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K. OF C. WAR ACTIVITIES

Washington, D. C., December 20.— That the Knights of Columbus, representing the Catholics of this country, has been recognized by the American military authorities in France as an official agency for welfare work among the soldiers of the American Expeditionary Force, is the word which had reached the Knights of Columbus Committee on War Activities from Walter N. Kornan, Knights of Columbus Commissioner abroad by cable and was necessarily brief, but it is an assurance that the delays which have impeded the progress of than that which has marked the social, recreational and religious work undertrises by this organization in the encappments and captan ments of this country.

Mr. Kommer.

Mr. Kornan expects to return to America in the near future to make some necessary arrangements which can only be completed in this country. It is the intention of Mr. Kornen to emist the services of a staif of computent held scenetaries for work abroad, and the staff of Reights of columbus ausitiany chaplains will also be intermed. Several of these chaptains are already in France, but was impossible for them to work obean secured official recognition of the work from General Pershing. However, this handlerp has been overcome, and there is every assurme that there will be a grave reed or American private, who will be parrened at the Knights of Columbus equention centers in the same capaor as that of the pust chaplains in its colorier, and who will supple-put the week of the Catholic chapine who have been commissioned Government, and who are

coute to Premes Mr. Kornan pot in Bustend, whose he spant a rime contacting with people have have promisently identiich war rettet work and paroicthese may be mentioned dward Byw, head of the Cutonian perers, which is England's counterof seriology. Others will also volun-be sen in law Lord Computer: E. Verses World, of the Cathelic Encyclosude: Seed Cox, Sir Charles Encyclosude: Seed Cox, Sir Charles rescall. Her. Arthur Stenley, head of the English Red Cross, and others

the engine and cross and conserving are interested in this work.

Mr. Kernan also reports that be received a great deal of valuable estance in England from Major Parene of the American Red Cross; Carries of the Armstrain less closes, on the Sir Swe'yn Ffragerald, General Arlson of the War Department, and firs. Happ, president of the English outlieffe Wessen's Society. Unforgantely, Cardinal Bauene was away

Knights of Columbus have made in there work among the soldiers and swilors stationed in the United States and be realized when it is taken into didly represented in the Union Army consideration that at present seventythree recreation buildings have been ergeted and equipped in the various itany and naval training camps. hairly and equipment, such as piono-players, tables, furniture, chairs, prophrophones and other fittings, total arge than \$150,000. The salaries of the forty five chaplains stationed in the American camps amount to about \$60,000 a year, and the traveling expenses and salaries of the eight chaplains already in France will total about \$30,000. Uniforms, transportation and salary of 160 secretaries adds \$175,000 a year to the budget.

The number of chaplains and secre-taries is necessarily being increased daily, and a very large number will be required for the work in France. It is an undoubted fact that the French work, which is of more importance by far than that which is tion, especially for more priests and facilities to enable Catholic soldiers

private life is the Rev. Father Alexis he does not wish to be forgotten. Peter Richard, pastor of a Catholic parish in France. Father Richard is one of thousands of French priests one of thousands of French priests pathetic. No crueler stab could be ened, their belief in God. who have been serving in the French | inflicted on the recruit than the army, not as chaplains, but as enlist | thought that he was not rememed men. He is at present a member of an instruction party under the command of Lieut. Rossiguel, and is is quickly saddened when there is no stationed at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, nter in the trenches.

Father Richard, who has seen ser interested in the welfare work which is being done for the American soldiers under the auspices of the

Knights of Columbus. There is a great need for a work of this kind in France," he says, "and gives me great joy to learn that the Catholics of this country, with the co-operation of the American Government, have made such splenmen who must see military service The life of a soldier, especially in a strange country, is filled with tempta tions of all kinds, and the best way to safeguard the soldiers and to help them overcome these temptations, is through the means which the Knights

advice and encouragement, and the battle against evil will be more than American Catholies have good reason to be proud of the worl they are doing, and it is a beautiful example of the Apostolic spirit of that One True Faith, which has been left to us as our greatest heritage."

