the confidence of their sons, untilbut that was all over, wiped out. The boy had come back to him. Raoul was his again. Ob, they had not said nearly enough! There were so many, many things they must telk over! How much more ly the lad had grown! How fine and how serious his countenance! The cavalry officer, five years ago. had been very gay and a brilliant dancer: this man, with the mud of the trenches upon bim, had hands that gripped like steel and a purpose

It was night still when a terrific explosion reverberated through the outer darkness. The General sprang He had expected as much Just above his subterranean dwelling, a hole in the earth showed where the projectile had ripped the soil and lay He hurried out, his assistant officers following; and already the whole post was alive. In the east, te which the morning had not yet crept, flares and flashes of red light ned the sky : and the roaring and booming of yesterday had begun again with intensified thunder. But upon the road fresh troops were swinging forward; and the General saw them pass, column after column, eager, alert, light hearted; looking like mere masses of black animate matter in the gloom that hid their faces. From somewhere in the tramping ranks, a voice began to hum, lightly, some little ditty about Rosalie" (the bayonet,) and broke off abruptly. It made the General smile. He, too, was going to the Front. In the clearer light, the hostile artillery found the range of the road, and began to shell that The men would wait for the spurt of earth and stones, and then run forward between shots. The "brancar-diers" passed, bastily, too, with their folded stretchers—heroes of the first line, unarmed, yet often wounded : many of them priests.

The General lived it all, felt it all, in his own soul like some great epic. And, more distinctly than many genius behind him, the inspiration of thing called " Country. task was to gain the hillock with his officers; to stand there, frequently under fire, where he could command the view of the plain; not to lose move of the extensive chess-d. It was the Ridge they were storming again, and the trenches were it. The men around the General could name technically what roaring, vomiting mouths were 'Two ten,' "Eighty. ejecting forth ; Hundred and five.' noise of it was beyond human effort to describe

Their infantry will attack immediately after this, you will see," the given rise. General predicted.

And his glass alternately and steadily swept north, east, south.

Somewhere in the immense theatre social and moral viewpoint, is the was Raoul. And tens of thousands Raouls straining and fighting all

The trenches were being leveled, the ground ploughed up around them | years' of War too many, and amongst the bail of iron, and the smoke drifted over to shut them out. the rifles never ceased their steady crackling response. Presently the first-line trenches near the Ridge turn but with changed notions, ideas and viewpoints of home life. For many of them home will have lost ceased to afford shelter. The watch forseen, the enemy's infantry charged advancing on each side, the guns of each volleyed their murderous fire. and influences cannot but bring The General had his glass upon the nen of the trench. He could see them slowly, with great difficulty,

tighten upon the glass. He sees distinctly who it is. Two cat-like subalterns leap after him. There is an interval—the fraction of a second only—and the men go over, too. They are in full view, and the machine guns immediately grow very busy with the daring group. They begin to run up toward the summit. Fifty yards, and they all lie down. Then another fifty yards, and they are at the crest and they will hold it. And from the east the other troopsswarms of them—are upon the slope, struggling upward. From the united fight it is impossible to disengage single units. The General's glass is here and there and everywhere. us get a little closer," he ejaculates at length; and they immediately leave the hillock, and for a moment are upon the road again, in the midst of the turmoil and uninterrupted, powerful onrush of the

Swiftly the little group of the staff ascends the next eminence. A struggling road, much seared and scarred by repeated bombardments, offers the semblance of shelter. At intervals shells crash through the upper timber. The General moves forward fearlessly, almost to the edge of the Momentarily he has forgotten the tall figure that led the Chasseurs to the crest of the Ridge. Some new movement of grave importance calls his attention to the southwest, where a flank manoevre is being executed. The brancardiers pass him again, returning at anxious speed with their weighted stretchers. And comrades, here and there, are leading other wounded who are able to walk with some assistance. The sight is familiar-the silence, the unquestioning patience; sometimes low groans, very often a brave, glad smile

Among the outpost birches, they meet a trooper supporting a wounded officer. Seeing that he can go no farther, the man allows his heavy burden to drop there, at the foot of a tree. Over their heads through the bare boughs, the shells are crashing incessantly. The trooper perceived the little group of the staff, recog nizes their leader, and cries, all the orrow of his honest, affectional heart in his quivering voice :

General, it's our captain and your The father had not needed to be told. He bends over the form that has grown so still; feels for the heart, eagerly, helplessly; gazes with agonized intensity at the pearl whiteness of the face, the drooped evelids that do not cover the dark eyes; and tenderly kisses him once - before

them all. Then—
"Gentleman," he says, "it is my son—who was worthy to die for France. Let us go on!"

