troubled by such thoughts. His eyes sought McDermott's face, and saw it go whito under the tan. Almost at same instant he caught a glimpse of the Merchant Limited, twenty minutes late, and at full speed, making up time, approaching the switch

McDermott closed the valve and save the coaches, but he and his fire-man were doomed.

No, there was no chance. To the

on his forehead, and an awful fear oppressed him. A brief moment and

McDermott looked at him, his one

toward the narrow door. "Go," he

Dan faltered, hesitated, then, stumbling to the opening:
"God bless you," he muttered,

and forgive me As he jumped the crash came. The heavy steel cars reeled under the Heart of the Mother of God. In the shock. There was a flash of flame, deafening explosion, then hoarse cries and women's screams.

hour later they found the body of the engineer, charred and mutil-ated almost beyond recognition. A tions the devotion spread to various man crept into the midst of the hot debris, and wrapped a torn mud-stained coat about the dead form. Fumbling in the smoky haze he the words she treasured in her heart. touched McDermott's hand. Even in In 1855 the Sacred Congregation of

Dan gave a great sob, and fell forward blindly. The words of an almost forgotten refrain echoed over the prayers and good works of our millions of Associates throughout the chaos in his soul. "Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friend. lay down his life for his friend.—
Beatrice Mary Fernekees in the
Sacred Heart.

the feast to the whole world, and
thus give Catholics the occasion to

### GENERAL INTENTION FOR MAY

RECOMMENDED AND BLESSED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XV.

DEVOTION TO THE HEART OF MARY A lover of the Heart of Jesus is naturally attracted to the Heart of His Blessed Mother, but the motive of the attraction differs. The Heart President of the United States. I naturally attracted to the Heart of of Jesus is a magnet sufficiently the Heart of our loving Saviour, God made Man, from Whom we have reriches upon us; gratitude urges us to loving but rather with the hope of army of the Catholic Sisterho imitating her. Devotion to the Heart of Mary is a result of our devotion to the Heart of Jesus.

St. Luke explicitly mentions the Heart of the Mother of God in a couple of places in his Gospel. During the events which took place at Bethlehem after the birth of our many ministers of the Anglican Lord, Mary was an active but silent Church for the return to the practice spectator. The shepherds came and went, and all wondered at the things they said, but the adoring Mother they said, but the adoring Mother in her Heart." Twelve years later, when the Child Jesus was found in the temple with the later and the saints. It may be spectator. The shepherds came and went, and all wondered at the things they are that the war has created a closer uncil may be that the war has created a closer uncil may be that the war has created a closer uncil may be that they are the saints. It may be that the war has created a closer uncil may be that they are they said, but the adoring Mother that have gone before.

In pleading for the worship of saints, a prominent Anglican layman on his soul. when the Child Jesus was found in the temple with the doctors of the Law, He gave Joseph and Mary, who the practice contended for by these the Artiller anxiously sought Him, His own reasons for His strange disappearance, and again His Mother "kept all His ment passed in this matter by the words in her Heart." In other words, the Heart of Mary was a precious casket in which were preserved her souvenirs of the sayings and doings of her Divine Son. All through His youth to manhood, she the contrary that the Roman Catho had Him under her eyes; for nearly lic view of the matter is a logical a score of years at Nazareth she heard His words and witnessed His deeds, and again she gathered into her Heart countless souvenirs, over which she had the time and oppornaturally, her love for Him went on increasing year after year. This spectacle of Mary's Heart filled with love for her Divine Sor poor. spectacle of Mary's Heart filled with theology would assert emphatically love for her Divine Son moves the that Christ is a Mediator in a sense hearts of all who love the Son and in which no other person can be, in

