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THE BRIGHTER SIDE OF THE

GREAT WAR While on the fields of Europe the world's greatest empires struggle for God." first place in the sun, there are features that relieve the darkness of the vast war shadow and show the finger of God. The war has saved many souls from grave dangers. In peace, there had been a widespread disposition to act upon the principle that this life on earth was of prime importance and that the life beyond the grave was something that in its could be left to take care of itself. It had been an age of unparalleled preached, the truth is heard that many are called to this life. It is applied to the relief of the holy prosperity and proportionate forgetfulness of God. Religion, for a large number of people, had been placed on the list of things only seen on Sunday. That the principles of Christianity had any real concern ever believeth in Him may not perish prayer. Nor does the night bring of another." This doctrine is deals with business or politics, few people but may have life everlasting," (St. forgetfulness of Heaven. At mid. with by St. Augustine (De Civ Dei had any idea. Indeed, Christianity John 3, 16) God's love for us, our night when the world is askep or xx. ix), where he observes that the had come to be regarded by many duty of gratitude to Him and of love busy with pleasure the inmates of souls of the faithful departed are ligion chiefly intended for women not be escaped even by shunning a God. Then sleep claims them for a which is the Kingdom of Christ, and and children, for, as its critics claimed, it was impossible for an science tells us it is right to love our business of the day begins—the works of the living are helpful to average man to put its principles brethren. We may refuse to listen business of worshipping God. Out in the dead. into practice. Many even of those to the voice of conscience, but as the world, with its schemes of gain Indulgences are divided into per who made a point of listening every soon as we enter God's house, we are and pleasure and ambition, the name Sunday to Christian principles from confronted with this truth once more. of God is seldom heard, except in gences are those granted to a person the pulpis, had so diluted them that As we gaze at the solemn sacrifice of unfitting speech. But in the cloister whether physical or moral, for pious by the following day they could be the Mass, the Church's great central the name of God seems like a con- works. "Real indulgences" are safely employed without losing a act of worship, we are reminded of stituent of the air. So many prayers attached to a portable article, such single dollar. Money was the the world's great need for a Redeemer have been said here by pious lips, so as a rosary or medal. Local inworld'schief god. Next to the worship from its load of sin. Why did He many holy thoughts have been dulgences are immediately attached of money, chief stress was laid die upon the cross? It was for us fashioned here by holy souls, that to a place of piety, such as a church duty has been amply demonstrated upon anything that could possibly and for our salvation. By His satislead to money. The pursuit of money in itself was considered a race was rescued from slavery to a days. The world has deep sorrows which is among the conditions of mies of nationalist aspirations as showed how wealth was the fitting of God. In this friendship of God reward of competence and virtue. all men were to be brethren. They The idea that Satan had a finger in were to be linked in the bonds of as ever in the menace of danger or most financial accops of the day was | Christian unity by the sacramental death, there are moments when life | mit merely a certain part of the considered impolite and savoring of life. All Christians were to beknown seems a bitter thing : a sermon. Of course, there were by a distinguishing mark of mutual many people living splendid Chris- affection: "A new commandment," tian lives, often unknown by the said our Lord, "I give you, that you world and seeking no recognition, but worldliness was more widespread:

human soul, than at any period for their lives, and have passed to their And then the war broke out, and after all the long centuries, it would upon the spirit of the world a great seem that Satan had been permitted in a way that the world knows not. change fell. The call to Canada did to make one colossal effort to ruin not fall upon deaf ears. Who that the human race. Men blinded by travelled across this continent in the military ambition and financial greed early days of the war can forget have plunged great Empires in the these scenes of pathos and parting, most terrible war of history. The when from Pacific to Atlantic the Prussian war lords have ranged themstream of recruits was rallying to selves against all human liberty. Bethe call of duty? Who can forget tween the common people of the varithe cheering at the stations and the ous warring nations to-day there is no stalwars men of the prairie who boarded the trains, khaki-clad, bound Germany would use all efforts to for the front? Many were fresh concertamovement to shorten the war from the fields, where they had lived the venture could hardly fail to proin tents and shacks and their fine duce good fruit. It might mean color told of the outdoor life. Some some changes in several governments of them will never return. Scarcely of Europe. It might mean that the a place, from Vancouver to Halifax, common people of Germany would but has lost some familiar face. Yet obtain a larger measure of freedom with their record of heroism before than they have ever enjoyed hitherus, and with the knowledge of the to. Democracy is capable of great cloister. world's dangers from which some of achievements. In Germany sooner our boys were saved by an early or later the question will be asked death, who can help but feel that in What is Germany fighting for? Will

there was a greater carelessness

about the relations of God to the have made this the mainspring of

down his life for his friends? Is alism. There is a duty of loyalty, it ful, from the treasury of the superthere not something inspiring in the is true, but there is an even higher abundant satisfactory merits of Our dominions have risen to duty in the is a time when knowledge of men holy, and of the saints.

that scorns the name of fear.

