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TO BE REMEMBERED

That "the child is father to the man" is no longer a mere political flourish, but a fact demonstrated by science and social statistics: a truth of family experience which grows clearer and more expressive from year to year. Home and school provide the mental and moral outfit which for the most part determines the life-course of the nation's youth. Hebrew and Greek, the masters of philosophy in all ages, have taught that childhood held the keys of prog- in the reach of the simple souls who ress. Montaigne remarked that "our constitute the main body of mourners nurses are our chief rulers." Bacon in this holocaust of war's victims. enlarges upon the accountability of To many of these bereavement is an parents, declaring that "he that hath absolute sentence of ruin. Their which is its flame, It does not take wife and children hath given hos- happiness has been bound up with suffering as a target, but as a weapon tages to fortune," and Napoleon's the life just ended; husband or son dictum that "France's greatest need can never be replaced. For such was a new race of mothers" applies sufferers no ordinary solace will for peace without expelling what as forcibly to the European popula- suffice. We can only remind them tions who are at each other's throats that the world has ever been a field to say, wish well to him, without today as it did when the great of stern conflict, a sphere of trial dictator was undermining the auto- through which the loftier virtues dictator was undermining the auto-cracies of the earlier nineteenth cen-have been learned. The hero and Truth? It is from such lofty sum tury. Not all the sensational interest | the saint have been conjoined in the of the battlefields and hospitals can noblest lives throughout the ages. cloak the insistent needs of the chil- War is a hateful thing; aggressive of parental oversight.

NEAR OUR DOORS

In our cities, where the temptations spread so lavishly before and old, weak and strong reach their maximum development, where vice wears its most glittering guise, there are too many fetid slums in which polluted bodies and minds grow up to plague and perplex those who are charged with the duty of maintaining public order; too many dwellings that by no stretch of fancy can be called homes; too His commission ends with time; but many young lives doomed from the start to run through the successive that has raised us above the perishphases of industrial struggle and failure, caught in blind alleys of hopeless drudgery or flung into occupations which afford no inducement to virtue; too many parents who are grossly neglectful of their God-given charge. We who hate squalor, dinginess and clamour get as "far from the madding crowd" as we can. We woo the country freshness; gladden eve and ear with the golden gorse and the songs of birds. What do we accomplish for the poor little folk; how can we help them to acquire a new outlook through 'magic casements" upon the world with whose labors and struggles they must soon become familiar.

OUR DUTY

Too many never stop to sound the depths of that saying heard so long depths of the same depths of t ago when the Master set a child in the midst. Surely this is the promise that will one day make pale the schemes and systems that contend in the market place for rule, authority and power. At the solemn hour surround him; we shall then hear when the world and the things thereagain the cheerful ringing of our when the world and the things thereof are fading from us, and a strange new possibility confronts our visionary sense, the recollection that we have helped to care for His little ones will prove a solace with which no earthly gains or conquests can Nation's spul, will sing aloud, in a compare. For the child-heart many mysteries are made clear. The king- triumphal Te Deum. dom of love, peace and joy opens when the Highest is revealed in the lowest and least of the beings who wear His image. The "vision splendid" lurks in the candid outlook of the childhood we too often view with undiscerning eyes and pass by with insensitive hearts.

IN THE SHADOWS

The deepest, darkest shadow that can fall on the path of any thinking man or woman is the one which blots out the light of life, removing a familiar form and blackening the whole environment to sense and tolerated the 'Lex Talionis': "eye thought. How many are suffering for eye, tooth for tooth." Our lips this most awful of losses day by day! purified by the fire of Christian the agony of apprehension when the latest lists of the wounded are casualty is reported represent a flowing tide of misery that no tongue us. Here, among us, national concord is allied with universal brotheror pen can rightly estimate. Sad songs have been sung about the ment of universal brotherhood we champ their bit, of those keepers of

by the sons and daughters of genius. haunt the minds of those to whom the affections glorify this earthly Milton, Shelley, and Arnold life. have voiced the grief of those left behind when precious gifts and graces have been extinguished by some blast of misfortune, or have expired in the throes of mortal pain and weakness. Tennyson has woven a network of golden verse within which those who are doomed to wear 'sorrow's crown of sorrow" may enshrine their sacred memories and soothe their sense of desolation.

