dishes, and so forth. We are also harnessed to carts full of sand. And

we are the favoured prisoners. The Russians get beaten with rifle butts,

and the English are at work from dawn to night emptying the latrines.

In our misery we are the favoured enemies of the Boches.

THE GERMANS AND A BELGIAN PRIES'

M. Kemper, the Roosendaal corres-

pondent of the Tijd of Amsterdam

gives the following account of the way in which a Belgian priest was

treated by the Germans in connec-tion with the Pastoral of Cardinal

Mercier. The priest wrote to the Cardinal a letter which was shown

to M. Kemper, who says that the story given in it was to the following

On Sunday, January 3, after the

principal Mass, two soldiers entered the presbytery and told the priest that he must not leave his room. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon, tired of

this surveillance, he asked leave to go and get a little fresh air in his

garden. Permission was given, but he had to be accompanied by one of

the soldiers, who walked by his side

all the time. After a search of the presbytery a copy of the Cardinal's

Pastoral was found and seized, and

marks would have to be paid by the

commune if another copy of it were

obtained and read to the congrega-

THE CURE OF WESPELAER

The Abbe Van Segvelt, cure of Wespelaer, in the diocese of Ghent,

who is at present acting as a chap lain in a military hospital in Calais

has told the following story in a letter to a friend in Lourdes:

In my village, before I left it,

seventy houses were burned, thirty-

sorts of infamies were committed

be shot, and was actually covered

ornaments of my church were torn

rages. My colleague at Buelken, as

well as his curate, was killed. The poor curé, a man of fifty eight, who had been confined to his bed for

seven weeks, was made to get up,

and as he was unable to walk was tied to a cannon. Forty minutes

after leaving his house they cut his ears and nose, and pierced his hands.

After that they killed him.

AN IRISH SOLDIER

the Freeman's Journal:

The spirit in which our soldiers are fighting at the front is well illus-trated by the following extracts from

I forgot to tell you that we have

the Rosary every evening out here. The priest we have out here is very

nice. I have been to confession twice to him. It is the only thing

. . . You would hardly recognize me if you saw me, as I have grown

very tall and thin with the cold weather and hardships, but, mother

what matter so long as I am doing it for the love of my King and Country.

Mother, it is terrible how the Ger-mans murdered the poor innocent

women and children of Belgium,

They think it makes us afraid, but,

mother, it only makes us arraid, but, mother, it only makes our blood boil. If we only could wipe them out of the world altogether so that there would be no more trouble with them.

But, mother, I think they will not

trouble us much more after we are finished with them. We are giving

them what they have asked for, and

we will give them more before we are finished with them. They have started it, and we will finish it, and

they will spill blood for it, I can prom-

ise you . . . I forgot to tell you that I got a small wound on the left

finger, but it was not much. I got it

at the big battle which my regiment fought so bravely at—La Bassée, in the North of France. I did not leave

three times with a revolver. All the

down and thrown under the horses'

My church was turned into

tion. And if another copy

the curé was threatened that 50,000

treat, conducted by a well-known Jesuit of the Irish Province, the Rev. Father Glesson. The spiritual exercises lasted three days and at its close, practically the whole battalion, officers and men, approached the Sacraments. A Retreat of this kind, remarks an English exchange, will go far to preclude the other variety when the guns begin to shoot. It is perhaps a commonplace to say that valor has no ally equal to a good conscience. But it is an aphorism none the less seasonable always.

WE HAD occasion to comment in these columns two weeks ago upon the statement attributed by the Toronto Star to Mr. Alexander Frager, Provincial Archivist, in his Trinity College lecture, to the effect that it was matter of dispute between the Episcopalian and Presbyterian bodies in Scotland as to which was heir to the ancient church of St. Columba. Mr. Fraser assures us that the Star made him say the very opposite of what he did say in his lecture, and that this was the more remarkable since he had taken especial pains to make his position clear.

WE HAD hesitated to believe that a scholar of Mr. Fraser's calibre and reputation could labor under so baseless a delusion, and it is gratifying therefore to be assured that he is at one with Skene and other authorities in recognizing that in every essential particular the Columban Church was one with the rest of Christendom and that it looked to the Roman Pontiff as the seat of authority and the source of its jurisdiction. That being so, the claim of any other body to represent the ancient Church of Scotland is put out of court.

THE RECURRENCE of the Feast of St. Patrick was the occasion for the customary wild statements and irresponsible speculations as to the religion of Ireland's great Apostle. One Anglican divine, also lecturing at Trinity College, referred to the forward control hit by a heavy shell, Protestant Archbishop of Armagh-a and will require repairs, and the flockless prelate—as the "lineal de. French battleship Gaulois was put scendant of St. Patrick." An asser-tion of this kind always recalls a fire. tion of this kind always recalls a story told of Father Tom Burke, Ireland's great Dominican orator. He was travelling in a railway coach, and taking advantage of the opportunity to read his breviary. In the seat opposite sat a Presbyterian minister and his wife who, for Father Burke's benefit, began discoursing upon St. Patrick, and audibly referred to the Saint as, in effect, a Presbyterian. The Dominican had paid no attention to the conversation up to this point but when he heard Ireland's Apostle thus carricatured he looked up from his book for a moment, and leaning towards his follow travellers asked quietly : "Did you ever read of St. Patrick travelling with his wife ?" He was not further molested.

