

AFTERWAR CONDITIONS IN ENGLAND

It is more than five years since the Great War began in Europe. It is about a year since the armistice of November 11, 1918, had since then several treaties of peace have been signed. However, in many parts of the world men still hear the cannon thunder. It is after all only a partial and perhaps an uncertain peace. The "war to end all war" has not ended yet. Indeed an official document issued by the British Government on the coming reconstruction of the army alludes to the talk about a "war to end all war" as one of those misleading phrases which became current under the stress of the conflict. This is rather disappointing, and it is not the only disappointment of these anxious days.

Looking back to August, 1919, and the months that followed one remembers how in England, and probably it was the same in other countries, poets and newspaper writers, politicians, platform orators and even some preachers told us that war was almost a blessing in disguise. It would have an ennobling effect on the people; men would realize that there was something more in life than the pursuit of gain and the love of pleasure. They would be taught the glory of self-sacrifice, the inspiration of risking all for a great cause and a high ideal. Discipline, duty, self-restraint would be learned in the camp and the stern school of the battlefield. Preachers told how men would realize in the presence of death the realities and the consolations of the Gospel message, and wake to a new life of religious earnestness. If war was really such an agency for good one almost wondered why Holy Church in her liturgy prays every day for peace. But after all one remembers that the petition runs for a deliverance from "war, plague and famine"; and "plague and famine" as well as war have their incidental gain of making men think of the other life, though such gain from these dire scourges of the race of men does not make them good or desirable things in themselves.

The War had lasted more than two years when an army chaplain wrote to me "This War has lasted too long to do much good. At the outset it was men serious, now they have got used to it, and many of them are as reckless as ever." It was a true judgment of the facts. If the predictions of 1914 were sound England after more than four years of War ought to be a better country with a better people than in the days before the War, when "Commerce was all, and peace piped on her pastoral lilylock a languid note, and watched her harvest ripen, her herd increase."

But so far there is little sign of the new Heaven and the new earth, that were to be introduced by the drumming, trumpeting and cannonading of War. Of the promised revival of faith there is little sign. True it is that during the long War large numbers of "men of goodwill" have been drawn to the Catholic Church, many of them by the sight of the realities of Catholic life and the devoted service of our priests and nuns in the War zone. But what has been the result for the millions outside the Church? The reports of the non-Catholic army chaplains show that among the soldiers drawn by millions into the army, and therefore, fairly representing the population generally, there was little knowledge of religion and less practice of it. They were Christians only in name—"baptized pagans" to use the words of a Protestant chaplain. And so the vast mass of them have remained. And with religion a mere name there has been a widespread growth of superstition. Masques and charms were popular at the front and in the air-raided cities at home during the War, and the craze lives on. Instead of trusting to God's protection and accepting His will, not only men in the ranks but educated officers pinned their faith on some absurd talisman. A smart dealer in sham jewelry made a small fortune out of the sale of an ugly little figure with a dispropor-tioned head that looked like a Pacific Islander's idol. It could be worn as a pin, pendant or brooch. The head was wood, and "rockwood" was to be a protector from danger. A whole battalion was once paraded to receive these masques. A London hospital appealed for subscriptions with the promise of a similar scrap of paganism as a gift to all subscribers. A quack of the Christian Science type, with an office in the west end of London, gathered in handsome fees for awhile by guaranteeing his followers safety in battle by his "mind influence." Christian Science itself won many disciples, and Spiritism became the fashion. The latest bit of paganism is the setting up of household shrines with a figure of Buddha as a "peace bringing and soothing influence."

As for dogmatic religion, outside the Catholic Church there is a greater chaos than ever. A few weeks ago the Rev. Dr. Selbie, the principal of the college at Oxford, lectured on the "Reconstruction of Religion." He told his audience that the Christian creeds were full of pagan elements, and that the dogma of the Incarnation as proclaimed at Chalcedon was "a theory which modern psychology had made impossible." The Anglican Bishop of London, who calls himself a Catholic prelate and imagines he is a Catholic priest, presided and seems to have made no protest. One of his

brother bishops holds that the story of Bethlehem in St. Luke's Gospel is "a mere piece of poetry," and another prominent minister of the same Church, writing on the ritual of the Mass, remarks that the story of Noah and the Ark is now believed only by children, and that the *Kyrie eleison* implies pagan ideals. The Dean of Lincoln suggests that it would be a good thing to scrap all the Old Testament up to the time of David, and another cleric well known as a church historian, after disavowing his belief in the Resurrection and Ascension, adds that it might be well "if the Creeds were put away in the archives of the Church and among its title deeds and only inspected now and then by historians."

So much for the lack of Christian faith, the chaos of doubt, unbelief, superstition and revived paganism. The question of the moral state of the people after the "purifying" and ennobling influences of War "must be dealt with in another article."