THE SOLACE

Alas! such palliatives are not withdren now deprived in so many cases war is the crime of crimes. Yet it is ment for whom war is nothing but the highest form of sacrifice for the mine explosions shell bursting, common man who stands in the breach and lays down his life in de fence of his country's plighted word, with all the treasures of nobility and happiness that are ruthlessly assailed.

Is there no moral beauty of grandeur in this conception? There is, vicarious offering, light arises. Even out of the dense gloom of the present hope dawns afresh and the end justifies the cost. Death, the blackest shadow of all, is the servant of Life. unless we are the dupes of the faith able things of earth, and made men and women into heroes and saints our deepest concern is with the issues of eternity.

CARDINAL MERCIER'S

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FOURTEEN YEARS, HENCE

My dear beloved brethren, - We should have celebrated the eighty-fifth anniversary of our National Independence.

open; jubilant crowds will invade his throne, will bend, but in freedom, King of kings, his undaunted brow; the Queen, the Royal Princess will bells and, throughout our whole country, under the vaults of our temples, all our Belgian people, hand their God, to their sovereigns, to their liberties, while their bishops and their priests, interpreters of the common

To-day, the hymn of joy expires on our very lips. The Jewish people, captive in Babylon, sat, their eyes full of tears, on the shores of the Euphrates, looking at its flowing waters. Their silent harps hung on the willows along the river banks. Who then, among them, would have to Jehovah on a foreign shore?

"O my dear native land of Jerusalem," exclaimed the Psalmist, "should I ever forget thee, may my right hand wither! may my tongue to my palate stick if I should ever fail to think of thee, if thou ceasest to be the first of my joys!" The psalm ends in imprecatory terms. not wish to repeat them; we do forget the Old Testament which the latest lists of the wounded are other people's harm or misfortune inspected and the hourly fear that and to delight in it. Whatever be overhangs thousands of homes when our distress, we do not have any hatred for those who inflict it upon

without which there can be no pos- franchises, whose own valour has sible intercourse, neither among

nations, nor among individuals. And therefore, do we proclaim, with Saint Thomas of Aquinas, the best authorized doctor in Christian Theology, that "public vindictiveness is a virtue.

Crime, the violation of Justice, any outrage against the public peace, whether committed by a single individual or by a collectiveness, must be repressed. All consciences are upved, restless, on the rack, as long as the guilty has not been, as ready language so soundly and so forcibly expresses it, "put back where he be To put back things and men in their proper state, that means re-establishing order, resettling equilibrium, restoring peace upon the basis of justice. Public vengeance thus understood alarms the sensibility weak soul; it is, nevertheless, says St. Thomas, only the expression, the law of purest Charity and of zeal, to avenge ignored right.

How can you love order without hating disorder; intelligently wish corrodes it; love a brother, that is desiring that, willingly or forcibly, his mind bends before the impres mits that war must be considered to realize and understand its grandeur. Once more, you may run against, slaughtering of men, bloodshed, heap ing of corpses; you will find politicians, rather short-sighted, who see in a battle no other stake than a day's interest, the taking or retaking of a territory or of a province. But if the liberating war has such a grand beauty, it is because in is the out burst, altogether disinterested, of a and the common man knows it. To whole nation giving, or intending to those who share in some sort his give, what is most precious, its own life, for the defence or the claiming of something that none can weigh,

figure up, write in ciphers or forestall: Right, Honour, Peace, Liberty. Do you not feel, have you not felt for two long years, that the war, the ardent expectation, ever kept up, even from here by yourselves, purifles you, clears the dross; gathers you in and elevates you all to something that is better in you?