The second motive which attracts us to the Heart of Mary is compassion for her in her sorrows. Her thirty years of consolation and hap-piness at Nazareth ended when our is answered by Protestant theology Divine Lord bade her farewell to be- in the negative. the future would undoubtedly reveal. How often she pondered over the going to be fulfilled! The separation which took place at Nazareth was a sword of sorrow which she felt poignantly, but a sharper one had still to come; nor had she long to wait. The dreadful injustices to acknowledge that intercessory

perpetrated during the Passion of her Divine Son imposed on her a burden of anguish impossible to describe. During the eighteen hours generation, with the prerogative of scribe. During the eighteen hours which separated Gethsemane from Calvary, Mary's mental agony was intense; she had her own share in the sufferings of our Lord; and when finally the lance wounded the Sacred Heart on the Cross it also wounded hers; the sword of sorrow foresteld by Simeon had reached its. foretold by Simeon had reached its goal. Compassion for Mary is a sentiment that should find expresright an easy grade of gravel sloped to the fields. He gripped Dan's arm. sion in us in presence of this tragic "Jump," he commanded, "Jump." spectacle. It is at the foot of the Dan shook his head. He was breathing heavily, cold drops stood clearer insight into the sorrows of correlessed Methor and find its coincil. clearer insight into the sorrows of our Blessed Mother and find it easier

to excite their devotion to the sym

bol of her love. While the Heart of Mary was unfree hand still holding the shaking doubtedly in all ages a source of arm. "Dan," he said, and there was no drawl in his voice, "for God's sake jump. I am ready to go to Him; you are not." He pushed him that devotion to the Heart of Mary began to take root in souls. The the twelfth and thirteenth centuries | the work overseas since the last rethat devotion to the Heart of Mary began to take root in souls. The records of those years tell us that St. Bernard, St. Gertrude, St. Mech-tilde, Blessed Hermann, and a host of others, drew spiritual profit from the consideration of the wealth of seventeenth century Blessed John Eudes drew the devotion out of its nebulous existence and gave it a more formal status than it had preparts of Europe and produced fruits of holiness in souls—souls who had leisure to ponder, as Mary did, over death it had not relaxed its hold on the throttle.

Rites approved the Mass and Office of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, but no feast has yet been granted to the Universal Church. Let us hope that five soldiers during their leave from millions of Associates throughout the world will be powerful enough to move the Holy Father to extend study the Heart of Mary more intinately; so that in studying it they may love it more ardently and draw therefrom the grace to love and venerate her whom all nations call Blessed.

E. J. DEVINE, S. J.

### TRIBUTE TO THE SISTERS

To me, the Catholic Sisterhood seems to be one of the strongest speak not as a member of the Cath powerful to draw us to Itself; It is olic Church or a sectarian or a memceived all and to Whom we owe all; they have in the world-their wealth. Incarnate lavished all Its their homes, their hearts, their lives upon us; gratitude urges us to —and have devoted all their energies return love for love; we love the and entire attention to the rearing Sacred Heart for Its own sake. The of others' children, to the guiding of Heart of Mary attracts us because it | youths and to the turning of mature is filled to overflowing with a minds to lottier sentiments, with no mother's love for the Sacred Heart. hope whatever of any reward, except Mary's intense love excites our enthat which they hope for in the thusiasm and quickens our desire to great beyond. There is no more study her Heart, the symbol of her potent demonstration of the existence love, not with the hope that the study will enable us to rival her in All praise, all honor to the great

# INTERCESSORY PRAYER

"are with Christ."
The abuses to which in practice draws them to the Heart of the Mother as to a focus aglow with love. that sense, Sole Mediator." The Mother as to a focus aglow with love. power of Christ leaves no room for the offering of intercessory prayer by

gin His public ministry. The fame of His wonder-working and the success of His preaching must have of the reached her ears and cheered her in her loneliness. But Mary's Heart held a secret which she her body. The New Testament makes no division of the Christian body. The New Testament makes no division to the christian between the company of the christian body. Heart held a secret which she her-self had not yet fathomed and which direct allusion to the intercessory prayers of the saints in Heaven, but it does say a great deal about the inmany years before that a sword of sorrow should some day pierce her Heart, and how often she asked herself when the divine prophecy was going to be fulfilled! The separation which took place at Nazareth mother, or the prayers of some good that the substant fluds are still on earth. A Protestant fluds no scruple in asking one of these earthly saints to pray for him. If Christ is the Sole Intercessor man does not need the prayers of his mother, or the prayers of some good for the saints who have a substant fluds no scruple in asking one of these earthly saints to pray for him. If Christ is the Sole Intercessor man does not need the prayers of his mother, or the prayers of some good for the saints who have a substant fluds no scruple in asking one of these earthly saints to pray for him. If Christ is the Sole Intercessor fluds are still on earth. A Protestant fluds no scruple in asking one of these earthly saints to pray for him. If Christ is the Sole Intercessor fluds are still on earth. A Protestant fluds no scruple in asking one of these earthly saints to pray for him. If Christ is the Sole Intercessor fluds in the substant fluds no scruple in asking one of these earthly saints to pray for him. If Christ is the Sole Intercessor fluds in the substant fluds no scruple in asking one of these earthly saints to pray for him. If Christ is the Sole Intercessor fluds in the substant fluds no scruple in asking one of these earthly saints to pray for him. If Christ is the Sole Intercessor fluds in the substant fluds in the s

