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comforting the dying, praying for all. At daybreak the Confederates came A WAR CHAPLAIN'S STORY. Father Corby's Experience With the Irish Brigade. rushing against the new array of their

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HE WENT WITH HIS REGIMENT INTO THE BLOODIEST BATTLES OF THE WAR-PERFORMED HIS MINISTRY WHILE THE BULLETS RAINED LIKE HAIL AROUND HIM - REMINISCENCES OF ARMY LIFE

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Wherever a Catholic priest is needed. he is sure to go. Dangers do not daunt him, hardships do not hinder him, pestilence cannot perturb him, nor the certainty of death drive him away. He is bound to go where there are souls for him to save, and should he lose his life, another priest will be prompt to fill his place and carry on his work, writes L. W. Reilly in the American Ecclesiastical Review.

When the civil war summoned the men of the North and South to conflict, legions of Catholic citizens swarmed to the defence of the Union. At the call of President Lincoln for volunteers they rallied around the starry flag and on every battle-field from Bull Run to Appomattox they did their full share in the grand achievement that carried it to final victory. With the Catholic battallions were

priests who had left their peaceful homes to accompany the army in its campaigns, ministering to the spiritual needs of the troops, sharing their privations, confronting the same perils the march, in bivouac and on the field of blood. Neither fatigue nor exposure, neither hunger nor thirst, neither heat nor cold, neither rain nor snow, neither camp fever nor swamp miasma, neither the carnage of engagements nor the risk of capture, could separate them from their men. t the battle of Malvern Hill. Once, one of them was out at the very front of the line, going about among the wounded, giving absolution to those who wished it, while the canons roared and the musket balls fell like hail. Coming to a soldier who was mortally hurt, the Father said :

Are you a Catholic ?" "No," was the reply, "I'm not, but I'd like to be, for I want to die in the

faith that gives you the courage to come out to such a fearful place as And there amid the din and danger,

the priest instructed and baptized him and closed his eyes in death. Among these brave clergymen who

were with the Federal forces in the days that tried men's souls from 1860 to 1865, the Very Rev. William Corby, C. S. C., is conspicuous by reason o bravest officers and men on the bloody fields from White House Landing to the length and the merit of his serthe length and the merit of his ser-vices. For three years he was with the famous Irish Brigade in the Army of the Potomac. He served under McClellan, Burnside, Hooker, Meade Malvern Hill. By God's mercy nearly and Grant, marching and counter-marching in Virginia, Maryland and and that early loss depressed the spirit of the survivors. Pennsylvania, going with his regi-ment into the bloodiest battles of the war, and giving up his commission only when the surrender of Lee only announced the downfall of the Con-

on the notice of Father Corby, and federacv. made him wonder at the inscrutable Some of his reminiscences of chapways of Providence. · lain life in the army may entertain A soldier from Brooklyn, N. Y., had and edify the priests of a younger

received from his mother a prayergeneration who have only the victories book, which he placed in an of peace to cultivate and who know of pocket of his coat. During the battle of Malvern Hill a bullet struck the only through the pages of history and the stories of the few surviving veterans of the Republic's fratricidal book in the centre, passed through one cover and some of the leaves. was destrife.

flected and glanced off without injur-ing the man in the least. But for his Father Corby offered his services to the Government in the autumn of mother's gift he would have been 1861 and shortly afterwards joined his regiment at Alexandria, Virginia. killed. Another soldier, hailing from Phil-That fall and winter were spent in 'Camp California," near Washington, adelphia, wore a set of the five scapu-