INSPIRATION OF ARCHITECTS

The first consequence of our faith in the presence of Christ on our altars in the Holy Eucharist is that we should love the beauty of the house in which this presence rests. Every Catholic church on earth becomes by this doctrine the House of God, a veritable palace of the King of kings in these, His earthly dominions, and it is supremely becoming that His subjects here should render it as far as possible worthy of its Divine occupant. This thought was the inspiration of the Christian architects that erected and the Christian artists that adorned our temples. San Michel, the great architect of Verona, would never design a church until he had Mass offered that God might inspire him to build a temple for His greater glory. It was the thought of God's presence in the Eucharist that caused Michael Angelo to explain, "I wish of the Pantheon in the air as a canopy for His altar," and he did it in the vast dome of St. Peter's. Haydn, the great composer of church music, was sometimes found on his knees beside his piano, whilst composing his Masses, praying that God might move his soul that in glorious harmony he might proclaim His praises during the Holy Sacrifice.

THE POWER THAT WON THE CROWN

The most distinguished scientist of modern times the incomparable Pasteur once declared that all his science had sprung from the faith of the Breton peasant, and that if he learned more his faith would be that of the Breton peasant's wife. Scientific attainments made him all the more loyal to his church. Marshal Foch is also a man of faith. He is quoted as saying in a conversation with Cardinal Mercier, "People are always talking about my military genius. Rubbish! I have simply been an instrument in the hands of Divine Providence. Of course I thought before coming to a decision; but each time I had to make one I said to myself: 'If I say Yes, I may sacrifice perhaps 50,000 or 100,000 men; if I say No, I may do the very same.' What was I to do? Make one act of faith and say to God: 'My God, I will only what Thou wiltest.' If I have any merit it is just this: that if I think it necessary to say Yes, my will is then inflexible."

Here are two examples of men pre-eminently of their age. The world looks upon them as types of those who have risen to fame through their own efforts. They themselves would be the last to arrogate to themselves any glory for their achievements. They attribute their success solely to the fact that God used them as the humble instruments of His will. These two examples picked at random from thousands of others are sufficient to prove that true greatness is not incompatible with but rather dependent upon simple child-like faith.

Many lessons are suggested by these two examples. There is a lesson for instance for Catholics who think that worldly success must be purchased at the price of their faith. There have been men who owe all they have to the education and training which they received in Catholic schools and colleges. The higher some ascend the ladder of success the less they thought they give to religion and the Church. How much greater would they be if to the great talents they possess they had combined the faith of a Pasteur or a Foch! How much more notable would be their contributions to literature, to science, or to statesmanship, if to the operations of their minds they had brought the illumination of faith. The Church instead of having to apologize for their remissness, would increase in vigor. The world would come more quickly to a solution of the problems which today are threatening to destroy it. The apostle has said, "This is the victory which overcometh the world, your faith." The French philosopher pleaded for one hundred men of earnest faith, and he would convert the world. Our Lord needed only twelve simple fishermen to accomplish this seemingly impossible task. The world today is in urgent need of men of faith. Too long have the leaders of the world, leaving God out of their reckoning, relied upon their own fallible judgments, and their own false principles. The social and industrial unrest so widespread today is a refection against a man-ruled world.

The amicable settlement of our pressing problems depends upon the acceptance of God's law. Only when men are actuated by motives that spring from faith will such a happy consummation be achieved. The first of the supernatural virtues, so beautifully exemplified by Pasteur in his day, and by Foch in ours, if it is cultivated and practised by Catholics in every station of life, is a living energizing force that will re-Christianize modern society.—The Pilot.

THE CLEVER VERSUS THE GOOD

A solemn truth that sooner or later must come home to every thoughtful pilgrim in this vale of tears has been expressed in verse thus: If all the good people were clever, And all that are clever were good, The world would be better than ever We thought that it possible could. But alas! it is seldom or never These two "hit it off" as they should. For the good are so harsh to the clever, The clever so rude to the good.

Of course, the cause of this long-standing lack of harmony between the clever and the good is what Dr. Johnson would turn the "anfractuosity" of human nature. The keen-minded are quick to discern inconsistencies in the conduct of those who "go in for holiness," and the pious, while emphasizing the importance of shunning slowness of heart are perhaps in danger of setting too little value on clearness of head. The former is a moral defect that can and should be corrected while clear-headedness is a natural gift for which its owner's ancestors, no doubt, are largely responsible, and its want cannot easily be supplied.

Those characters which are at the same time no less amiable than admirable are the men and women in whom an eager heart is united with a keen mind. In their ranks are found the Church's most attractive Saints: Paul of Tarsus, for instance, Augustine of Hippo, Thomas of Aquin, Francis of Sales, or Teresa of Avila. While great intellectual gifts, wickedly misused all our liberties with dangerous books, "unenlightened piety," as skeptics term holiness that is not based on deep learning, cannot win the ear of the educated world. Therefore it is imperative that the Catholics of today should be almost as zealous for training their heads as for schooling their hearts. When men whose intellectual powers and force of character have won them success and distinction in their special fields of endeavor are also widely known to be staunch Catholics of solid piety, thousands of our weaker brethren whose backbones are as pliant as those of a reed, are encouraged by the example of these leaders, will aid their hands proudly and do brighter examples themselves of the happy blending of cleverness and goodness.—America.