ITS CIVIL WAR HISTORY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Up-holding its splendid record for patrio-tic achievement, the University of Notre Dame, located at Notre Dame, Indiana, and recognized as the largin America and the largest boarding the names of six of its most prominent faculty members for appointment as chaplains in the National Army. This list includes the Rev. Dr. Mathew the recreational huts. Dr. George Finnigan, C. S. C., a mem-ber of the Holy Cross mission band ; the Rev. Dr. Enruest Davis, C. S. C., professor of chemistry, and the Rev. Dr. John McGina, C. S. C., professor

br. Wolsh is one of the best known Catholic educators in the United States and has frequently lecbared before prominent educational American historical works. Dr. O'Donnell is a poot of international reputation, and in addition to tacching English in the University, is associate catter of the Ave Maria. He has several books to his credit, including "The Dead Musician and Other Present" which others the different in the contract of Other Prems," which attracted the favorable attention of the American incheric Wessen's Society. Unfor-imately, Cardinal Easune was saway of the time Mr. Koczen was in Eng-nad, but he was cardially received to Indian," which he read at the to the Charceller, Monsigner Doly. For Figure Mr. Norman also received at the Panama Pacific Exposition. Dr. McGinn has long been prominently Mr. C. A. colicials. M. C. A. officials.

ently identified with the activities of the National Federation of Charities and has contributed largely to socio-

during the Civil War, many of its members serving as chaplains, while lay teachers and students distinin the ranks. The Rev. William Corby, C. S. C., afterwards president of the University, gave general abso-lution to the troops during the midst of the historic battle of Gettys-burg. Handreds of Notre Dame students and alumni are serving in the present War, and forty members of the graduating class of 1917 qualified for commissions. Several prominent Notre Dame alumni are serving with the Knights of Columbus Committee on War Activities, either as directors or field secretaries.

WRITE TO THE BOYS

A pastor of New York City fills up the pages of his little monthly magabeing done in this country, will also take a great deal more money. The field appears to be unlimited and calls are coming in from every directions are coming in from every directions. busy life to read each letter is comto attend to their religious duties. letters are, they are very much more The goal of \$3,000,000, which has important as the symbol of affection important as the symbol of affection important as the symbol of affection inventions and discoveries, inventions a been set for the present fund-raising been set for the present fund-raising been set for the present fund-raising pastor. They are the expression of the staken into consideration the end by the care and concern of the end of a love that will be deep end by the care and concern of the end of a love that will be deep end by the care and concern of the end of a love that will be deep end by the care and concern of the end of a love that will be deep end by the care and concern of the end of conviction, was a Catholic priest. with that which the Knights of Columbus have at their disposal. The undertaking is the greatest and the of his parish in the training camps of conviction, was a Catholic priest. The astronomer Galileo was a Catholic priest. worthiest ever assigned to the Catholics of this country, and special cefforts are being made in every State efforts are being made in every State can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can estimate the good it will accompany the department of the electric science can

The yearning face that turns

no lamentation, and no weeping in it. Abraham Lincoln once said that vice at Arras, Champagne, Verdun, Le Somme and L'Aisne, is greatly were the cause of the majority of the were the cause of the majority of the desertions during the Civil War. to the Catholic Saint Claire Deville. Let the talk of the vacant chair be In photography we would have to do deferred. The soldier need not be reminded of what he knows far better than the writer. He knows, too, what real pains and aches are. He does not want to read about Rather the letters should be full of thoughts that there is a pride that one so dear is doing what did efforts to protect the morals of others envy him the opportunity; the hundreds of thousands of young that separation in time and space cannot in the least betray the loving consideration that go out to him. This will hearten the soldier as nothing else could. It will keep up his spirits, or, as they say in military parlance, his morale. No disspirited troops ever won a battle. Every soldier may not have the baton of field

REPUDIATE GOD

In discussing the hostile attitude of extrain scientists towards all forms of religious halief, Father O'Hern dis-polled many delusions which many copie hug in their unwillingness to wlades a Supreme Being and to follow the rule of life which such a recognition would impose.

