#### THE PARISH SYSTEM OF QUEBEC

BISHOP OF OLD FRANCE DRAWS INSPIRATION FROM NEW FRANCE

In his Lenten Pastoral, Msgr. Landrieux, Bishop of Dijon, France, who, it will be remembered, was a member of the French Mission which visited Canada some months ago, has drawn a striking picture of the Canadian parish organization in the Province of Quebec which he urges the French people to imitate, stating that if France is to recover her strength, and restore what has been undone, it must be through the reorganization of the parish community which is the canonic basis and normal field of social

Bishop Landrieux says that this idea had received the approval of the late Pope Benedict XV., who, in various audiences told him that he had a special concern for the parish, while in his letter of April parish, while in his letter of April 17, 1917 he declared that in his eyes the question was one "of primary importance" and that "after so many and such lamentable up-heavals, there is but one way to prosperity for the Church in France, and that is to return to the point of departure, and restore to the parishes their normal constitution, their original force and their organization of other days."

"The parish community over there," says Msgr. Landrieux, "is not a mere word, a figure of speech; it is a reality of the first order which includes everything; it is the armature of Canadian society, especially in the rural districts to which it gives a name, for they do not say, as we do, 'the village, the community,' but the parish, because it was the parish which made the village, which gives cohesion to the community and which is its soul.

"When the Lieutenant Governor

"When the Lieutenant Governor, at Quebec, said to the French Mission: 'It was your clergy, gentlemen, which made this people, he did not exaggerate, he merely summed up a century and a half of history. Everything I heard, everything I saw, all the echoes which have come to me from over there bear witness to this fact, and their concordance is impressive: 'Yes, the parish made Canada and saved "-"There is no doubt but that the parish has saved the race—it has withstood all the assaults of politics-it has made us what we are—it has been a force for national, social and religious pres-ervation—it has maintained the disorder, suppressing hatred and leading the people back to an understanding of duty and by unity of views and beliefs, it has parishes were veritable citadels against the assaults from without and from within.' 'If Canada has been able to survive her trials, it is because the Church never abandoned her and because she has always trusted to the Church. Do you want to know what our priests have done? What will always trusted to the Church are when the country districts is already lamentable in many discrete of friends. As a church worker she was pre-eminent and was always ready to do a service for the Master's sake to the Master's sake the Master's sake to the Master's sake the Master's insured the integrity and expansion of the race, its cohesion and its you want to know what our priests have done? What would have become of the Canadian people had it not been for the heroic devotion of the priests? According to all human calculations they would

### INFLUENCE OF PASTORS

"The pastor, who is almost always a member of the school board, is the most influential and authoritative person in the country. He wisely abstains from political discussions in order not to hinder or

"But there are other signs of the Christian vitality of a people besides its faithfulness to religious practices; public and private morality. The tree is known by its

fruit. "The size of the Canadian families is an eloquent testimonial to their moral health. And this is not due, as some have claimed, to

the same conditions. The results proved that the problem is of a Council. proved that the problem is of a religious nature, and that it can be solved not by a certain state of material conditions but by a state of soul.

of soul.

"There are many religious and priestly vocations in Canadian families. The grandfather of Cardinal Begin, Archbishop of Quebec, had 324 direct descendants at the time of his death, and Msgr. Roy, who was recently a visitor at Dijon, told me about his mother who is ninety-three years of age and who had 21 children, of whom one is a bishop, four are priests and three are nuns. In the diocese of Trois-Rivieres, Msgr. Cloutier had three brothers who were priests and eight sisters who were nuns. In the Canadian parish, the question of religious vocations does not have to combat the theory of the 'single son' as it does in France. In a parish of the diocese of Montreal, the Archbishop, when visiting the church on his pastoral tour, asked every married man in the church had 21 children, of whom one is a bishop, four are priests and three

who had one son who was a priest to rise; not one man remained

"When each individual conscience is regulated by the commandments of God; when religion is the basis of laws, institutions and morals; of laws, institutions and morals; when all citizens are serious Christians, the public order is assured: there is no need for policemen and prisons

POLICE UNNECESSARY

"In the rural districts of Canada there is no police force, not even a rural guard. In small towns, a single policeman is sufficient. Except in the large centers the prisons are practically empty, and in many large districts, even indus-

in many large districts, even industrial districts, there are no saloons. "During the last few years, while strikes have been agitating the United States, and the rest of the Dominion, the Province of the United States, and the rest of the Dominion, the Province of Quebec was free from disorder, and the Protestant press of Ontario emphasized this significant preser-vation which can be attributed only to the Christian character of the penulation which is firmly based on population which is firmly based on order, thanks to the strong parish

organization.