prayer is commanded in the New Testament and that it did not con-flict to the minds of the Apostolic

# CATHOLIC ARMY HUTS

OVERSEAS DIRECTORS' REPORT

London, April 6th, 1918. The Overseas Directors of the Catholic Army Huts, realizing that they occupy a fiduciary position, wish to give an account of their stewardship to the Catholics of Can-ada. This report covers generally

port, January 3, 1918. CATHOLIC ARMY CLUB AT LONDON A large number of Canadian soldiers are constantly on leave in London, existing buts and clubs are taxed to their utmost. There is a constant overflow from the C. W. L at 24 Grosvenor Place, opposite Buckingham Palace gardens, has been rented furnished at £700 a year. Possession has already been obtained and the formal opening will take place shortly. This club will be open to all soldiers of the British Empire and of the United States. irrespective of creed. The house-hold management will be in charge of the ladies of the Catholic Women's League. It will provide wholesome home life constantly to about fiftycamp or from France in London. Father Ivor Daviel, O. M. I., C. F. will be resident Chaplain. As the moral condition of London's main thoroughfares is a disgrace to Chris tianity, the need of more such Catholic Clubs, with their refining and religious influence, is quite apparent. It is hoped that this first "Catholic Army Club" will be the parent of

CHAPEL TENTS AT THE FRONT

Reports received during February and March from Chaplains at the Canadian Front indicate the useful ness of the five marquees which were sent over there as Chapel Tents last year. The following are characteristic reports :

Father Ewan Macdonald, C. F.— I have lived all week in the Chaplain's Tent. I say Mass every morning at 7.30 and hear the Confessions forty come to the Sacraments during the week. To give an idea of the value of these Tents I may say that

STATIONERY boys have come in for visits to Blessed Sacrament, and also to tell about difficulties they have in their Units about going to Mass. One said with tears in his eyes, after a good Confession, 'Father, I aint afraid to go into the line.'"

Father (Lt.-Col.) French, D.A.D.C.S. We have just begun the use of these tents, and they are found to be a great convenience—in fact, indis-pensable to Chaplains and men."

Father Crochetiere, Chaplain of the 22nd French Canadian Battalion -"La tente-chapelle m'est d'une grand utilité. J'y dis la masse chaque jour, quand le bataillon quitte la ligne de fou, pour se retirer l'arrière et toujours j'y destribue la sainte communion. Je felicite number of records. Gramaphones of the C. A. H. will be equally imhautement celui ou ceux qui ont eu and records have also been supplied portant during the rather long de-libeureuse idée de ces tentes.

Agréez mon Père mas sincères de la contraction de la co

Father Carleton, C. F., writes from the Artillery Lines—"I am writing this from one of your chapel tents erected in the very center of a vast encampment of troops. Battalions in reserve, artillery wagon lines, engineers, tunnellers, etc., are like the famous guns in the charge of the light brigade, all about me. I had scarcely moved in and was just un-rolling my bed when a Tommy came to Confession and Holy Communion. Today some engineers bound for the front line stopped in to strengthen themselves for what perhaps may be before them. Not fifty yards away is a Dressing Station that clears the doctrine may have given rise this whole front. Beside it the Milidoes not do away with the use. The row of pathetic crosses. I consider that my efficiency has been increased a hundredfold, and it you worked no other good than this single chapel tent has so far worked, you would be amply rewarded for all the trouble you have taken. I have no doubt that God will bless you for it." And again, a fortnight later—"The tent is going strong. All the Tommies know my situation now and my services are printed cards announcing Mass, cards required daily. Some come to pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, others to write letters—and all finish up with the Sacraments. I would like to see a tent at every

ross roads. During the past month, a sixth chapel tent was supplied to the Can-adian Corps, five were sent to the Railway Troops, one to a Casualty

recreation-reading room.