Infidel eccentists may be classified as follows: 1.—The would-be seientists who take themselves very spri-ously but have no standing in the world of science itself; 2.—These scientists who have readly great achievements to their credit, but who were se ongressed in physical re-search as to have had little time or understanding for things immeterial and spiritual; 3.—Such learned men as were good scientists but peer phil-The first class, who are indeed a noisy group, we can ignore. As for the second and third class, a number of reasons may be assigned to account for their unbelief.

Not a few scientists, despite their great achievements in certain departments of science, have had a one sided mental development. One who has studied chemistry exclusively may become a good apothecary, but sarily command consideration; and some sixty species of meakers deng-ling on a string without knowing much about human beings and their

Another prolific source of infidelity among some scientists is pride of in-tellect. How many are there who wish to receive the honor of being hailed as the originators of a new philosophy of life? They refused to accept simple and eternal truths because their acceptance enjoins a certain degree of humility. Fred-erick II. of Prussia aptly character ized such proud intellects of the eighteenth century when he said "These philosophers are nothing else than spoilt individuals whose vanity

God must be acknowledged, then a certain rule of life must be followed. Now there are some very able scientists who rebel against following this of life, and consequently they to convince themselves and others that there is no Lawgiver, no Supreme Judge. "No-Augustine, "denies never doubt His existence." It is, furthermore, a matter of record that their right senses. Voltaire, d'Alembert and Diderot shouted frantically for a priest on their deathbed, while other infidels like Montesquieu, Laharpe, Marmontel and Montagne

ment enough. Interesting as these letters are, they are very much more scientific achievement, most of those whose names are linked with great inventions and discoveries, were believing Catholics.

officts are being made in every State to secure its quota of the \$3,000,000 plish for the young soldier? To be fund in the shortest time possible.

An interesting visitor in the United States at present is Sergeant A. P. of the severest privations for the states at present is Sergeant A. P.

Richard of the French army, who in man in service. Above all things, chel, Lord Kelvin, Louis Pasteur

"If we were to eliminate," says Kneller, "all that which believing Christians have contributed to set ence, we would experience an awful is quickly saddened when there is no setback and face bankruptcy. In message from home. And it is easy that case you would have to extin-Texas, where American soldiers are to send a few cheery words. This is guish the electrical lights; for we being instructed in that peculiar the real panacea for the sad longing type of warfare which they will of the human heart. Let there be Catholics Volta and Ampere. We would have to go back to tallow candles, for we owe stearin to the Catholic Chevreul. Aluminum could In photography we would have to do without the important substance of collodium, for it comes from Schoen bein. In medicine we would have to get along without many important things, for example, without the progressive achievements which owe to Pasteur, the famous French scientist and loyal Catholic. Practically all of our modern chemistry would have to be re discovered and re invented. The case is similar with astronomy, the science of electricity and the other departments of natural Science.

This array of facts puts the matter of the hostility of individual scientists toward religion in a different light from that in which it is usually reflected. Those scientists who for some extraneous reason or another disbelieve in a Ged usually seek hences and popularity. They frequently write books and deliver lectures on religious subjects upon which they are not qualified to speak. They and their lesser initiators bold. ly announce their infidelity to the world, and some anthinking people get the impression that all sei are irreligious. In the moantim one hears little of the great pioneer or contemporary scientists, the great learned believers—the silent workers. The frogs in a good make all the noise, while the fish are quiet, and we call it a frog pand; we notice the noisemakers, but everlook the silent inhabitants.—Buffalo Echo.

MARY'S PART IN CHRISTMAS

BY CARDINAL WISEMAN

At this blessed season of Christmas, as we listen in fency to the angel songs, and lean with the simple shepherds by the manger cradle of the latent Redesmor, we mingle our edoration of the Indext with holy veneration of His Virgin Mother. Such devotion seems only natural, and in accordance with common conso, but for the assett of those who have been assessed in unreason. ing succession, and for the edification of Catholics of grand, we think we can not de lesses l'ana reproduct the following conds of Cardinal Wiceman, which felly express our conference, and express them for eloquencis than anything we could frame ourselves:

"If any one shall accuse me of

westing upon the Mother of my Saviour facings and affections which He hath jeolously reserved for Hin-self, I will appen from the charge to His judgment, and lay the cause before Him, at any stage of His blessed life. I will go unto Him at the Crib of Bethlehem, and acknowledge that, while, with the Kings of the East, l have presented to Him all my and frankinesses and myrrh, I have ventured, with the Shepherds, to pre-sent an hambler oblation of respect to her who was anduring the Winter's sects to play a role."