Somewhere in the more gentle South, where spring is already beginning, one of those who never forget -is hunting for the first violet amid the last patches of melting snow.—Gabriel Francis Powers in The Ave Maria.

LENTEN PASTORAL OF ARCHBISHOP ROCHE

EDWARD PATRICK, BY GRACE OF GOD, AND FAVOR OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE, ARCH-BISHOP OF ST. JOHN'S. NEWFOUNDLAND

TO CLERGY, RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES AND LAITY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S

HEALTH AND BENEDICTION

Evening Telegram, St. John's, Newfoundland Dearly Beloved Brethren :- The Lenten Season of this year of Grace Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen is being ushered in under exceptional and altogether unprecedented conditions throughout the world. The Great War, which has plunged the world in misery and sorrow of all for more than four weary years has at length been terminated. and the world is now face to face with the great problems of peace As it is for the statesmen and diplomatists of the various nations to grapple with the problems of reconstruction-material, economic social reconstruction-so it is the province and the function of the Church to deal with the moral and religious issues to which the War has

One of the most far reaching and effect it has had on home life. The War has broken up innumerable homes. Of the millions who have been called away during the four them countless fathers of families But will never return. Others will reits sanctity, and its sacred influence ers saw the men gather together and will be destroyed. Another factor take the narrow gully leading north. seriously effecting family life is the necessity which compelled so many women and girls to leave their oward the eastern slopes of the natural sphere at home to engage in Ridge. Behind the bodies of troops works and employments hitherto about a radical change in the condi tions of home life the world after the War. Even before the War ascending the gully, toward the the deterioration of home life was black, hole pierced top of the hill. proud.

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They pause are responsible for the home, no children remain under the parental as Days of Abstinence on which the use of meat is forbidden. Although, as we have said, the epidemic has parents too frequently fail to realize the responsibility resting upon them the inclement season of the none is the price of her. The heart in this responsibility resting upon them the responsibility resting upon them th He was very glad, and he was very in material prosperity and wealth it the foundation upon which society is built, and if the great work of moral reconstruction is to be successful, there must be a return of all the days of her life. Her hus-ancient Christian ideals of the home. band is honorable in the gates, not more than children are to be seen It is to the Caristian home we must in his mind that the Holy Father, Benedict XV., this year blessed and approved as the intention of the stleship of Prayer for the month of January. Devotion to the Holy Family at Nazareth. Another saintly Pontiff, Pope Leo XIII., of blessed memory in one of his Encyclicals set forth clearly how the Holy Family of Nazareth is a model for every Chris-

> faith, and in Jesus who was subject to them, children have a Divine Pattern of obedience for their admiration and devotion and their imita tion. Those who are highly born will learn from this family of royal blood how to be modest in prosperity and dignified in adversity. The rich will be taught how virtue must be before their riches. Those who they and theirs have to suffer need only cast their eyes on these holy members of a holy household and the cradle rules the world. they will find reasons rather for re-joicing than grieving for the lot

they must live by what they earn, and if they work with their own hands so did Jesus before them.

SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

There can be little doubt that the pirit of discontent and unrest throughout the world is largely due to a disregard for God and the sacred laws that should govern family life. The evil of divorce which has been growing so alarmingly in recent years shows that many have ceased to regard marriage as other than a temporary contract to be broken at will. This strikes at the very root of all morality. It is on the unity and indissolubility of the marriage tie that the sanctity of family de-pends. This is amongst the fundamentals of the teaching of Christ. He elevated Christian marriage to the dignity of a Sacrament and enriched it with special graces. risge was no longer mean, according to the ethics of the teaching of Christ, the degradation of woman, it was no longer to be an unstable contract to be set aside at pleasure, but a perm anent and abiding union indissolu-What, there-together, let ble except by death. fore, God hath joined together, no man put asunder."-(Matt. xix. 6.)