AT OTHER CANADIAN CAMPS

The other three big Canadian Camps in England are not neglected. At Bramshott the C. M. L. Recreation Hut, and the Catholic Church Hut, the latter bought over by the Catholic Army Huts, serve the camp admirably. The total cost of the building and erection of the Bramshott Catholic Church Hut of SS. Peter and Paul was over £900 of which £758 were furnished by the Catholic Army Huts, while over £140 were collected from the soldiers and others by Father John Knox, C. large Catholic Recreation Room in charge of ladies, due to English and a smaller Army Hut furnished by us as a chapel and reading room. Both of these are suping room. Both of these are supplied with periodicals, stationery and religious supplies by the C. A. H. In the Shorncliffe Area, the only other large Canadian Camp in Eng Hut at Westminster Cathedral. To land, three small combination chapel cope with this situation, a mansion and reading rooms are kept going by the C. A. H. Application has just been received for a large recreation tent for a new Canadian General Hospital at Bexhill.

HUTS IN FRANCE

The small Huts at Le Treport and Etaples have been enlarged. The Directors of the C. A. H. at their The to give orders for the construction of three portable huts for France. It is hoped that we shall shortly be able to have several huts in opera-

RELIGIOUS SUPPLIES

Over five thousand rosaries and four thousand scapular medals have been distributed, also a number of Sacred Heart Badges. As the army supplies prayer books, French and English, the association has not had to buy prayer books. We were, however, instrumental in having the French prayer-book (Petit Paroissien) reprinted by H. M. Stationery, and we have distributed four thousand of these. Several portable altars have been completed out of the societies funds. A few hundred hymn books have been supplied. Other religious articles supplied to Chaplains include: Mass vestments, altar linen, altar breads and altar wine, candles candlesticks, stations of the cross, thuribles, holy water vat, crucifixes ing at 7.30 and hear the Confessions and religious pictures. Travelling of the boys who come in. About expenses of Officiating Clergymen

STATIONERY

Up to the present 80,000 letter heads and 54,000 envelopes have been distributed free to soldiers. Now that an arrangement has been entered in with H. M. Stationery to obtain, upon repayment, any amount we require, a much larger distribution of stationery will take place. One hundred thousand letter heads and 50 000 envelopes have

RECREATION AND SOCIAL WORK Several parties of patients from the Ontario Hospital at Orpington have been entertained in London; the on the Continent which she has held for fifty years, but a real hegemony same hospital has been supplied with over the greater part of the world, three additional gramaphones and a item which will soon assume considerable proportions, for the good done thereby is not inappreciable. Under this heading may be included an item of \$666 67 being one third of the cost of a motor car for the H. C. Chaplain Service in France.

READING MATTER AND PRINTING

A library was forwarded to No. 2 Canadian General Hospital ; £25 was assigned for an addition to the French library of the 10th Reserve Battalion, and substantial increases were made to the French library of the 150th Battalion before it coalesced with the 10th (French Canadian) Reserve. Small numbers of books, easily transportable, have been forwarded to various units. An arrangement has been made with the Catholic Truth Society to forward every fortnight a parcel of 80 pamphlets for free distribution to each Catholic Canadian Chaplain in France. Two lots have already been sent. The association to record the reception of the Sacraments, and a leaflet for hearing Confessions in Polish, prepared by Father P. Casgrain, C. M. G.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

By far the most important printing yet done by the association, was the printing of 25,000 pamphlets for the Holy Name Society. This work, which needs a special report of its own adequately to describe it, was begun in the Fourth Canadian Division by Father E. MacDonell, O. S. D., M. C., C. F. Thirteen thousand leaflets, obtained with the province of the hird end the phatter of the product of the hird end the phatter of the product.

adian Camps in England. Plans have been prepared for a combination chapel and recreation room to cost \$15,000, and as soon as permission is obtained from the Ministry of First Division, and 12,000 copies have National Service, the work will be been issued. This appeal to avoid gin. Meanwhile in Witley we are lewd talk and profanity, and to inrunning a small chapel hut and a voke with confidence the Holy Name of Jesus, will do an amount of good the extent of which may never be

