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where the lissome boughs of the young saplings flicked against their heads, and the air was wildly sweet with woodsy odors.

"It's a long while since I've seen you, Lige," Sara said at last. Lige looked wistfully down at her through the gloom.

"Yes, it seems very long to me, Sara. But I didn't think you'd cars to seeme after what you said last spring. And you know things have been going against me. People have said hard things. I've been unfortunate, against me. People have said if they tell you I wasn't." "Indeed, I never did-not for a

minute !" cried Sara. "I'm glad of that. I'm going away

later on. I felt bad enough when you refused to marry me, Sara, but it's well for you you didn't. I'm man enough to be thankful my troubles don't fall on you." Sara stopped and turned to him.

cast a dim light into the shadow where they stood. Above it was a new moon, like a gleaming, silver scim-Sara saw that it was over her left shoulder; and she saw Lige's face above her, tender and troubled. Lige," she whispered softly, " do you love me still ?'

"You know I do," said Lige sadly. That was all Sara wanted. With quick movement she nestled into his arms, and laid her warm, tear-

wet against his cold one. When the amazing rumor that that each must make with good Sara was going to marry Lige Baxter and go out West with him circulated cost of some sacrifice, so as not to through the Andrews clan, hands were lifted and beads were shaken. Mrs. Jonas puffed and panted up the hill to learn if it were true.

She found Mrs. Eben stitching for dear life on an 'Irish chain" quilt, while Sara was sewing the diamonds on another "Rising Star" with a martyr-like expression on her face. Sara hated patchwork above every thing else, but Mrs. Eben was mistress up to a certain point.

You'll have to make that guilt, Sara Andrews. If you're going out to live on those prairies you'll need piles of quilt, and you shall have them if I sew my fingers to the bone. But you'll have to help make them." And Sara had to.

When Mrs. Jonas came Mrs. Eden sent Sara off to the postoffice to get her out of the way.

"I suppose it's true this time," said Mrs. Jonas. "Yes indesd," said Mrs. Eben

"Sara is set on it. There briskly. is no use trying to move her-you know-so I've just concluded to make the best of it. I'm no turn-Lige Baxter is Lige Baxte still neither more nor less. I'va always said he was a fine young man and I say so still. After all, he and Sara won't be any poorer than Eben and I were when we started out.'

Mrs. Jonas heaved a sigh of relief. "I'm real glad you take that view of it, Louisa. I'm not displeased either, although Mrs. Harmon would take my head off if she heard me say so. I always liked Lige. But I must I'm amazed, too, after the say way Sara used to rail at him."

"Well, we might have you "It said Mrs. Eben sagely. "It Well, we might have expected it," "It was always Sara's way. When any creature got sick or unfortunate she seemed to take it right into her heart. So you may say Lige Baxter's failure was a success after all."-L. M. Montgomery, in National Magazine.

GENERAL INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Meanwhile as a kind Father. His Holiness is endeavoring to consol the mourners and to strive for peace at least indirectly, by pointing out to those interested the only means whereby peace may come, that is, by moderating their ambitions and meeting each other half way. "While we seek, with all our re-sources," he told the Cardinals, "to alleviate the doleful consequences. we feel obliged by our Apostolic office to inculcate anew the only means which can quickly put an end Sara, and maybe too easy going, but to this tremendous conflagration. I've been honest. Don't believe tolks Peace must be just, lasting and not favorable to any one alone of the belligerent parties. The way that can really lead to this happy result is that which has already been tried and found satisfactory under similar circumstances. It consists in an exchange of ideas. both direct and indirect, based on good will and calm

deliberation, and setting forth clear. ly the full extent of the aspirations Beyond them the lane opened into a of each party, eliminating the unjust field and a clear lake of crocus sky and impossible, and retaining with equal measure, when necessary, what is just and possible." Insisting on the disastrous results of mere revenge, and on the need of making mutual concessions, the Pope continued : "Naturally, as in