"Frequent Communion is a habit, and there is scarcely a community which has not been publicly consecrated to the Sacred Heart, just as the Governor of Quebec has done for the whole province.

the whole province.
"Parallel with these manifestations of Christian vitality a strong movement of Catholic social action is being manifested and is increasing day by day by means of professional groups, study circles, social sional groups, study circles, social secretariats, popular lectures, syndicate labor unions, social conferences, press work, etc. The clergy is seconded by the religious orders in this wonderful apostolic effort. This is a fact of the greatest interest to us Frenchmen. In the crisis This is a fact of the greatest interest to us Frenchmen. In the crisis which the French Church is now passing through, does not the distress of so many of our parishes demand this direct help in a way and under conditions to be determined by the Holy See? For the Supreme Pontiff is the one who must appreciate the opportunity of must appreciate the opportunity of the time and give the stimulus. This would not be a novelty in the In pleading the cause of Church. the religious congregations Leo XIII., said: "When the small number of secular priests or the need of the times made it necessary, legions of apostles, eminent in holi-

restoring to honor the principles of religion and Christian civilization."

influence on society by

where Mass is only said occasionally and which are morally abandoned. The rural population, which was the last to emerge from paganism, is, fatally, the first to fall back into paganism when evil days come.
"Do not believe, my Brothers,

human calculations they would have perished. Here everything belongs to the parish and starts from the parish. Without the parish nothing succeeds. With it everything prospers marvelously. Champlain and Montcalm.

"I have thought the picture of this flourishing parish life would suggest practical reflections and opportune resolutions.

wisely abstains from political discussions in order not to hinder or compromise his spiritual mission, but his moral action, which is restricted by no law, is exercised in every other field.

"But there are other signs of the Christian vitality of a people besides its faithfulness to religious practices; mublic, and private."

opportune resolutions.

"I believed that by telling you very simply what those Christians of the French race are and what they are doing, you would better realize what we would be and what this practical lesson will be understood and will bear fruit."

#### N. C. W. C. FOR AID TO UNEMPLOYED

to their moral health. And this is not due, as some have claimed, to material conditions, to greater facilities in agricultural life. It is due above all to the principles of Christian life.

"England had conceived the plan of dominating the French element by attracting Protestant colonists who settled on the same land, under the same conditions. The results proved that the problem is of a

Commander MacNider's letter is as follows:

Rev. John J. Burke, secretary. National Catholic Welfare Council, Washington, D. C.

Dear Father Burke: Dear Father Burke:

I want to thank you officially on behalf of The American Legion for the splendid way in which your organization responded to our appeal for assistance in The American Legion unemployment work.

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Commander MacNider's letter was written from The American Legion's headquarters in Indiana-

#### OBITUARY

SISTER HILDEGARDE

After a lingering illness, Sister M. Hildegarde, of the Community of St. Joseph, died Friday, April 28th. Sister Hildegarde was a well-known teacher in this city, having held the principalship of St. Peter's school for a period of six Peter's school for a period of six years, where she proved herself an exemplary teacher and endeared herself to her pupils by her amiability and untiring zeal. Many of our leading citizens (her former pupils) will learn with regret of Sister Hildegrade's demise, for to the thoroughness and high principles she inculcated they attribute much of their success in later life. Afterwards, she continued her labours in years, where she proved herself an wards, she continued her labours in the Separate schools of Woodstock and Seaforth.

The funeral took place from the Sacred Heart Convent, on Monday,

VERY REV. ROBERT E. M. BRADY On Saturday evening April 22, the news of the sudden death of Very Rev. Dean Brady of Brantford startled a very great number of friends and acquaintances had not learned that the Dean was seriously ill.
Death was caused by double
pneumonia, after about a week's illness, which in the early stages did not promise to be serious. Born near Montreal, the late Dean gave promise in his student days of marked ability. He made his course in that city and was ordained to the holy priesthood, in May, 1888. For twenty years he was in charge of St. Lawrence's, Hamilton, and developed the parish greatly. Going to Brantford in succession to Rev. Father Lennon, he revolutionized the parish, a new deanery, residence, convent and school of most modern type being erected during his pastorate and the church itself thoroughly renovated. He was an indefatigable worker and was loved by his parishioners and held in high esteem throughout the city. He leaves a brother. Rev. Father Brady, Montreal, and two sisters, also of Montreal. R. I. P. ness and doctrine left the cloisters, and by giving valiant aid to the bishops exercised the most happy