OUR IDEALS

It is towards the Ideal of Justice and of Honour that you are ascending, its very beauty upheaves you And, because that Ideal, if it be not a vain abstraction which evaporates with the fictions of a dream, must be seated in a subsistent and living subject, I shall never grow tired in asserting this truth which is us under its yoke: God reveals Himself the Master, the real Conductor of the events and of our own wills, the sacred Master of the

universal conscience. Ah! could we only grasp in our There are dresses and attitudes arms our dear heroes who, over which are an insult to grief. yonder, are fighting for us or are My dear beloved brethren,—We were called to meet here where we should have celebrated the eightyfifth compared to meet here where we should have celebrated the eightyshall come to rush into the battle; if they permitted ing of their hearts, is it not for this soldiers.

them; our King Albert, standing on his throne, will bend, but in freedom, did beauty of these tragical years: before the supreme majesty of the Wives, whose every thought goes, sad but resigned, to the absent one conveying to him your aspirations, your everlasting hope and your prayer. Mothers, existence is consuming itself in the given them, your sons and your in hand, will renew their oaths to husbands and you will not take them back. At every minute, also, our admiration keeps us, panting, before you.

The head of one of our most noble of thankfulness, a families wrote to me: "Our son, in the 7th Infantry, has fallen; my ever, were it necessary, we would

A vicar attached to a church of the Capital, has just been sentenced to twelve years hard labour. I was permitted to go into his cell, to embrace him and bless him. "I had the courage to sing the canticle have, said he to me, "three brothers at the front; I believe I am here, especially, for having aided the old-to go and join his elders; a cell, but I thank God that our mother is not left alone; she has let us know it, besides, she is not weeping Do not our mothers make us think

of the mother of the Maccabees? ADMIRABLE TEACHINGS

How many teachings of moral grandeur, here, and even on the road to exile, and in the jails, and in the detention camps, in Holland and in

Do we fully realize the sufferings those brave ones who, since the beginning of the war, after the defence loved and lost. Odes and threnodies place the respect of absolute right, our rights and of our communal

reduced to a state of inaction ? To start, needs courage; to contain

one's self, requires as much. times, there is even more virtue in

suffering than in acting.
And these two years of calm submissiveness on the part of the Bel-gian people to the inevitable are an evidence of that profound tenacity which inspired a humble woman before whom the possibility of a near conclusion of the peace was being discussed, to say: "Oh! as far as we are concerned, there is no hurry;

we can wait a little longer!" What a fine sentiment and so full of teaching for the coming gener ations!

That is what we must see, my brethren; the Nation's magnanimity in its sacrifice, our universal and persevering brotherhood in suffering, in mourning, and in the same invincible hope—that is what must be considered to esteem, at its full value,

the Belgian country.

Now, the first artificers of this moral grandeur, they are our soldiers. Until the day of their return, and that grateful Belgium acclaims the survivors and glorifies the memory of the dead, let us build for them in our souls a standing monument of

religious gratitude. Let us pray for those who are no more. Let us exclude none from our commiseration: the blood of Christ has flowed for all. There are some, likely, in purgatory atoning the last traces of their human weak-ness. It behooves you to hasten their admission into Paradise. Relieve the distress of the poor you know, of the bashful ones. Give your superfluity to those who are in need of the necessaries of life. Attend the Mass which is celebrated weekly in your parish church for our deceased sol-diers: take your children there with you; make them receive the sacrament and receive it with them.

Let us pray also for those who, on the battlefields, are always on the fireing-line. As I am speaking to you, remember that there are many who are agonizing. The prospect of eternity is confronting them. think of them; let us mortify ourselves for them; let us be resigned for them, that they die saintly.

OUR SOLDIERS!

"Our soldiers are our masters," wrote yesterday a French academician, "they are our leaders, our professors, our judges, our supports, our true friends; let us be worthy of them and imitate them; to encourage us to perform no less than our duty, they are invariably disposed to do more than their own.'

The hour of deliverance is near, but it has not yet sounded. Let us patient. Let us not remain waver and let us leave to Providence, the task of perfecting our national education.

Young women, young ladies, let me ask you whether you realize fully the gravity of the present hour. Pray, do not show yourselves as being strangers in the Country's plight!

For you, always, modesty is a

And you, wives and mothers, do I have just quoted how much should we under comparatively easy conditions and in our less exposed areas which are really not on the firing lines, apply ourselves to be reduced, simplified and, as our soldiers, but our own way, assert ourselves with a steadier energy! Let us not bear a single minute of distraction anguish of every minute, you have or relaxation. Let us spend every minute of our life only for the grand winnings to which our soldiers are so fondly sacrificing their own.'