One soul won for Heaven is worth many souls to Christ. Speaking on the war recently, the well-known Jesuit, Rsv. Father Vaughan said : "I earth have been God's gains up there beyond in Heaven. Listen to this and be satisfied I am telling you the truth : A young cavalry officer in the trenches, where, later on, he was blown to pieces, wrote to a friend, saying : 'If I am killed, as I expect to be, tell mother not to worry, because times in the history of the world but for this war she would never have had me with her in heaven; but this hell let loose has brought me to my senses and to my duties to

THE CHURCH'S WORK FOR

FINAL PHACE Though the divided state of Chrisdistance from practical concerns the world with forces that produce religious life there is a peace, a hap. suffrage. ever the story of His Incarnation love one another."

necessity for hate. If the labor men in God's providence it is all for the the German working man be a cent better off whatever be the outcome? Church that puzzle an outsider are "Those whom the gods love die It will be asked whether the war is indulgences. Strange misconcepyoung." So wrote the Greek post. not largely a means of enabling the tions prevail as to what they actually "Blessed are the dead who die in the war lords to draw dividends from are. When once, however, their true Lord," says the apostle. That must companies that make weapons of character is learned, few things in be our comfort when we think of slaughter. It is a time to do some the spiritual life are more attractive vanished faces, and of those now thinking. First and foremost of the and inspiring. So for the benefit of lying on the battlefield in the sleep facts that should be emphasized to inquirers, our theme shall be indulof death whom we should love to see day is that the common people of the gences. An indulgence is the reagain. What better record could a Teutonic nation have no real mission of the temporal punishment here have than to have fallen in cause for quarrel. Second, is the due to God for sins already forgiven battle for his country. What greater love can a man show than to lay synonymous with exaggerated nation. ecclesiastical authority to the faith-

reward among the blessed. Now

present war in the face of hardship, and motives is important. It is a letters to day show a spartan spirit national love and brotherhood of of war lords whose gods are their contains. The war has brought it to be? Militarism or Christian freedom? What higher privilege than the power to preach truth and liberty ?

> RELIGIOUS ORDERS AND THE WORLD-SPIRIT

If ever there was a time to thank God for the existence of religious orders, it is to day. There have been when practical persons, with a genius for reforming everything known or unknown, questioned the wisdom of retiring to a cloister and asked whether it was not far better to remain in the world and work for its have the gift of faith there is little need to emphasize the fact that no tendom renders it impossible for the higher life is to be found in the world granting indulgences both for the Church to exercise upon warring than the life of worship and prayer, living and the dead. The methods nations that measure of influence Those who have ever visited a of granting are different. Those for which her Founder wished her to monastery or convent have only to the living are granted by the mode wield, she is still able, like the leaven look at the faces of the inmates to of absolution, while those for the of our Lord's parable, to permeate know that for those adapted to the dead are granted by the mode of vast results. Wherever the gospel is piness that is not of this earth. Not Christ is the Prince of Peacs; wher- the narrow path of Christian perfec. souls in purgatory, for among Cathis told, the truth is learned that What a nearness to God it brings. saints. "We being many," says St. God so loved the world, as to give From morning to night, the religious Paul, (Rom. x. 45) " are one body in His only-begotten Son, that whose are bound to God by constant links of Christ and every one members one to all mankind, are truths that can the cloister arise for the worship of not separated from the Church, place of worship. Our own con- few brief hours, after which the for this reason the prayers and their influence seems to linger in the or altar or image, which is placed in by not only Mr. Redmond and Chief George. faction and merits, the fallen human place. We need such influences now-Satan and restored to the friendship to day. Husbands, and brothers and sons have gone to the war, and though the British spirit is dauntless

> Our world is passed away In wantonness o'erthrown. There's nothing left today But steel and fire and stone.

For more than nineteen hundred So sang Kipling in the early days about the great truths of religion, message of love, and countless souls years, the Church has preached this of the war. There have been dark hours for countless hearts since then. But in the cloister the shadow lift. Once more in the hely place of calm and contemplation we realize the true purpose and meaning of life more fervent days, and the mystery of life grows plainer. All around us in the cloister are holy souls, busy with prayer and meditation, preparing for the day when they will meet pleasure, as if it were a permanent peace. thing. But here in the cloister, we know the world at its true worth, a passing shadow; and we know that the proper vocation for every man, woman and child on earth is to prepare to be with God forever. We are pilgrims to a heavenly city. We may not on ascount of age see There is truth in the air of the our duty done by donning the khaki.