all human controversies which must be settled through the efforts of the contending parties themselves, it is absolutely necessary that concessions be made upon some point by both parties; that some of the hoped-for advantages must be renounced, and grace such concessions, even at the assume before God and man the enormous responsibility of this shedding of blood, of which history recounts no counterpart, and which if prolonged further, might mean for Europe the beginning of the decadence of the civilization which she

owes to the Christian religion." The spectacle of the world at war while lamentable enough, is not the only trial the Father of the faithful has to endure in these days ; his powerfal influence for the peace of nations is hindered in other ways as well. He had to protest openly in the recent Consistory against the suspicions that have arisen regarding his neutrality, as if one in his position could take sides before he bad heard the claims and counter-claims of the contending parties. But, more serious still, he had to protest against the evil influences that are being employed to block his efforts to reach those who can work for peace. As early as November, 1914, he wrote : "All, far and near, who call themselvss children of the Pope have the right to demand valid assurance that the common Father in the exercise of his Apostolic office be free, and appear to be free, from the influence of foreign potentates, -words which mean that the supreme Head of the Catholic Church has not the full freedom of

action necessary for the fulfilment of his sacred functions. This unnatural and irritating situation which has been intensified by

the war, is not a new one, nor is it of the Pope's own making. It was forced upon him in 1870, when Victor Emmanuel robbed the Church of her temporal kingdom and reduced the Visar of Christ, the representative of the King of kings, almost to a state of vassalage. The usurper, in order to save his face and to give an air of respectability to his sacrilegious work, promulgated a law known as the "Law of Guarantees." which was to safeguard the dignity of the despoiled Pontiff and to assure him absolute freedom in communicating with the members of the Universal Church; his spiritual sovereignty over Catholics living in every nation and occupying every kind of position was to be recognized by Italy as a fundamental law of the State. And yet we know that this guide and counsellor of nearly three hundred millions of the human race is not free to communicate as he would with his spiritual subjects. A recent despatch informs us that the papal bulls for the appointment of two German Bishops had not reached their destin-ation, and we learn from other sources that, since the entry of Italy into the present war, German and Austrian diplomats have had the greatest difficulty in communicating with the Pope. The fact is, the Law of Guarantees has long proved to be what is called a "scrap of paper." How often during the past forty years has the Holy Father been insulted and reviled, and his words scoffed at, in his own city of Rome, even in the very shadow of the Vatican! And this painful situation at home has been made more acute in recent years by the attitude of old Cathelie nations in Europe, whose loss of faith and contempt for the honor and pre rogatives of the Holy See have been a sore trial to the Sovereign Pontiff. The Roman correspondent of the London Tablet informs us that since the outbreak of the war "Italy has shown no disposition whatever to bail the Vatican or to listen more than casually to the fainter howlings of anti-clericalism," still it is needless to repeat what has been said many times before, the present position of the Holy Father, if not wholly intolerable, is quite out of keeping with the dignity of him who holds the highest office among men

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human progress that may be ignored for a time but not for always. Her historic past with its civilizing achievements, and her present, so full of zeal for the moral betterment of mankind, will undoubtedly create for her, after this struggle is over, a better understanding with the world outside her fold. Who can tell but that the hour is about to ring when the Holy See shall come into her own again ? The war in Europe is evok. ing many new points of view which

will surely loom up later in the minds of rulers and statesmen, points of view which may convince them once for all of the folly of arbitration by explosives and force them to recognize the need of a Supreme Arbiter in international disputes. The Sovereign Pontiff exercised this role for ages ; there is no reason why it should not be restored to him. What a consoling spectacle it would be to behold, what was beheld in former centuries, rulers in conflict submit ting their difficulties to the Vicar of Christ for solution and then abiding loyally by his decisions.

And yet is not this the only ration. al procedure ? Rulers of nations are bound by the laws of justice and charity as well as humbler folk. If they ignore the rights of their neighbors they are unjust, and unless the sense of their injustice is brought home to them by a spokes. man who can command respect. they will not be serious in their quest for equity and peace. In vain will men in high places organize peace tribunals if they do not first begin by crushing their own ambition for power and domination. The passing, lives, of men are besat with too many troubles already without add ing to them periodically the horrors of war ; and the world, small as it is in the solar system, it is still large enough for the human race, without any nation trying to claim a monop oly of its surface.