lars given to him by his sister. A shot D. C., where the chaplain's work among the men was pretty much the same as the parish duties of a city of woolen cloth, and his life was saved. pastor. On a miserable rainy day in the colonel of the Sixt York Infantry was hit in the stomach, and the bullet was cut out near the early spring of 1862 the army received orders to march. As this was spine. To all appearance it had passed Father Corby's first experience in campaigning, he had not yet the through the body, and as soon as the knack of taking care of himself on such an expedition. So when the command was given to start, he placed that it had entered in front in an oblique direction, having probably struck a button, had passed around the his missionary outfit, his tent and his blanket in one of the army wagons, hung a small sack of "hard tack" body only under the skin, and had nody only under the skin, and had made a simple flesh wound. The colonel was taken to Washington for treatment. There the physician who had attended him on the field met him crackers on the pommel of his saddle, mounted his horse, and went forward with his regiment, All day long it rained and all day long the soldiers tramped in the mud, going toward Manassas. At night they halted. The on the street six weeks later, in remarkably good health. "Are you the Colonel of the Sixty-Irish Brigade came to a rest in a bleak first New York Infantry ?" he asked. and sodden cornfield. A raw March wind was blowing. And still the rain "I am, doctor," was the answer. "And you are not dead after havcame down ! The gallant chaplain of the Eighty eighth New York got off his ing been officially pronounced mortally wounded ?" charger, stiff and sore after his eighteen mile ridethrough the mire. He had " No. sir. "Well, Colonel," said the wag of a no shelter to go to, for the wagons were "you ought to have died acstalled ten miles back, and his blanket was with his tent. He tried doctor, cording to prediction, so as to save the the honor of my profession." Some strange deaths also he beheld. to eat his crackers, but they had got wet with the rain and had absorbed As some men were spared when ap-parently doomed, so others lost their perspiration from the horse. They smelt horse, they tasted horse, and the lives as if singled out and pursued by stomach of his reverence revolted against them. Hunger was more endurable then such food. After a an edict of destruction. A captain, who was only slightly wounded, slipped on a hill side, hi little, he sat on the roots of a tree and heard the confessions of some of the men; then, for the rest of the night sword fell out of his hand, the hilt he stood beside a fire which the soldiers had started — having ridden all day A soldier of the Irish Brigade was going out one night on picket duty. Asked if he was not afraid of sharp and having no dinner, no supper and The first battle that Father Corby shooters, he answered: "No, I am was in, was at Fair Oaks, on June 1. not; I have been through too many no sleep. It had begun on the previous after-noon. When the Irish Brigade reached then his own gun went off accidentally, front they found the field strewn and the ball passed through his head. with corpses, dead hores, bursted As the remnant of the brigade came tion opposite twelve men detailed to become Protestant, and side by side smashed out of action at Fredericksburg broken muskets, caissons, clothing, balls, blood, limbs Captain Sullivan and Father Corby and branches of trees — a gruesome met in a street of that town and consight, sickening to raw recruits. In gratulated each other on their escape.

enemy, but the Irish boys stood the assault without flinching and gave as On the march one day some soldiers started up a rabbit, and one of them raised his gun to fire at it. Just as good as they got. The conflict raged with fury. Men fell by the score in every company. The dead were left where they lay. The wounded were the trigger was pulled a handsome boy ran into line with the drummer

where they lay. The wounded were borne toward the rear. In the shelter of a log-cabin, on the exposed side of which the bullets rained with a sound somewhat like that of hail upon a tin missile, and was instantly killed. A young man, whose time of enlistment han expired, was about to start for home. He was bubbling over with roof, Father Corby went on with his joy at the prospect of seeing his own again. Before leaving he ventured to ministry. The circumstances were exciting but somewhat too trying to the the front to bid good bye to a compan-As he reached the breastworks of Later in the day the chaplain went a sharpshooter on the other side put a bullet through his head. ion. to an improvised hospital where the surgeons were at work. In a huge pile were legs, arms, feet and hands, shattered by balls, now amputated and

At Chancellorsville some surgeons had a soldier on a table to amputate a limb. When they were about to oper-ate on him a cannon ball literally covered with blood, heaped up like meat in a slaughter house - a spectacle swept him off the boards and smashed to make the stoutest heart quail and to his body to pieces.

dim all the romantic glory of war. These are a few instances out of In the Seven Days' Fight the Union forces had to give battle by day and to many that came under the chaplain's observation, in which a mysterious fate made sure of the death of some march by night. As they swung round toward a new base of operation,

and took pains to let others live. At the Battle of Antietam the Irish the Confederates advanced. So when the darkness came down, putting an Brigade received orders to go on in the "double quick." When this command was given out Father Corby gave rein to his horse and dashed at full gallop end to the day's encounter and offering opportunity for further retreat, the dead and the badly wounded fell into to the head of the command. Then, passing along the line, he bade the men make an act of contrition, and forthwith gave a general absolution. Inside of half an hour 506 of them lay the hands of the men from the South. The dead were stripped of clothing and accoutrements. The living were made captives and sent back to prison pens. A part of every night was devoted to burying the dead. Pits were dug, long and deep, and about six feet wide. on the field, either dangerously wounded or dead. As soon as they Into these the bodies were lowered, side began to fall the chaplain dismounted by side and on top of one another. Often many poor wretches, unconscious from pain and loss of blood, were thrown into these holes and buried and went from one to another of them. giving absolution. Bullets whizzed on every side, cannon balls screamed through the air, hurra replied to yell, the din of battle came and During every engagement cannons went, but still he kept at work. The Union forces were at length victorious. and caissons were dragged into position regardless of minor obstructions, such as the bodies of fallen soldiers, whether After the engagement they proceeded to Harper's Ferry. But Father Corby living or dead, and afterward army wagons and ambulances were similarly remained for several days with the wounded. On the morning following driven over the field, crushing the corpses and either further injuring the combat he celebrated Mass in the open air near the straw-stack that had or completely killing the wounded that lay in their way. The unfor-tunates were also trodden upon by the horses of orderlies and aids gallop answered for a hospital, and he gave Holy Communion to all who were prepared to receive it. In so doing he had to carry the Blessed Eucharist to the stricken where they lay stepping ing from headquarters with orders from the General in command to his sub-All these horrors were witnessed by