THE PATRIOTIC CONCORD

And, just as, at the front, our "Our son, in heroes offer us the admirable and consoling picture of an indissoluble union, of a military brotherhood that nothing could break, so then, in our ranks less close and of looser discipline, we should have at heart, however, the observance of the same patriotic concord. We respect the truce imposed upon our quarrels by the great Cause which must alone engage and absorb all our means attack and of combat; and if some ungodly or wretched ones, youngest one—he is seventeen years not understanding the urgency nor the beauty of this national prescrip sister of mine is in a neighbouring tion, are obstinately bent upon wishing, in spite of everything, to main tain and stimulate passions which, otherwise, separate us, we will turn our head and continue, without replying to them, to remain true to the covenant of bonded friendship, of good and loyal confidence which we have, even in spite of themselves, made with them, under the great blast of the War.

centenary of our Independence should find us stronger, more intrepid and united than ever. Let us therefore prepare ourselves for it by work, patience and in full brother-

gloomy years 1914-1916, they shall notary, appear the most luminous, the most So do

know even now to mean it, happiest and the most fruitful in our National History. Per crucem ad lucem; through sacrifice shall light

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SOUTH AMERICA'S RELIGION

A Protestant minister, writing from South America to the Living Church, conveys a disheartening message to some of his brethren in this country when he declares: The most silly method to obtain the support of men and money from Great Britain and the United States is to proclaim that Latin America is without religion, without faith, and relapsing into a condition of paganism. The people of Latin America are happy, affable, and full of aspirations; their cities are clean and well governed; wealth is rapidly increasing; schools, universities and modern engineering industries are constantly expanding. Their churches are attractive and full of activity. There are four thousand priests and students. I have heard splendid sermons, have been inspired with the magnificent influence of the Catholic Church upon the people, and have prayed to God to provide a move ment as effective in Boston, Washing-

ton or Milwaukee." The religious status of America cannot be as bad as it was represented, for instance, at the recent Panama Congress. In the great work of conversion of pagans and sinners, the zealous emissionar of the sects in America might well begin at home. Where the Catholic Church has been at work for four centuries there is little use of invoking the aid of other religious agencies to spread the Gospel of Christianity.-Providence Visitor.

EARL'S DAUGHTER A CONVERT

The former Lady Victoria Pery, daughter of the Earl of Limerick, now Mrs. James C. Brady, is a recent convert to the Catholic faith. She was formerly a member of the Anglican church in Ireland. Mr. Brady's first wife was one of the victims of the Westport wreck several years ago. She was a Catholic also, and left two children who are being brought up Catholics. Mr. himself however has never been a member of the Church. His mother was a Protestant and the children were brought up Protestants. Nicholas Brady, the brother of James C. Brady became a convert to the Faith some years ago.

conversion of the former daughter of the Earl of Limerick was foreshadowed when she had her child by her marriage with Mr. Brady baptized a Catholic although at the time both the parents were Protestants.—The Catholic Convert.

CHURCH OF THE POOR

We take serious exception to the statement of the professor of church raise the question by the numero history in Crozer seminary, that the letters which he had received pro-Christian religion began as the faith of the poor and the persecuted, but in describing the League meetings. that modern conditions have changed The contention of the professor that the Church was taken over by Constantine and Christianity was through the newspapers that they transformed from a church for the masses to an appendage of the state is contradictory to fact.