All wars are dreadful things, but the present war is the most disastrong in the history of mankind. Conscious of this, the Holy Father is doing what he can to lessen the sufferings of its victims. He has established a special bureau, more or less international in character where correspondence dealing with various phases of the European flict, is carried on, and he has already done a great deal through its agency to impress on the belligerents the claims of humanity. He has suc-ceeded in effecting the exchange of many prisoners, in alleviating the unhappy lot of others in prison camps in obtaining facilities for them for the practice of their religion, in locat ing wounded and dead soldiers, and even in securing from the German Kaiser the commutation of death

effect a change in the sentiments of all earnestness to move the hearts of the world towards the Catholic those who rule men and who have it Church and towards her august Head. in their power to give back peace to For, after all, the Church is a factor the world. Evidently things can never be the same as they were be-fore the war. Men who in the past turned away from God will come back to Him in large numbers, and we must be prepared to do our share to make the way easy for them. A great religious revival may be ex-pected after the war in which we may hope to see the Sovereign Pontiff playing an important part. The united prayers of our millions of members will, we trust, not be ineffective in helping him to play it worthily. E. J. DEVINE, S. J. worthily.

ANGLICANISM AT THE FRONT

The present war appears, according to Mr. I. Britten, K.S.G., organizing secretary of the Catholic Truth Society of England, to have revealed certain incongruities of the Anglican position, which he thinks worth setting forth in a current issue of the he guides with such conspicu-Press ons ability.

in England, he says, the Anglicans have teen long accustomed to the phenomenon of two or more of its ministers teaching, in different Anglican churches situated in the same strest, doctrines which are entirely opposite to each other. Anglicans defend themselves against this charge mainly on the ground that such divergencies are to be regarded as a "trial of faith." An attempt has recently been made by no less important a personage than the Arch. bishop of Canterbury, more especially in view of the wholesale debacle which resulted from the Kikuyu episode of some years ago, to co-ordinate doctrinal formulas and practices in such a way that a re-currence of the East African farcical episode shall no longer be possible Even against the Archbishop's deci-

sion, several English Protestant Bishops have declared themselves hostile, and, says Britten, the total result has heretofore gone to show that great diversity of opinion yet prevails in the Established Church, with the further indication that there seems to be no hope of obtain. ing any definite statement as to her position. Until recently, says Britten, she included within three distinct schools of thought. diametrically opposed to each other ; small wonder, then, that when the war broke out in 1914, and England began to dispatch hundreds of thousands of her soldiers to various centers in which she was warring. the question as to what the various Protestant chaplains attached to the non Catholic forces should or should not teach, began to exercise the minds sentences in Belgium. Above all he of those who had any religion at all

The whole position is intensified for the Ritcalist by the fact that the Roman Catholic — styled "fellow. Gatholic "---- whether be be French, German, English, Irish, Scotch, Welsh, Italian, Serbian, or other, car German. attend any of the services of the Catholic chaplains attached to the armies now on active duty, and be certain that one and all will teach exactly the same doctrines and practice the same invariable rite. In the case of minor denominations, such as Wesleyan or Scotch Kirkers, harnesscleaning and fatigue parties are considered religious exercise for themtheir numbers being infinitesimal. Anything grosser than the spiritual the non-Catholic soldiers, neglect of

it would behard to find, says an officer writing from the front, and even the presence of highly placed Anglican prelates has not had the effect of satisfying the religious needs of officer and men who are pious and Godfearing, for, as is well-known, at drum-head services, only about 1 per cent. of the soldiery ever hear any words of the service and the clergyman is only seen by the front ranks An officer of Kitchener's Army writes to the effect that the Church of Eng land might well take a leaf from their Popish " brethren; for, says he : when I think of the Roman priests ill paid, ill fed, poorly clad, going about carrying out their Master's command. I wonder how the priest of the English Church dare to be zo salt satisfied."