At the annual meeting held, according to the constitution in Ottawa, on January 29, 1918, Fathers Workman, French, Casgrain, Knox and J. J. O'Gorman were re-elected Overseas Directors. Canon Sylvestre and Mr. J. L. Murray were elected Canadian Directors. A meeting of the Directors Overseas was held in London, Oxford Circus House March 21, 1918. There were pres ent, Father Workman, M. C., Chairman (who represented by proxy Father French and Father Casgrain, C. M. G.,) Father Knox, Senior Catholic Chaplain in Bramshott, Canon Sylvestre and Father J. J. O'Gorman There were also present, Father J. P. Fallon, Senior Catholic Chaplain, Shorncliffe Area, and Father Miles Tompkins, M. C., Senior Catholic Chaplain, Witley Area, and Father Daniel, London Area Chaplain. With a view to having a committee of three directors in Canada, Father Knox resigned to make way for another K. of C. representative, who with Canon Sylvestre, who has since returned to Canada, and Mr. Murray will look after the affairs of the C. A. H. in Canada. The association will not be deprived of the services of Father Knox, as it was decided that all Catholic Senior Chaplains in England, and any Chaplain on leave from France, will be invited to future meetings of the Overseas Committee of the Board of Directors.

FINANCE There is an Irish proverb: Daireadh gach soisgeil an t-airgead-the

end of every gospel is money! While not agreeing with this comprehensive exaggeration, it must be admit ted that money is a necessary munition of war and war work. finances of the C. A. H. are in sound condition. A report presented to the Directors at their meeting of March 21, showed that since January 3, \$11,000 had been received from the Ontario Knights of Colum bus, making a total of \$66,405 for warded overseas during the past nine months by Ontario Knights. The total receipts (overseas) amount to £14.295:6:4. The Bank balance (March 18) is £11,820:17:2; outstanding cheques amount to £148:8:6 Total expenditure to date (March 21) amounts to £2,622:17:8. The Canadian Secretary-Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$9,272,31, and he has already acknowledged in the Catholic Press the contributions of the Calgary Tag Day (per Bishop McNally,) of the Alberta Knights of Columbus, of the British Columbia Knights of Columbus, of the Maritime Province Knights of Columbus 3rd contribution,) and of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. amounting in all to \$5,757.70, as well various other contributions. While there is a goodly balance on hand, the work of the next few hand, the months will require the expenditure large city today arouses a spirit of of \$25,000. Unless we are to submit to a peace which will leave Germany not merely the predominant position the War must continue. The work Overseas Directors at their meeting of March 21, decided to appeal to the Canadian Knights of Columbus of every province, and to the Catholic public generally, for at least \$50,000 to carry on the work till 1919. This appeal we hereby voice, and it is submitted confidently to the Annual Canadian State Conventions of the Knights of Columbus, and to the clergy and laity of Canada.

W. T. WORKMAN, Lt.-Col. President, C. A. H. J. J. O'GORMAN, Major. O/S Secy. Treas.

Oxford Circus House, 245 Oxford street, London, England.

### MAY-MONTH AND MARY-MONTH

Everybody rejoices at the coming of May. It is the annual awakening of the human heart to joy and glad ness unbounded. It is the magician which has power to draw from the dark rooms of sadness and the stuffy corridors of melancholy the oldest and most disenchanted of men.

For who does not grow young again to see the sun no longer a stranger or an interloper in the heavens? Who does not dream of long hours to be spent in the soft perfumed air which steals up from the South? Whose step does not take on some-thing of the elasticity of youth at the not ring with the joyous carol of the birds and the chatter of the brooks

of all the year. It appeals to the best instinct of man. It puts him in touch with Nature's finest harmonies. And because it is the loveliest month, the Church has dedicated it month, the Church has dedicated it to Mary's honor. For she is the most beautiful creation of God's hand, and the most beloved. Every loveliness which we find in Nature is but a poor faint symbol of Mary's

to shreds by infidely to shreds by infidely called theologians. grant as a rose garden. For she is the "Mystical Rose."

Through her purity, she is more lovely than the lily of the valley, for she is the Lily of Israel.