We have read much of the arrogance of the Church. Volumes have been written to condemn the Church for her despotism, her interference in matters of state and the autocratic manner in which she deposed kings which gave ground for such a charge. which gave ground for Saturn and the Saturn and the Saturn and the Church was autocratic and despotic in things spiritual and in things which were necessarily assotiated his Anglican days to an attempt to persuade his fellow Episcopalians that they were Catholics. He ran up that they were catholics and they were catholics. He ran up that they were catholics and they were the ceremonies included to the cornerstone of a new school for St. Bernard's parish. things which were necessarily associated with the spiritual life of man. Until the sixteenth century the Church never yielded one inch to prince or potentate. The leaders of the Reformation did attempt to hand the Church over to the state. As they were not the Church or her accredited representatives they could not speak for her.

ver for one instant has the Catholic Church sacrificed herself to the secular power. She has made concordat with kings when it was necessary to protect the liberty religious worship for her children. but never at the loss of her authority

or dignity. The Catholic Church is and always has been the Church solicitous for the poor and lowly. The Popes have frequently and at different ages been of the people. Alexander V. poor, unknown parents and passed his early life begging from door to door. Adrian IV., the only English was abandoned by his parents The approaching date of the first and lived on charity until he entered a monastery in France. Sixtus was the son of a laborer and his XIII., was the child of a baker. The father of Urban IV., was a carpenter, as was also the father of Gregory When in 1980, we will recall the VII., Benedict XI., was the son of a

So down through the hierarchy the with God."

majestic and, on condition that we Church has never tested the worth of the a man whom she would honor by his nour possessions in this world. There have been abuses. One of the Apostles prostituted his high office, but the Church has never ceased to show a special predilection for the poor. She is the Church of all man-The shepherds were the first

lic as her Divine Founder.

The enemies of the Church may criticize her for many things which in their judgment are wrong. In the light of her nineteen centuries of work no man can say to her she has surrendered to the world.-Intermountain Catholic.

ANGLICAN CATHOLICS

There is a certain body in the Epis copalian Church who insist that they are the real "Catholics." They are not in the majority among their own are in a very decided minority. But they make up in energy what they lack in numbers. They have evolved history of their own and this history tells them that England did not get its Christianity from Rome but from the East, that St. Augustine was the agent of an usurper and that his death. after continuing for a thousand years under Roman domination the English Church threw off the yoke and became once again the pure Church Catholic whose identity had been partially lost in the centuries when the Bishop of Rome held sway.

This is all very interesting, and particularly so because the great nistorical discovery was not made until some three hundred years after the revolt of Martin Luther. These Anglican "Catholics" if you please have nothing but soorn for the Protestant Reformation. When asked the awkard question why it was that the English Church under Edward, Elizabeth, and James was intensely Protestant, and made no claim to be partor branch of the Catholic Church, they reply that this was the painful era of heresy which ended in the nineteenth century when the real Anglican Church came into its own again under the guidance of the Catholic or High Church party.

The High Churchman is very enlist tenacious in his belief and he shuts people. his eyes to all the anomalies. He is very active in insisting that we Catholics be kept in our place. We are Roman branch which ranged alongside the Anglican branch is impure and corrupt. The newspapers are more or less intimidated by the propaganda, as we were reminded by the following incident: After one of the lectures given by the New York Converts' League last winter, the religious editor of a leading New York daily called up and asked if we were not mistaken in terming ourselves the "Catholic Converts' League." Ought we not to be known as the 'Roman Catholic Converts' League.' The reply was of course that the times remembered in prayer. former was our legal title under which we were incorporated at Albany. The religious editor then confessed that he had been driven to testing against the word "Catholic"

This illustrates the activity which High Anglicans guard their fetich and try to impress the public are Catholics as much as we. Once in a while, however, they get a jolt from within and it comes in humiliating case where a High Churchman of Catholic views finds himself, when he tries to impress them, rejected by the great majority Floyd Keeler of Kansas, who rose to be an Episcopal archdeacon, dedimajority, bishops, clergymen, and the parochial schools in the country and rest, who repudiated his doctrine. It will accommodate 1,600 opened his eyes and he was frank There will be twenty-eight class enough not to be willing to fool himself any longer. He was received gymnasium. The structure will cost two months ago in the Catholic Church with his wife and children.-The Catholic Convert.

