagni, O. S. M., D. D., Apostolic Delegate, Ottawa: "I have been watching with much interest the contributions to the Fund opened on behalf of your missions by the CATHOLIC RECORD. The success has been very gratifying and shows the deep interest which our Catholic people take in the work of the missionary in foreign lands. . . I bless you most cordially and all you laborers, as a pledge my earnest wishes for your greatest success in all your undertakings." I entreat you to continue the support of my struggling mission, assuring you a remembrance in my prayers and Masses.

Yours faithfully in Jesus and Mary, J. M. FRASER. Previously acknowledged... \$11,472 25 Reader of RECORD, Mabou. 2 00 Subscriber, Phelpsston..... 1 00 Mary King, South Nelson..... 1 00

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