Through her love of God, she is tore ardent than the sun that burns in the West and sets the whole eavens aflame.
Through her tenderness towards

laughter draw us out of ourselves into the free, all-encompassing atosphere of God's goodness.
As every man who loves beauty reoices in Nature's May festival, so every Catholic who loves Christ re-joices in Mary's month.—The Rosary Magazine

#### THE DISAPPEARANCE OF CHRISTIANITY

It was foretold in the Scriptures that there would be false Christs and false prophets. This terrible warning uttered with prophetic vision has been fulfilled in every age of the Church. The heretics of the sixteenth century struck at the roots of Christianity, and in many places utterly eradicated true religion. St. Paul had warned the Corinthians, "Other foundation no man can lay, but that which is laid; which is Christ Jesus." The so-called wisdom, however, of disgruntled heresiarchs tried to lay other foundations, which were not Christ Jesus. The result was that they built up temples dedicated to art, music, sociology, ethics, everything in fact excepting Christianity: and with subtle mockers they called these temples, churches and the vapid vaporings heard therein

were termed religion.

The Pseudo Reformers promised to unshackle the human will and to allow it to soar in icarian flight throughout the vault of heaven. Like Icarus of old, the false pinions soon melted and the collapse was complete. Liberty of interpretation of Scripture and the principles of re-ligion immediately branded all preachers as a mockery, as useless growths on the body religious: each man was to be his own interpreter. his own judge, his own preacher.

From the day of the Reformation Christianity has been gradually disintegrating today the denominations can be said to possess scarcely the shell of Christian principles. Preachers, however pious and wellmeaning they may be, are afraid to give to their people the pure gospel of Jesus Christ. A casual perusal of the Monday morning papers in any

Indeed, May is the loveliest month pity and of shame at the thought that Protestant churches re-echo to discussions on every worldly topic to charity often is mentioned: the doctrines of Christ, however, are ignored as distasteful to the lovers of free interpretation; Christ is held up before them not as a model or a teacher, but as a myth or as a personage whose divine attributes are torn to shreds by infidel preachers and soeven in the Church of England for a man to be a bishop and at the same time to deny the divinity of Christ.

Christ was first of all a teacher. sin, and man must be taught the way back to God. The most solemn injunction left by the Redeemer on Through her tenderness towards man she is more compelling than the birds that sing contentedly of love in birds that sing contentedly of love in gospel was the substance of His doctors and the substance of His doctors are subjects: Penance, the comin Christ, she draws us close to the Holy Eucharist, sacraments, the com-master, just as children's smiles and mandments, the moral law. He enjoined all His apostles to go "into the whole world, and preach the gospel to every creature." "But they going forth preached everywhere." In order to win man back to God religion must use the means menti above as laid down by Christ. This doctrine admits not of diminution or of alteration. "Whosoever revolt eth, and continueth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God."

St. Paul admonishes the early Christians to avoid all schisms and heresies. "I beseech you that you all speak the same thing, and that there no schisms among you." Christianity, therefore, is not compatible with a variety of doctrines; it must represent all the teachings of Christ, or none at all. It is in this ense that Pope Benedict XV. insists that priests preach Christ and the Gospel, by which St Paul under stands "the cross of Christ."

The fruits of the Reformation have rown to maturity and have now ossomed into unbelief. Protestant. ism as it exists today among eachers and people is practically quivalent to atheism. True it is that, here and there, a few individ-als still retain, after a shipwreck, a few rags of their former resplendent Christian robes. But Protestantism as a body, both pulpit and pew, has reached the logical goal of rebellion and is just plain infidel. It is difficult to believe that Protestant churchmen, at least the ones, can be sincere in their belief in

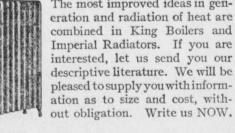
such shallow forms of religion.
It is greatly to be hoped that one result of the present scourge sent by God upon all Christian nations will draw countless souls to see the light. Outside of the Catholic Church there are many persons of all shades of belief who are sincere and devout according to their knowledge. The hold which they have, however, on the rotten hulk of the reformers pirate ship will scarcely suffice to ensure their safe arrival in the haven of truth.-St. Paul Bulletin

No crime is so great in envy's eyes as success.—Churchill.

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