LIVE IN GOD'S FRIENDSHIP

"That the angel of death has not gone on a vacation, needs no proof," says the Brooklyn Tablet. "Every Monday morning in particular we read of his activities in auto accidents on the road, accidents in the water, drownings in the surf, canoes apsetting on the lakes, etc. toll is increasing fast. Death is no respector of persons, either. Dozens of young people have been snatched It might easily be that the reader of these lines to-day will be world are preparing to honour him dead to-morrow and the writer will be reading of it in the Monday papers little booklet recently issued by under the capion, 'Three Deaths at friends of the Cardinal and sent to Coney,' etc. Does it pay to miss all parts of the neutral world occurs Mass on Sundays for the sake of an this passage: excursion? Have you a guarantee the future has in store for Cardinal yours. It pays infinitely to live in the state of grace and friendship admires him, and Belgium in particu-

CATHOLIC NOTES

This year is the seventh centenary of the Third Order of St. Dominic But for the war, all the tertiaries of St. Dominic in the world would be represented at the tomb of St. Dominic in Bologna, Italy.

to adore the Saviour, but they were closely followed by kings. The Church teaches and shrives both prince and peasant. She is as Cathoed as instructor in the Catholic Uni versity at Washington.

Dr. Charles G. Herbermann, one of New York's most prominent laymen, scholar and litterateur of note, and editor-in-chief of the Catholic Ency clopedia, died on August 24. Dr. Hebermann had been in poor health for some time, and his death was not

The death is reported in Yokohama, Japan, of Father F. X. Bertrand, who was in literal truth another Father Damien. Fortwenty eight years he lived with the lepers at Gotemba, and tended them in their physical and spiritual extrem-

ity, dying at his post. The Most Rev. Archbishop Ireland has appointed the Very Rev. James G. Byrne, pastor of St. Mary's church St. Paul, Vicar General of the Arch diocese, a position occupied by the late Father Gibbons at the time of

The emperor of Austria has just estowed a Madonna medallion of silver upon Frau Marie Mirtler of Weldsberg, Stiermark, in recognition of the fact that she has given to the army seven sons, three stepsons and two grandsons.

The annual Eucharistic Congress of the Diocese of London takes place this year on September 27 at Chatham, Ontario. The Rev. Franciscan Fathers are preparing a programme and expect the clergy and many of the laity of the Diocese to attend.

There are now fifty students following courses of study at the Cath-olic University, as beneficiaries of the endowment fund of half a million dollars contributed by the Knights of Columbus. This is a very practical illustration of what can be done by united effort. The promotion of higher education among our Catho-lic youth is a cause which should enlist the active support of all our

A modest little news item tells us of an agreement between Russia, 'Roman Catholics"-that is, the twenty-four nuns from their respective countries to inspect the prison camps in each other's domains and remain to nurse and care for wounded prisoners of war. It is a small enough concession, perhaps, but is bright with the evidence that con cessions are possible.

A generous benefactress in Pennsylvania sent a check for \$5,000 to the American Mission Seminary at Maryknoll, N. Y., as a burse to be named for Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The check was sent with the request that the donor be some

Miss Doris Dean, daughter of Richmond Dean of Chicago, Vice-president of the Pullman Company, and a niece of Father Finn, S. J., popular author of stories for boys, recently took the yows of a Visitation Nun at the convent in St. Louis. Henceforth she will be known as Sister Claude Agnes.

The Sisters of St. Joseph, who con duct St. Joseph's Academy at Brentwood, Long Island, have arranged for the opening in Brooklyn on Oct. 2, of a college for the higher Catholic educa tion of young women. The college will be opened at St. Angelas Hall, 292 Washington avenue, where the Sisters of St. Joseph have for many of his own clerics and lay-folk, Mr. years maintained an academy and preparatory school.

> Some twelve thousand New Yorkers is one of the most rooms, a large roof garden and a about \$140,000.

The death occurred at Colway Lime Regis, England, recently, of Orby Shipley, one of the last of the band of converts to the Catholic Church whose conversion is traceable directly to the Tractarian move Both his great-grandfather, Dr. Jonathan Shipley, and his grandfather, William Davies Shipley, held high preferment in the Church of England, the former as Bishop, the latter as dean, of St. Asaph, while his father, the dean's fifth son, was

rector of Mappowder, Dorset. Cardinal Mercier will be sixty five vears old on November 22 next. On that day Belgians throughout the as a patriot and churchman. To-morrow is not Mercier, but he will at all times be lar is proud of her great son.