The clergy of the Low Church and kindred persuasions flatly decline, when requested by High Church soldiers and officers to hear their con fessions, and there is on record the answer of a Low Church parson who declined to hear the confession of a soldier, suggesting that he should write out his confession and mail it to his habitual confeesor, then in London, who would undoubtedly shrive him, also by mail! When th proportion of confession-hearing and Mass saying clergy (outside the Roman Catholic clergy) is in the proportion of three in one hundred, it is certain the official mind is not likely to waste time in "catering" for those who, in matters of doctrine, serve

under the banners of so infinitesimal a minority. As showing to what extent religion enters into the lives of non Catholic soldiers in the British Armies, one Father Bull, a Ritualist, gave statis tics : of 192 wounded men, he had found that only 21 had received Holy Communion as boys before enlisting and in no single case had any received Communion at home while in the Army. Another Protestant chaplain remarks on the "almost entire ignor ance of the average soldier of the elements of religion, the paucity of confirmed men, or regular commun cants.'

Mr. Britten quotes the cases of many devout Protestant officers who. in the face of the enemy, have seceded from the English Church "in de spair of getting adequate spiritual ministration from Anglican chaplains." Their session has in nearly all cases meant conversion to that one fold where only one teaching is held for all-the Catholic Church. N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

"OUR KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST"

Lucius Honkins Miller, assistant professor of Biblical instruction in Princeton University, has recently seen fit to write a book and publish A.v.B. THE QUEEN'S NEPHEW. An Historical Narra-tion from the Early Japanese Mission. By Rev. Joseph Spillmann, S. J. Translated by Miss Helena Long. "This good little work, an historical narration from the early Japanese missions, is another contribution to juvenile literature that deserves a welcome. We hope it will be read by to the world at large the type of Christianity dispensed to the students of an institution which hails him as a teacher in Israel. The volume is most ineptly entitled many of our boys and grist." WRECKED AND SAVED. A story for boys, by Mrs. Parsons. Our Knowledge of Christ being mainly a display of the Professor's To begin with anomalies, the own lack of knowledge concerning the most vital subject of his Biblical instructions. "He denies the virgin and sacrifices for the same purpose The result being that in the clerical birth of Jesus, His resurrection from are being made daily by millions and administration of the British Armies the dead, His miracles, and that He was other than a human being. Such is the summary made of his doctrine by the Presbyterian Banner. The same organ then continues, in just indignation : "Is this the Bibli-- Cardinal Manning. cal instruction' which Princeton University, with a Presbyterian minister for its president and with Presbyterian antecedents and history, gives to its students? Have the officers of this institution no responsibility in this matter ?" To all which the author, unfortunately, has an answer ready made : "I can only Principal say that these conclusions form the basis on which I have been able to maintain a vital, positive faith in Christ, as Master, Lord and Saviour Absurd as such a "basis" for "faith in Christ" evidently is, consisting in a denial of Our Lord's Divinity and of whatever constitutes our reason for accepting His doctrine, for wor shipping and obeying Him, the ques tion naturally suggests itself : By what authority can the Presbyterian Church, or any Protestant denomina-tion, forbid the adoption of such corclusions? With the rule of private interpretation of the Scriptures accepted as the rock upon which their churches are established, in substitution for the authority of Peter, on whom the Church of Christ is built, it at once becomes the priv ilege of every man to interpret the Holy Books according to his own personal "lights," and so to wrest them finally to his own destruction. It is this reduction to absurdity, constantly repeated, which should lead men to see the untenableness of the position occupied by Protestantism and lead them back to the One Church, which alone can speak with the voice of authority, because to her alone Christ has promised the abiding presence of His Spirit, to