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY According to the Divine ideal of the family as ordained by Christ in the new dispensation the husband is the head of the home. This is the order sanctioned by the Creator Let women be subject to their husbands as the Lord. Because the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church. Therefore as the Church is subject to Christ, so also let the wives be to their husbands in all things."— (Eph. V. 22-24). But this, however, does not mean the enslavement or degradation of women, for the Apostle immediately adds, "Husbands love your wives, as Christ also loved the Church, and delivered himself up for it."—(Eph. v. 25). Thus it is that husbands and wives both have their respective duties and obligations towards each other and towards their children. It is the duty of the father to labour for the becoming support of the family. the breadwinner, the wage earner on whose efforts the maintenance of those of his household depends. Christian father should learn to love his family, and whatever outside interests he may have his main interests must ever centre in his own family whose welfare and well-being should be his unceasing He must be an example to thought. children of all those virtues which should adorn the Christians life. If he is not all that he should be he has much to answer for before God. Listen to the words of a Bishop on the position of a Christian tather: "Ob, the exalted position of father: the Christian father! How carefully he should qualify himself for his sublime and difficult office should know the doctrines of his Church and be able to render an account of the faith that is in him. He should fulfil his obligations of hearing Mass and receiving the Sac raments at seasonable times. He should be industrious, sober and provide amply for the necessities and some of the comforts of life for himself and those entrusted to his care He should be manly, not effeminate; cheerful, not gloomy, or narrow happy and contented, not peevish and fault-finding. The noble manliness of the father should make the sound of his footstep the sweetest music to his dear ones. His love for his family should inspire respect

for parental authority and bring about that cheerful obedience which makes the house another Eden." As for the position of the mother will render him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. Her huseternal sunshine of Heaven. The at the Accounting Day. Nazareth is a model for every Unristiau family.

"In St. Joseph," says the late Holy Pontiff, "the father of a family has a wondrous example of parental solicitude and care. In the Most Holy Virgin Mother of God mothers find a perfect model of love, of modesty, of resignation and of perfect to the father of the perfect of the property of the proper weighty responsibility of nourishing and caring for the frail, tender body and of developing the powers of the lessons of virtue and religion and instills into their minds those simple yet mighty thoughts which have been the solace of mankind. She builds up character, forms the Christian man and woman, fashions the future cleric or religious, the lawyer, are engaged in labour, those who, specially in our times, are sc strongly tempted to dissatisfaction and impatience by straightened circumstances and the hardships which security of nations are dependent upon the mother. It is assuredly most true that, "The hand that rocks

CARE OF THE CHILD

are attained, their interests coalesced and united. For this end was the marriage state instituted and blessed by the Creator. It is at once the privilege and the duty of parents to watch over the child from tenderest years, to guard and foster the development of its various faculties, to sow the seeds of virtue and truth in virgin soil fresh and pure from the hand of Omnipotence. It was the fresh. unspoiled beauty and innocence of childhood that touched the heart of the Saviour, that made the little ones so dear to him, that caused him to say of them "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."-(Mark x. 14). The training of the children with

whom God has blessed them is the

first and paramount duty of parents in the home. It is in the home that the characters of the young are formed and those seeds planted which will bear fruit, good or evil as the case may be, in after years. The founda-tions of the future are laid in the home. It is there that boys a d girls grow to be men and womer, and they are constantly influenced morally physically, intellectually and socially by their environments. It is evident therefore, that unhallowed home sur ndings, the evil example or neglect of parents corrupt the hearts and warp the minds of the young. There can be no truly Christian home unless parents give the example of virtuous and upright living, for it is the careful observation of religious duties and the constant remembra of God's presence that gives to the home its Christian character and re ligious influence. How can it be expected that the seeds planted by devoted teachers in the school can produce good fruit if the children return daily to a home where the father is emperate, profene, forgetful of his obligations; where the mother is heedless, careless and indifferent and where sin and misery and unhappi ness ever dwell? No matter how zealous teachers may be, parents have a duty to discharge which they can not delegate to others. They must always be the first teachers and instructors of their children. This is the law of religious, the order of divine Providence, the ordinance of God. Unless parents co operate with the school and the Church it will not be possible to give their children a What is built up in the school or Church if not supported and strengthened by home teaching and home influence, sooner or latter must fall to ruin, and here it is that the influence of the mother is para mount and supreme. It is from the mother that radiance all the influence of religious home training. From the father, the child may indeed learn visdom and strength of mind and discipline of the will which comes from cheerful and ready obedience but it is from the mother the child receives that subtle moral impress which fashions its life in time and accompanies it into eternity. spiritual care of the child in the home is assuredly the mother's task, and blessed will she be in her children if she performs that task faith fully and well. How many parents fail to discharge