> WHAT IS MEANT BY INDULGENCES

Among the features of the Catholic way the British Empire and its duty of international brotherhood. It Lord Jesus Christ, of Mary most

Indulgences do not remit the guilt sponse given by the men at the achievements of these Irish soldiers, favor as regards the War seems unwithout a word of complaint? time for warring peoples to inquire of sin nor the eternal punishment. front. Letters from Great Britain seem all whether they are fighting for the These are remitted in the sacrament to breathe the same spirit of courage, truth or merely in blind obedience to of penance. After the guilt of mortal self-sacrifice and dauntless purpose. militaristic grafters who make a fat sin and its eternal punishment have tolerable disgrace. Hence we who risk of destroying the feeling of unity The nation of shopkeepers has be- living upon war. It is time to speak | been forgiven, the obligation of satiscome a nation of heroes. And what out straight truths. It is a question fying Divine Justice by some temheroines their women are! Their of which we shall support—the inter- poral punishment, to be undergone in this life or in the next, generally Christianity ? or the greed and graft remains. A temporal punishment is also the heritage of every venial sin, not objects of charity : and every more than all the wealth this world bank book and their belly. Which is and must in like manner be borne either here or hereafter. By the mercy of our Divine Saviour, there could the Christian Church enjoy is a method by which the faithful can be freed, either wholly or partiallike to think that our losses here on to broaden the scope of human ly, from these temporal punishments. This method consists of indulgences.

The Church grants indulgences by virtue of the fast that by the power of the keys she can apply to the faithful the satisfactions of Christ, of the Blessed Virgin, and of the saints. Christ offered for us infinite satisfactions. Then many of the saints did not need the satisfactions performed by them, or they performed more than were required to explate the temporal punishment due to their sins. Together with the satisfactions of God, these constitute the infinite improvement. For Catholics who satisfactions which the Church dis-

penses to the faithful. The Church has the power of

Indulgences may be gained and tion and suited only to the few, olic doctrines is the communion of

> sonal, real and local. Personal indulgaining the indulgence.

> Some indulgences are plenary, and penalty.

> It would take many pages to deand great variety of indulgences. Those who desire to learn more

SACRED AND PRESSING

The Patriotic Fund should be kept Once again there returns to us the at the high water mark. And we are clear, true vision, which gleamed in of the opinion that the heart of Canada will respond to the appeal for contributions as readily and as generously as it did to the appeal for recruits. One thing certain is that we are not doing our duty by reading their God. Out in the world, we had casualty lists, or deploring the inprobably half-forgotten our vocation | competence of military leaders, or by and had followed some ambition or predicting an early and victorious

> Duty bids us reflect that upon us who are not at the firing line, rests the responsibility of safeguarding from want the dependents of those who are somswhere at the front, enduring and battling that we may live. But, participants in this war, we are obliged to render service of some kind. To wrap oneself up in moneymaking, to shirk the duties of the hour, to be forgetful of everything but our own ease and comfort is to be poor and contemptible hangers on of civilization. To neglect our responsibility is to forswear the duty that is sacrosanct in the eyes of all who recognize the obligations as

And what are we asked to do? We

To allow a dependent to suffer through our fault would be an in- of a dangerous uniformity, run any stay at home must see to it that no which happily now existed." wife or mother shall be permitted to citizen whose blood has not been thinned by ignoble selfishness should at heart. regard the support of the Patriotic Fund as a means, a very easy me ans, by which to show his devotion to country.

IRELAND AND CONSCRIPTION Much misapprehension exists over the fact that Ireland is excluded from the operation of the Conscription Bill recently enacted by the British Parliament. A clear statement of the facts of the case may, therefore, be of interest.