COLLEGES IN ROME HAVE DEPLETED LISTS

"The colleges in Rome opened, after a long vacation, with mutilated lists. says Rome. It is easy to understand that the usual course is impossible for Austro Germans, Ruthenians, and Poles; the French College has less than half the number of students it had two years ago ; its professors too have been called on. The American College has one or two less than last year," comments Rome; "curiously

the Salette College at Hartford, Conn., has sent no less than eight new students to Rome as well as seven to Switzerland in spite of the European war. If the Scots College is down one or two the Irish is up, if the venerable English College is stationary the Beda this year receives a large and valuable influx of former Anglicans, aspirants to Holy Orders. While the lecture room at Propaganda may not show much difference, those at the Gregorian will, it is estimated, have little more than 500 instead of their 1,100 quota."-Sacred Heart

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OUR HOLY FATHER THE POPE

The sympathy of the whole Catholic world is going out these months to the august Head of the Church, whose paternal heart is rent by the tragic events which are taking place in Europe. Like a father who sees the members of his own household at war with one another, while powerless to prevent the strife, the Holy Father has before his eyes the awful spectacle of millions of men who owe him spiritual allegiance engaged in deadly conflict, millions of Catholics actually slaying one another on fields of battle. Amid the booming of canon and the bursting of shells over hundreds of miles of battle-front, his children are falling like wheat before the sickle. while he, isolated and alone, is a helpless onlooker. Several times during the present war he has raised his voice to urge peace among the struggling nations, but so far his words have gone unheeded; he is like one crying in the wilderness. The work of slaughter perseveres, death continues to reap a rich harvest, nations are being bled of their bone and sinew, and all one can safely predict for the moment is that safely predict for the moment is that civilization has received a set back which will take a century to repair.

Failing to move the hearts of rulers, the Holy Father is turning to Heaven and imploring the Lord of Hosts to second his efforts to secure peace. In his allocution at the Consistory, held in December last, he told the Cardinals present: "As Vicar of Him Who is the peaceful King and Prince of Peace, we cannot be but moved by the misfortunes of so many of our children ; we cannot but continually raise our hands in supplication to the God of mercies, entreating Him with our whole heart that He may deign in His power to put an end to this sanguinary con.

on earth. And yet God, may possibly have His own designs for the future. The humbling of nations during the present war, the wiping out in blood of so many crimes, the patriotism of Catholics so nobly demonstrated in sands of combatants, must inevitably

has ordered the Universal Church to pray for peace. At his command hundreds of thousands of priests are To begin with anomalies, the imploring God at the altar every morning to restore peace. Prayers

millions of Catholics throughout the now fighting, Low Church views are world. It is only fitting and proper that

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Chaplain-General to the Forces, Bishop Smith, is a Low Churchmap. strongly prevalent. Of some fifty or

sixty chaplains appointed on the outthe members of the Apostleship of Prayer should add their prayers and were of the "Catholic" (i. e., High supplications to those of the rest of Church) party, a sad consequence be-

> plained, there were parsons of all sorts belonging to the Church of England, but none of them could hear our "confessions." It was clear then, that in appointing chaplairs. the Ritualists were discriminated against, as the Church Times admitted. Ritualist soldiers and officers brought up to consider the Holy Eucharist as the center of their devotions (as Lord Halifax declares.) could not understand the Low Church and its kindred bedies which put the Blessed Sacrament in a secondary position-to quote the words of an officer. Morning and Evening Prayer with hymns and addresses - this is the only worship that the military authorities look upon as necessary for Thomas Atkins and his officer, when they are non Catholic.

The truth becomes apparent-this is really Kikuyu all over again, and well informed and church going officers and men are asking them. selves : What does the Church of England stand for ? The Ritualist following have been taught as "Catholics," that they are bound to hear Mass every Sunday; the official Army provides the parade service. The High Church people complain that "it is no use their teaching men to be Catholic when the simple label 'Ch. of Eng.,' on enlisting, is sufficient to swamp them in one cate-gory." The refort is obvious-the High Church people have no right whatever to say they teach their followers to be Catholic, and the author-ities stultify their claims all through, by refusing to admit that the Church teach her all truth even to the end of England can be at all 'Catholic.' of England can be at all 'Catholic.'

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