over some, walking around others, guided by a comrade of theirs, or called by their cries or signs. It was a heart-rending but edifying scene. the new chaplain. They made him shudder. He had other griefs, too, for his brigade left seven hundred of its In camp one day about noon, Father Corby heard by a Providential chance that there was to be the execution of a that there was to be the execution of a deserter early in the afternoon. Rain was falling. Unmindful of the weather, the chaplain set out for division headquarters. Before he got every one of them had received the sacraments shortly before, and even in their death-throes a number of them there he was drenched through and his had again been shriven. But they feet were soaking in his broken boots. were sadly missed by their comrades, Taking no thought of his personal dis-comfort when a life was to be lost and a soul was at stake, he obtained per-

mission from the general to see the condemned man. He hastened to the guard house and was admitted to the presence of the prisoner. He found the latter to be a young man of German descent, born in this country, about nineteen years of age, very ignorant of religion, and unbaptized. A minister of his own denomination was at-tending him, but had gone off todinner. While the priest was still conversing with the poor fellow, the preacher re-turned from table. Father Corby in-It and explained that not knowing that the doomed man had any religious ministrations he had come of his own accord to see if he could be of any use to him. The minister bowed, and turning to the young man inquired of him :
"Adam, do you believe you will be aved?"
"Y es," said Adam dubiously.
"I hope you will," That man of the marks, they must struggle with them like disease from the very troduced himself to the other chapthat the doomed man had any religious ministrations he had come of his own accord to see if he could be of any use to him. The minister bowed, and struck them, but was diverted before turning to the young man inquired of

words of mutual cheer. The captain went to cross the street. He had not gone ten feet when a stray cannon ball struck him above the knee and laid him low. He died that night. On the march one day some soldiers started up a rabbit, and one of them ugal, Italy, the South of France, Nevaria, and the provinces in the line of Belgium. Only in those Catholic countries did they find purity in anytroops were ordered to make the assault. It snowed on December 12, 1862. Toward evening the men were thing like its proper state. marched from their camp to the river this England of ours, what a change by the town, so as to be ready at dawn had taken place ! Once the land of to cross the pontoon bridge and storm the hill tops. All night long they purity, what was it now? Think of how the vice of impurity walked and rested on their arms in the slush and the snow. Their chaplain was with stalked before them on all sides : think of all the victims it gathered within its them, spending the hours of darkness on a little heap of brush, to keep him-self out of the mul. When the day toils, even in their own town of Blackburn. Walk the streets at night and lis ten to the conversation of the young people, the echo of which came from broke, the soldiers crossed the Rap pahannock and began to make the the mills and the works ; see the sights to be beheld about them ; go ascent. But they were mowed down like grass before a scythe. "Never." wrote the war correspondnet of the Loninto the streets, even where Catholics don Times, "never, at Fontenoy, Alb-uera or Waterloo was a more undaunted were, and witness the open scene of vice. Then let him speak of the beautiful park, the picture of inno courage displayed by the sons of Erin ceuse by day, but what did it become than during those six frantic dashes which they directed against the almost at night, but a hothed of immorality. This was taking place around them, and they were likely to be tainted if they had not care of themselves or impregnable position of the foe." The Irish Brigade was literally cut to pieces—swept off the hillside by the sheltered fusilade of the enemy, withjoined in the religious rites of others

and when Catholics fell they sunk out a chance to make any defence or to below the whole world, they sunk strike a single blow in return. down to the very bottom of hell. After the disastrous Battle of Frederthem, then, take warning from these words, and be careful about that holy icksburg, the army went into winter quarters, and General Meagher re-turned to New York to drum up reand beautiful virtue of purity, the

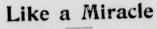
cruits for his declimated brigade. CATHOLICS AND PURITY.