Now, in the first place, the Conscription Bill was enacted to ensure the smooth working of the Derby were to be called first, and the Prime over, and time has sifted the multi-Minister pledged himself to the farious elements which have entered married men who attested that they into it, that the immensity of the would not be called up until all the task now in hand will be at all appresingle men had been enrolled. Now clated by the ordinary man. a certain number, probably about 250,000, of the single men did not make it possible for Mr. Asquith to example, summarized the conditions redeem his pledge it became necss- of the Iron trade in Sheffield. This,

come under the provisions of the by any contingency thrown out of that Ireland is not "doing her bit" and the cause of civilization would because she is excluded from the be jeopardized. It may be seen, clusion not warranted by the while every available man is called premises. The system of enlistment to the colors, the ranks of the skilled in Ireland and Britain are entirely workmen must not be broken. And different.

a certain spot and the visiting of Secretary Birrell, but by such ene-Bonar Law and Mr. Balfour. Ireremit the whole of the tamporal Army at the outbreak of hostilities. Since then, at a very moderate estimate, 95,000 had joined the forces fashion. Orders of unprecedented under similar conditions! Think it scribe the character and benefits The number of men rejected as of business rejected by them every medically unfit must also be taken week represents a fortune. One demns Pope Benedict for his vigorous into account. Taking everything order, which has just been refused, and heartfelt denunciation of the about them and at the same time to into consideration there are probequalled a year's output of a firm campaign of falsehood, calumny and acquire a really beautiful book of ably 80,000 of military age still left devotion, should consult the "Rac. to draw upon in Ireland. It should makers report that they often turn Irish manhood left her shores in the pared to buy nearly the whole of last century in Ireland over again, land.

has done remarkably well in the recruiting line. We must not forget that the past history of Ireland was Irish recruiting. The results of the recruiting campaign are at once a wonderful testimony to the breadth confidence and trust in the leader. ship of Mr. Redmond. Kitchener, as jointly, under Government superwe have seen in a former article, vision by the large firms. The pos-Lords, put the number at 75,000. "If." of soldiers of the boys from the done wonderfully well. Her solfessions may not feel the touch of war (cheers). It would be written throughout Germany, to face the in-

would sink deep into the national doubted. heart. Don't let them, for the sake

When the surplus of available to 80,000, it will then be time enough COLUMBA

NOTES AND COMMENTS

THE PROBLEM that confronts the statesmen of Great Britain in enlist ing a sufficient number of men for the prosecution of the War to a successful issue, and, at the same time in not unduly sapping the supply of skilled workmen for the maintenance of the industries of the country, ordinary or extraordinary, is not adequately appreciated by the generality of people either there or in this country. It is a problem of the greatest gravity, requiring an amount of skill, forethought and de-Scheme. The Derby recruiting liberation quite beyond the compresystem is what is known as the "de- hension of the many, and requiring ferred" system. That is, the re- the nicest adjustment of its parts. cruits pledged themselves, not to It is easy, in the face of a great immediate service, but to rally to calamity, to quarrel with the states the colours when called upon, manship of those in power, but it Under this system the single men will not be until the great conflict is

A WELL informed writer in a recent sary to get these men to enlist. And it is scarcely necessary to say, is one the present crisis its degree of im-The Derby system of recruiting portance is magnified many times. in that country. Therefore it nature efficiency of her own Army and not ally followed that Ireland did not less so those of her Allies. Were it hall it with glad hearts. Compulsory Bill. So that to argue gear the welfare of the whole nation Conscription Act is to jump at a conthat is the delicate problem which has been confided mainly to the energy and sagacity of Mr. Lloyd

land had some 40,000 men in the tion during the greater part of the tions, was sufficient to condemn the lately developed in a sensational of the King. Recruits are still com- magnitude are literally being flung at ing in at the rate of 1,000 a week. the Sheffield makers, and the amount be borne in mind that Ireland, for down in a week requests for supplies Methodists, in Rome-a campaign her population, has a very low per- which in normal times it would take which offers free education to chilcentage of men of military age. them two or three years to make. dren, and material help to aged and Thanks largely to the inhuman legis. The United States needs high-speed lation of past years the flower of steel so badly that it would be pre- tasy. It is the "souperism" of the emigrant ship. The stupid policy of Sheffield's output. Great quantities and it is rather eminous for the past British governments is to blame are also wanted for Russia, France future of Protestantism to find a paper for the fact that the men of the and Italy, and enquiries are coming like the Churchman characterizing "fighting race" are now no longer to from Scandinavia, Holland, Switzer- all this as "Evangelical." If our be found in large numbers in Ire- land, Japan, Spain, Canada and the Anglican contemporary can thus con-To sum up, it must be admitted weight of new business can now be of Methodist tactics in the capital of that consdering everything, Ireland accepted in Sheffield, as nearly the Christendom, it would be interesting whole output is needed at home."