MRS. E. J. BRODERICK

After a long illness, the death of Mrs. E. J. Broderick, wife of E. J. Broderick, 188 Albert St., London, took place on April 22, in St. London, the state of the

Society. Her charity was unbounded, thinking only of being of says, Catholic Record, London, Ont.

service to some one else. Besides her husband she leaves to mourn her loss, one son John; three sisters, Mrs. M. McGrath, Ottawa, Ont.; Mrs. H. McGrath and Miss Margaret McCarty, Omaha, Neb., and one brother Daniel of Burt, Mich. Father Frank McCarty of Thamesville is a cousin.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, April 25, to St. Peter's Cathedral where Solemn High Mass was sung by Father McCarty assisted by Father Gerard, Windsor, as deacon and Father Pocock as sub-deacon. Interment was made in St. Peter's Cometery. May her soul rest in Cemetery. May her soul rest in

#### DIVISION OF JEWS OVER ZION STATE

By Dr. Frederick Funder

Vienna, the European headquar-ters of militant Zionism and prospective seat of the Palestinian Immigrants' Bank, is reverberating with clamorous denunciations of the Orthodox Jews, whom the Zionist press is accusing of treachery to the

press is accusing of treachery to the project of reestablishing a Jewish state in the Holy Land.

Lord Northcliffe's recent appraisal of the Zionist movement, which he calls a failure, is the occasion for this controversy between the two principal wings of international Jewry. Vienna Zionist organs declare that Lord Northcliffe's statements originated in information given him by the "clerical" Jewish group, centralized in the tion given him by the "clerical" Jewish group, centralized in the "Agudah." Wanting power to control the reestablishment of the Jewish race in Palestine in accordance with their own spirit and ideals, the "clerical" elements, say these Zionist papers, are endeavoring by every means "accessible to the morals of slaves" to halt the progress.

progress. MANY CHARGES OF HIGH TREASON

communities. We appreciate the splendid spirit in which you have aided us in that endeavor.

Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) HANFORD MACNIDER.

Commander MacNider's letter

it already has many subjects guilty of high treason, it is alleged. These subjects, say the Zionists, are the wardens who incite the people against Moses and Aaron by a system of falsehood, denunciation

and defamation. "But Canaan was reached in spite of all the efforts of the Tribe of Core; Zionism will attain the Pales-tine state in the teeth of the new tribe of Core," the mouthpieces of

Zionism declare.

This conflict seems to threaten an explosion that will rive the whole Jewish race. It is interesting to follow this feud. It reveals the real forces within the ranks of Jewry and the critical trial which Jewry and the critical trial which Zionism is undergoing. The Zionists are primarily and principally nationalists. They leave out of reckoning all religious motives. For the most part they are contaminated by bolshevism. They were projected into Western Europe by the Russian Revolution. Fomenting unrest, wherever, they appear these unrest wherever they appear, these zealots of Zionism are spreading social diseases in all quarters. It is they who are trying to get the upper hand in the Holy Land.

are another warning to the Christian world. He foresees the most disastrous conditions as the result of Zionist politics and plotting. As a consequence of the inrush of Jews into Palestine, disorder is rife there. Most of these Jewish immigrants are adventurers of whom their own

IN MEMORIAM

Reilley,—In loving memory of Patrick F. Reilley, Petrolia, Ont., who died April 28th, 1921. May his soul rest in peace.

DIED

Sarsfield.—In loving memory of Nellie Dolan, beloved wife of J. M. Sarsfield, who died at Haileybury, Ont., April 22nd, 1919.

-Daughter Bernice and Daddy. PEPIN.-At Blind River, Ont., on Tuesday, April 4, 1922, Mrs. Francis D'Assise Pepin, daughter of the late Martin and Catherine Heis. aged sixty years. May her soul rest in peace.

LEE.-At her late residence, 311 S. Marks Street, Fort William, Ont., on Good Friday, Bridget Elizabeth Lee, aged seventy-five years, widow of the late Harry D. years, widow of the late Harry D.
Lee, who thirty-five years ago
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