their duties in this respect? In too many homes the children are permitted to have too much of their own way, especially when they outgro the years of childhood and are advancing into boyhood and girlhood. They are permitted to come and go as they please and to leave the house and return at their own discretion It is the duty of the parents to see that regular hours are kept by their children and to know where they are and with whom they associate when absent from home. As long as the children remain under the parental when he sitteth among the senators | nightly in the streets of the city in look for the regeneration of society. It was, no doubt, with this thought in his mind that the Holy Father, and called her blessed: her." (Proverbs have mothers and fathers who are These children axxi. 10 28). The very centre of responsible for their conduct, and the radiating influence of religious home training is the mother. She is the spiritual sun of the household, giving light and warmth to its every nock and corner, filling it with an art respects to the spiritual sun of the conduct the spiritual sun of the atmosphere of love and joy and the will have a great deal to answer for profound and sweet impressions in times urged by parents when charged stilled by a mother remain still fresh and green when every other recollection that they are beyond their control. tion withers and fades away. This excuse will avail them very Motherhood is a woman's sublime little before the Tribunal of Judg ment. The Christian father and mother will prudently and wisely correct and reprove their children Lord: severe under discipline. God dealt cally proclaimed, still the fu

children hearken to the admonition of the Apostles: "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is just. Honour thy father and thy mother, which is the first commandment with a promise: That it may be well with them and thou mayest be long-lived upon earth."—Eph. vi.,2-3).

HEALTHIER HOMES

Speaking of home life it may not be inopportune at the present time to repeat the appeal which was made in a Pastoral some years ago for better, cleaner and healthier homes for our people. In the Pastoral Letter addressed to the Archdiocese at the beginning of the Lenten season of

"In connection with educational influence of home life, perhaps we might be permitted to express the hope that the day is not far distant when some practical measures will be taken for improved housing accommodation for large numbers of our laboring people of the city of St It is impossible to associate the ideals of home life with the en vironments and surroundings which many of our people are compelled to live. The houses in some of the congested sections of the are small, over-crowded, ill-lighted, ill-ventilated and generally unsuited for habitation. Children growing up in these surroundings must be ever strangers to the sacred hallowing influence of home training. We are well aware that the question is a difficult one, but meantime whilst it is unvolved we are paying a heavy toll in disease, ill-health and misery amongst our people. The problem has had to be faced in all cities, and it should not be impossible of solution here. The outlay would be more than repaid in the physical and moral health of the community Whilst under present conditions all concerned suffer, the children suffer more than others and the ill-effects of these unfavourable conditions are bound to be manifest in the next generation of our people.

Two years have elapsed since these words were written, and though the necessity is admitted on all sides, no improvement has been effected. The using condition in certain sections are a disgrace to the city. matter that would seem to call imperatively and immediately for united effort and action on the part of all interests and section community as well as for the assistance of the State amongst whose most valuable assets must ever be reckoned the health and happiness of It surely should possible for corporate enterprise with the active sympathy of the State to evolve some comprehensive system whereby the housing problem could be dealt with on an extensive scale better homes at reasonable rentals provided for large numbers of our people at St. John's. Until this is done despite the commendable efforts that are being made by the health authorities to bring about a decline in infantile mortality and to combat the spread of Tuberculosis, we must inevitably continue to pay our heavy toll in disease, misery and death.

DISPENSATION FROM FAST AND

ABSTINENCE Owing to the epidemic of Influenza which has affected all portions of the Archdiocese and which as yet has not completely subsided, we have deemed it expedient for the coming Lent to Holy Week, which will be observed n them the inclement season of the year ing down that results in the to avail of the special powers given Observance. We would, however, those seeking divorce reeks earnestly exhort the faithful of the shame that exceeds the worst Archaiocese to make up for this alms to the poor and by voluntary mortification and self-denial.