Sermon By Father Biggs.

greatest virtue that could be possessed by anybody. Above all, avoid the occasions of sin; avoid those who would lead them into sin, and avoid what they might have found to be a cause, perhaps, of falling into sin. Let them be The Rev. Father Biggs preached at St. Alban's Church on Sunday, and took his text from the Epistle of the day. careful about tempting God. When they went into temptations of their "Now all these things happened in figure, and they are written for our corown accord they tempted God. St. Paul said "Seek only human temptations," those they met with in the ordinary course of life. These were usually hard enough to bear without rection. He said St. Paul in writing to his new converts, the Corinthians, though he knew them to be full of zeal and earnestness for God and their soul's going deliberately into the occasions salvation, felt it to be right to put them of sin. God would not try them above on their guard by warning them what had happened in the past to those who had rebelled against God. No one had their strength, but, on the other hand, if they met the temptations that He spoken more beautifully or more strongly about the charity of God about His mercy, about His goodness and His readiness to receive back the sinner, and to help him in his struggle for his have run their course, and then would come the crown of glory."-London Catholic News, July 21. eternal salvation, yet at the same time St. Paul warned them that though God is full of charity, and mercy, and love, He is also full of justice, and though Device of a Satan-Worshipper. He was full of love for those who turned to Him, He was indeed terrible A curious and interesting libel suit to those who enlisted themselves among is, says the Berlin correspondent of London Standard, pending against His enemies and placed themselves on the side of Satan. So in order to keep those converts of his in the proper two newspapers, one at Rome and the other at Bonn. A Catholic priest at spirit he spoke of the principal dangers, and told them in the first place they must not covet evil things like those who had gone before. They knew Friburg in Switzerland lately refused to allow a lady to receive Holy Com-munion. The offended lady brought an action against him for damaging

who had gone before. They knew when Moses was leading the Israelite her reputation, and demanded four hundred pounds as compensation. The Swiss Court, however, rejected her through the desert to the promised land, there fell from Heaven every morning life preserving food to satisfy claim. The above-mentioned papers in reporting the case denounced the their wants, both spiritual and cor-poral; yet they began to long for the lady as grand-mistress of a ladies' lodge, and added that this lodge had leshpots of Egypt. They called out, accepted the Satan worship imported from America and the "Devil's Mass" 'Who will give us flesh to eat? Better to be in bondage in Egypt and have instituted by Grand Master Holbrook, our flesh pots than continue to live on this food." And Almighty God caused at which the Host used has been stolen quails to be poured down amongst the Israelites, and they ate and ate until dagger thrusts, or is black and dedisickness broke out amongst them, and cated to Lucifer.

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"I hope you will, I do most sincerely hope you will." That was all — have faith, believe that you'll be saved and saved you are.

Father Corby suggested that, as the time was short, the young man who had declared to the priest his belief in the principle articles of the creed and his desire to do anything possible to him to please God, should be baptized. "Well," returned the parson, "I do

not know what your Church teaches, but our Church holds that all that is necessary is faith in Christ as the Saviour and Baptism in the Holy Ghost. I will go see the general and learn what time the execution is to take place.

He came back presently reporting that the appointed hour was 1 o'clock. "Then," said Father Corby, "we of the flesh, the result of such was that " Then, have but half an hour to prepare the man for death. Now, if baptism will them and death overtook them long

do him no good, as you think, surely it will do him no harm : so if you have

sacrament. Immediately there was a in moderation, and when they had notable change in the prisoner's de-meanor. The light of faith, bestowed but no further." Proceeding then to

on him by baptism, seemed to shine in his countenance. A burden had been lifted from his soul, and his heart, hitherto dark and apprehensive, was light and full of peace. Soon a much to day as He did then. squad of armed men came to escort him to the place of death. He went with them as coolly as if he had been with them as coony as it he had been called to dress parade. The chaplains walked beside him. Arrived at the place of execution, his eyes were bandaged, and he was placed in posi-lowers. Go into countries that had kill him. At a signal, the guns were with the falling off from God they

discharged and the soul of Adam was before its Lord. When the command of the Army of Sweden and Scotland, two most Prosight, sickening to raw recruits. In gratulated each other of their escape, which the Command of the Army of Sweeten and Scotain, two most ro-sequestered places some of the wounded It had been a bloody day, and but the Potomac had been taken from testant countries? They found that had been collected. From group to group few were left to tell its story. The General Metellan and turned over to by a great majority they had the went the chaplain, giving absolution, two parted after exchanging a few General Burnside, the Irish Brigade greatest number of illegitimate births

found affection creeping up into their hearts against anyone which might b a dangerous affection, they must cut it off. Is they found they had a desire for drink they must take double meas-Here's a Pointer ures to be on their guard, lest they give way to it. If the lust for money grew upon them, they must open their hearts in charity to others. So with everything else they knew to be evil, they must kill the desire in the begin ning, and be always ready for the temptation, and in that the first great part of the battle had been won for gods and idols, in turning their who heart and soul in the enjoyment of before their time. Father Biggs said those who were living must take care no objections, I shall baptize him. The minister gave his consent and at once the priest administered the not go beyond bounds, but enjoy them what St. Paul said of fornication and referring to the twenty-three thousand who fell in one day owing to this sin, was given up for other religions,



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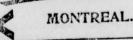
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