THE PLAGUE OF WAR BOOKS

A writer in the Bookman claims that up to the present date, 12,000 books and articles have been published in France alone about the late War. One of the most curious is a book that is a record of all the false rumors and stories which gathered around every event among them the "false news about the passage through England in August, 1914, of a great army of Russian soldiers. American papers published columns after columns of so-called cable news (?) about this supposed event. There was not a word of truth in it.

LORD KITCHENER'S STORY

It is supposed that the story was purposely started by Lord Kitchener, in order that he might find out how soon a story like this would reach Berlin. Another explanation was that certain troops passing through London, when asked where they came from answered in Scotch dialect—Ross-shire and the London cockney put it forth—as Russian. Very likely the first explanation is most probable. It would be interesting to know the number of books, etc., published in this country—they are still at it and will be for many a day—until every light and shadow of the great tragedy of history will be well pictured in print.—Catholic Columbian.

WONDER CLOCK OF WORLD

BEAUVAIS CATHEDRAL HAS CLOCK WHICH DIRECTS SCENES AT LAST JUDGMENT The clock of Beauvais Cathedral is said to be composed of 92,000 separate pieces. One sees on the 52 dial plates the hour, the day, the week and the month; the rising and the setting of the sun, phases of the moon, the tides, the time in the principal capitals of the world, together with a series of terrestrial and astronomical evolution. The framework is carved oak, 26 feet by 16 feet. When the clock strikes, all the edifice seems in movement. The designer wished to depict the Last Judgment. This wonderful work recalls the clock of Strasbourg, and is of modern construction. It is the work of M. Verite, who was in the engineering department of the Nord railroad and who died in 1897. The clock crows, angels sound a trumpet at the four cardinal points, imitation

of flames appears from the opening of little steeples right and left. A soul, that of the impenitent thief, appears before the Supreme Judge. It is condemned "a Yonfer," and a demon armed with a pitchfork seizes it and casts it into the abyss. Next come the soul of the just. The angels advance and conduct it to the realms of day, sacred strains being heard.—The Tablet.

GENERAL FOCH'S DAILY PRAYER

O God, my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, accept now my sufferings and my life if need be, for the sins of my past life, keep my heart clean and pure that I may be worthy to be near Thee. And every day be with me, O God, my Saviour, in peril and in danger stand at my side and then if death must come, welcome death, for I know that I shall never be more ready to die. O God, keep me and bless me. Let me go on during the rest of my life to fight for Thy holy cause. May Thy name be glorified. May my soul be saved. Amen.

OBITUARY

MRS. ANTHONY J. WINGEFELDER The sudden death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital, Sault Ste Marie, Ont., on Dec. 15th, of Irene Loreto, wife of Anthony Wingefelder.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Irene McNab, was born twenty-five years ago at Riverview, Ont., where her parents still reside. She was educated at Loreto Convent, Guelph, and Stratford Normal school. In September, 1918, she was married to Mr. Anthony Wingefelder of Walkerton. In April they moved to the Soc. Besides her sorrowing husband and an infant daughter she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNab of Chesport, three brothers, Wm. of Detroit, Alex. of Walkerton, and Ambrose of Carroll, Treas. R. R. No. 2, Dunrobin, Ont. 2148-4. Deceased, whose maiden name was Irene McNab, was born twenty-five years ago at Riverview, Ont., where her parents still reside. She was educated at Loreto Convent, Guelph, and Stratford Normal school. In September, 1918, she was married to Mr. Anthony Wingefelder of Walkerton. In April they moved to the Soc. Besides her sorrowing husband and an infant daughter she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNab of Chesport, three brothers, Wm. of Detroit, Alex. of Walkerton, and Ambrose of Carroll, Treas. R. R. No. 2, Dunrobin, Ont. 2148-4. Deceased, whose maiden name was Irene McNab, was born twenty-five years ago at Riverview, Ont., where her parents still reside. She was educated at Loreto Convent, Guelph, and Stratford Normal school. In September, 1918, she was married to Mr. Anthony Wingefelder of Walkerton. In April they moved to the Soc. Besides her sorrowing husband and an infant daughter she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNab of Chesport, three brothers, Wm. of Detroit, Alex. of Walkerton, and Ambrose of Carroll, Treas. R. R. No. 2, Dunrobin, Ont. 2148-4.

DIED

BINANE.—At her home 1747, 5th Ave., East Owen Sound, Ont., on Sunday, December 13, 1919, Mrs. Mary Binane, aged eighty-one years. May her soul rest in peace.

QUARRY.—At Spokane, Washington, on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, John M. Quarry, son of Mr. and the late Henry B. Quarry of Parkhill. May his soul rest in peace.

ROACH.—At San Francisco, Cal. on November 30th, 1919, John Roach, devoted husband of Margaret Roach and brother of Messrs. Thomas, David and William Roach, Miss Elizabeth Roach and Mrs. Owen Foley. Mr. Roach was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roach, formerly of Deseronto. May his soul rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM

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