ENGLAND'S EXPORT trade in iron not calculated to inspire enthusiasm and steel has for over a century been for the cause of Britain. It is also of enormous proportions, but under unfortunately true that for a con- present grave conditions licenses for siderable time the War Office did not export are granted only in respect of by any means facilitate the work of material the use of which will assist has been lost in the North Sea with the Allies in maintaining the War. The inflow of orders is nevertheless, it is stated, so large that few of them and that inquiries concerning the of view of the Irish people, and their are even acknowledged, but some, of airship have been without special importance, are dealt with expected 10,000 recruits from Ireland, sibility on the other hand, it is de-Lord McDonnell in the House of clared, of Sheffield appreciably increasing her output of steal is resaid Mr. Birrell, "anybody before the mote, owing to the limited supply of machinery was under water, and only war had told me she would contrib. alloys, and the limitation of plant part of the Balloon was visible, with ute as she has done I would have for rolling the steel. The compenstared at him in wild surprise sating feature of this congested state And what are we asked to do? We are asked to give of our means. And had said in regard to Ireland classes engaged in the work are entre the skipper of the King Stephen saw - 'Don't rush her.' She had joying a degree of prosperity which other Germans join the men until 22 farms and counting houses and pro- diers had played a great part in the hardship being undeniably felt want. It may entail for some of us a large in the page of history. They creased cost of living, and to conlittle self-sacrifice, the curtailing of would record her magnificent efforts. tribute their share to the cost of the our luxuries, but all this is as nothing The whole of the deeds of these gal- War. That this will, in the long compared with the magnificent re- lant regiments, the whole of the run, tell appreciably in the Allies'

SIDE BY SIDE with this industrial activity in England comes the story of reviving industry in Ireland. think for a moment that her reward Canadians is reduced, as in Ireland, simile of an American journalist, are is dire poverty. They are our wards, to point the finger of scorn at what ginger of Irishmen, and the country she has contributed to the success of is responding to the impulse in the cause that we all have so much encouraging fashion. Time was when Irish manufactures threatened to rival those of the sister island, but in the detestable spirit of a time now happily past, they were deliberately and systematically trampled out of existence. Now, in response to Ireland's contribution to the fighting forces of the empire, the Government, in the spirit of reciprocity, is tostering her manufactures, and the old industrial activity of the Green Isle is again manifesting itself.

In Dublin and Belfast, we are told, new factories are turning out clothing supplies for the Army. Toy making and cigar factories have sprung up ing many cities, and are actively competing for outside trade hitherto controlled on the Continent. Carpet making has also been stimulated by War conditions, and a commercial glass factory is among the newer projects in Dublin. These may be small beginnings but they hold promise of bigger things and their importance to Ireland cannot be overestimated. For they mark the passing of a race from subservience to freedom and herald the dawn of that better day when Erin can provide enroll under the Derby Scheme. To number of the Ironmonger has, for for her sons employment other than agricultural labor, and stay that draining of her life's blood which has been going on unintermittently for it is to bring in these "slackers" of the great industrial interests of over a century. The lack of industhat the Compulsory Service Bill was Great Britain at any time, but during trial occupation outside of Belfast has been the prime cause of emigration, and if this new development did not apply to Ireland at all. Upon its successful maintenance should lead the way to permanent re-There was no "deferred" enlistments depends Britain's Sea Power, the vival of Ireland's old manufacturing skill, her sons all the world over wilk

> FATHER O'FARRELL of Montrose, Colorado, visited Victoria, B. C., last summer, and at the hotel breakfast table, Friday morning, ordered bacon and eggs. Recollecting presently that it was Friday, he called the waiter and telling him the reason why, changed his order to eggs only. "Meat never sent anybody to hell," was the rather officious rejoinder. I am glad to meet such an infallible oracle on this fine July morning," "THE BOOM IN high-speed and other | replied the priest, " but if the eating tool steel which has been in opera- of one apple, under certain condiyear," says the Ironmonger, "has whole human race to death and exclusion from heaven, why not meat over, and bring me eggs."

THE CANADIAN Churchman conto which it was offered. Other underhand proselytism carried on by Protestant sects, especially the indigent parents as the price of apos-British colonies, but no considerable done the dishonesty and indecency to have its own moral code defined.

ON THE BATTLE LINE

A GREAT ZEPPELIN LOST

One of Germany's great Zeppelins all hands. A Berlin official despatch states that Zeppelin L 19 has not returned from a reconnoitering flight The German War Office did not get into touch with the right people. Captain Martin of the British trawler King Stephen knows where L-19 lies. On Wednesday morning, attracted by the signals from what looked like ships' lamps, he and his men saw the seven or eight Germans standing up on the platform on top. They shouted! "Save us; save us; we stood on the platform. He decided that he could not with nine unarmed men save thirty armed ensmies, so he proceeded to report the location of the sinking Zeppelin, and adequate assistance was sent. The naval officers who went in search of L 19 evidently arrived too late. arose in the interval, and the airship