TIME OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYER

In conclusion, Dearly Beloved Brethren. We exhort you to enter into the spirit of the Holy Season of Lent which is just about to begin. The Holy Season which is about to begin is a time of intercession and prayer. There never was a time or a year which we needed more to in-voke the blessings and the protection of God than we do during the presfrom their earliest years, always, ent Lent. We have scarcely as yet however, doing so in the spirit of the shaken off the terrible nightmare of "For whom the Lord loveth astiseth; and he scourgeth the blessings of peace. Though the and caring for the frail, tender pody and of developing the powers of the soul. She teaches her children the every son whom He receiveth. Per war, and we remize only in a time way and of developing the powers of the soul. She teaches her children the every son whom He receiveth. Per war, and we remize only in a time way and of the courageth the blessings of peace. Though the with you as with his sons, for what the world is dark and dim and uncerson is there whom the father do not correct. Now all chastisement for the present indeed seemeth not to bring wrestling for more than four years with it joy and sorrow! but after have now given place to the no less wards it will yield to them that are complex problems and difficulties of exercised by it the most peaceable peace. At the present time the countries of the Old World are seething The duty and proper correction of with discontent, revolution, anarchy their children is one of the most important duties of parents. Let it be remembered that to train children to obedience they must be corrected with a view to discussing the conditions of peace, and never, it may be said, in the histography and the peace, and never, it may be said, in the literature of the most interest. obedience they must be corrected peace, and never, it may be said, in without anger, abuse or cruelty. joicing than grieving for the lot which has fallen to them. Like the Holy Family they labour, like the Holy Family they have to provide for their daily bread, like Joseph Garley, the Care of the Without anger, but bring them up the history of the world has there wand you fathers, provoke not your children to anger, but bring them up the discipline and correction of the Lord." (Eph. vi . 4). Correction must be tempered with authority, math of the war is already evident.

justice and mercy. It is thus that discernible of industrial and economparents rule the home. And let the ic unrest, and it may be that the effects of this unrest will sconer or later become evident amongst us in this Colony. Already our soldiers and sailors who have fought so nobly and brought such distinction on the alive. Colony are returning in large num-bers, and the absorption of three or four thousand men which must take place in the near future into the economic and industrial life of the Colony is bound to have far-reaching effects upon local conditions gener ally. However, it is to be that our people will readily adapt themselves to the change of circumstances, and be prepared to meet all the difficulties of the future when they arise. The most difficult and 1917 the following passage occurs: delicate problems to be faced every.

'In connection with educational where are those which concern the relations between capital and labor between the employer and the em ployed. Happily, in this Colony, in the main, the relations between employers and employed have been amicable and friendly. There have been from time to time disputes and abour troubles, but there has been always a desire for compromise and micable settlement, and it should be our prayer that this spirit of conciliation may continue to animate the various classes and elements

amongst our people no matter what the difficulties of the future may Let us then during this Season of rayer and grace send forth our supplications to the Almighty that He ould continue to bless our beloved ountry with the prosperity which has been so evident in recent years, that He would guide and direct our people along the paths of wisdom and peace, that He would mercifully spare us from the evils of license and excess of all kinds, that He would cause the fateful years immediately before us to be years of peace and happiness, of material and re ligious prosperity.

For the rest, brethren, whatsover things are true, whatsoever modest, whatsoever just, whatsoever holy, whatsoever lovely, whatsoever of good fame, if there be any virtue. if any praise of discipline: think on these things.

"And may my God supply all your want, according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

"Now to God and our Father be glory, world without end. Amen."-(Philippians iv. 8, 19, 20). +E. P. ROCHE

Archbishop of St. John's Given at St. John's, this Quinquagesima Sunday, March 2nd, 1919

[The foregoing admirable Pastoral Letter puts before all Catholics, and indeed all Christians, thoughts and considerations of inestimable importance and universal application: but it may be well to mention that the dispensation therein granted applies only to the Diocese of St. John's Nfld. E.C.R.]

ITALY ANSWERS It is another reassuring sign of the

new Italy that she refuses, in no un-certain way, to give divorce any place on her statute books. A few decadents could not sweep her off her feet. The allure of progress has brought no more accursed thing than the dissolution of the family through the operation of the law. Italy defiaitely lines up with the sentiment of Catholicity in rejecting the very remove the obligation of Fast and thing that a modern world reckons Abstinence, with the exception of Ash as its most difficult problem. Laws may try to lessen the evil, but where divorce has once received any sanc tion the nation reaps disaster. Uni-Although, form laws to regulate divorce are idemic has farcical. Once let down the bars and then there occurs a pro are going to do. The officers are arranging to me in the gully, and if the parapet. The General's fingers to the parapet. The General's fingers are going to do. The officers are arranging to me in the gully, and if the great work the parapet. The General's fingers to the parapet. The General's fingers to the parapet. The General's fingers to the parapet to the par would be ludicrous were they not Us in such cases and to grant this tragic. The scandal of states and Dispensation from the usual Lenten cities vying for the patronage of of the Roman empire. Italy rallied to Dispensation by more frequent her Catholic teaching, but she was attendance at the services and devo-tions of the Church, the giving of socially, by rejecting divorce.—New

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