However, the real reason for the infidelity prevalent among certain scientists lies in the will, not in the intellect; in the heart, not in the intell frost in an machaltered stable, en-tirely for His sake. Or I will meet her house into the wilderness, for her faculties into play basides those of the intellect. If the existence of a and needs an angel to comfort her in her anguish (Gen., xxi, 17) I have not restrained my eyes from her whose fatigues and pain were a hundredfold increased by His, when I have sympathiced with Him in this His early flight, endured for my sins. Or I will appreach a more awful tri-bunal, and step to the foot of His body," eays St. Augustine, "denies God except he who would rejoice if there were no God." And the French infidel, Rousseau, acknowledged the following in his book "Emil":
"Live at all times so that you may wish there were a God, and you will never doubt His existence." It is glancing toward her whom I saw reglancing toward her whom I saw resignedly standing at His feet and sharing His serrows; and that know-ing how much Respha endured while some of those "great thinkers" who derided Christianity most, sang a different tune when suffering or approaching death brought them to Voltaire d'Alem. compassion for her, and had not withheld the emotions, which nature itself dictated, of love and veneration and devoutaffection toward her. And to the judgment of such a were converted before it was too late.

It must not be thought that the great scientists become infidels as a matter of course; quite the contrary in the course of the pludgment of such a Son I will gladly bow, and His meek mouth shall speak my sentence, and I will not fear it. For I have alreafy heard it from the Cross, addressed to me, to you, to Cross, addressed to me, to you, to all, as He said: Woman behold Thy

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On December 5th, the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America called to sacred orders several of its aspirant members. At the hands of Bishop Cusack of Albany, three of the students, Francis Xavier Ford,

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Anthony P. Hodgins, Subdeaconshin: and two others received Minor Orders.

To those who have at heart the conversion of the pagans, it is reassuring to note that America's preparations to place a mighty army for ocracy in Europe have not com pelled the abandonment of her noble purpose to send soldiers of Christ to heathen nations of Asia and

While helping to make the world safe for democracy, we can and should at the same time continue our efforts to make it safe for Christi anity. To bring the message of the Prince of Peace to the heathen is Maryknoll's mission, and we wish her Godspeed!

THE LITTLE GREEN ROAD TO THE CHURCH

The little green road to the church, It led thre' the miles of green wood, It sometimes was hard to be good; But mother would kiss and would send us.

And watch us a part of the way. And her sweet little, "Go! and God

bless you "-Oh, could I but beer it to day! The sky would come out bright and sunny

Just as we expected the storm The snow and the sleet of Nevember Often seemed cheery and warm. And the brook and the rills in the pastures,

The flowers growing childlike The fish 'neath the bridge were so

sportive-Twas mother's good wishes, no doubt! No matter how warm that the church

And too, and ne matter how cold, Whom we crossed ourselves back at

the font there We felt we were safe in the fold. When the good Fother come down to sprinkle He oft found us wet to the skin ;

We'd had our asperges while com-The river perhaps we'd foll in : I can see the old stepping stones

I chuckled thro' most of the Mass, But not with a spirit irreverent, It's long since; we'll just let it pass O, the little three miles of green road-

The birds all a-singing to kill. My mother a-waving her blessing As standing atop of the hill; The flowers that grew down by the

water, To pick them we'd surely be late : The bell with its silver tones, ringing. The priest at the senetuary gate;

Well! well! I am searcely as sprightly
As when I tripped home as a boy,
But the same flowers grow by the

wayside, And too, there is just the same joy! Only something is bothering me

greatly. Is it mother I miss with her bless

ing As standing atop of the hill? -DR. JAMES HENDE

DIED

Nash.—At Macleod, Alberta, on December 11, 1917, Mr. Richard J. Nash, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Nash, 489 Cooper street, Ottawa. May his soul rest in peace.

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