### ON THE BATTLE LINE

THE SUBMARINE

German submarines were extremely active and very fortunate dur ing Thursday, Friday and Saturday Among the vessels sunk by them were the Invergyll, a collier; the Florizan, in the Bristol Channel; the Andalusian, off the Scilly Isles, and the French steamer Auguste Conseil in the Channel. Haste spoiled some big coups. The Indian City, from Galveston for Havre with 14,000 bales of cotton; the Adenwen and the Headlands, all torpedoed off Land's End, did not sink, and will, it is believed, be brought safely to port. Only three men were killed by the explosion of the torpedoes which sank or disabled the various ships. The U 29 seems to have been the most active the German submarines.-Globe,

The British Admiralty return indicates that up till March 10th the Germans, since the outbreak of the war, have sunk or captured 88 British merchant ships of 809,945 tons burden. Fifty five were sunk or captured by cruisers, 12 sunk by mines, and 22 by submarines by submarines. In addition 47 fishing vessels were captured or sunk, most of them during August, in a raid on the Grimsby fishing fleet.

The second big food cargo of the hunger-war was sent to the bottom yesterday by a German submarine. It consisted of 8,000 tons of rice, carried by the Glasgow steamer Glenartney. She was bound from Bankok, in Siam, to London, and was torpedoed off Beachey Head by a ubmarine which gave no warning. In the scramble for the boats one ember of her crew was drowned. Forty others, of whom several were injured, were picked up by a passing steamer. The first big food cargo destroyed was one of mutton from New Zealand.—Globe, March 19th.

March 18.—Five British vessels were yesterday reported to have been destroyed by German torpedoes and

mines : six lives are known to

Leeuwarden-Off Holland; cres Atlanta-Off west coast of Ireland

crew saved; March 14.
Fingal—Off England; six of crew lost; March 15. Balmoral--In North Sea; crew o

Beeswing-In North Sea ; reported

The submarine blockade has now lasted a month, and some idea of the losses likely to be sustained can be gathered from results to date. Twenty eight British ships have been torpedoed, of which twenty four sank. the others being able to reach port. The chief loss of life was caused by the sinking of the auxiliary cruiser Bayano, with over 170 men, and the Tangistan, with 87. All told, about lives have been lost. Neither the destruction of life nor of vessels has been great enough to constitute a of the people of Great Britain a much greater problem than it was before ne blockade was instituted. The wiping out of British shipping will a slow process if the Germans destroy on an average but one vessel daily while British shipyards launch on an average two ships every working day of the year.— Globe, March 19.

#### IN POLAND

Apparently the Russians have been holding the ground gained. The spring thaw, however, may partly spring they found that they could not drive through while the ground was hard.

IN FRANCE

The battle of Neuve Chapelle was an important gain. "The enemy's losses," the War Office estimates, "can not have fallen far short of 10,000 men in the three days' fight. ing." Indications are that it was also costly to the British forces.

THE DARDANELLES The Turks have had their great day. It is officially announced that in the general attack on the fortresses in the Narrows of the Dardanelles, which took place on Thursday, the British battleships Irresistible and Ocean, and the French battleship Bouvet were sunk by drifting mines, The British battle cruiser Inflexible, of the Dreadnought class, had her

Of the loss of life there are as yet no details. The French official report states that "part of the crew of the Bouvet is believed to have been but the British statement says the greater part of the crew of the French battleship perished as a result of an internal explosion following upon that of the mine. The Admiralty adds that the British losses among the personnel of the ships, were not heavy considering the scale of the operations," which, it is added, are continuing. Almost all of the men who composed the crews of the Ocean and Irresistible were saved. Already the battleships Queen and Implacable have been despatched from England to replace the lost ships. Vice Admiral Carden, who is ill, has been succeeded in the Dardanelles command by Rear-Admiral Robeck.

Globe, March 20. Latest advices say three, perhaps four, of the battleships of the allied fleet have been sunk and at least two others put out of commission.

The losses in officers and men are

believed to be amongst the killed.

#### DIVORCE AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Episcopal Church, next to the Catholic Church, is the stoutest de-fender of the sacredness of the mari tal ties. It is true that it does not teach the Catholic doctrine that matrimony is a sacrament and that the obligations assumed by married persons endure to the last gasp of life. An Episcopalian, with approval of the Church to which he owes spiritual allegiance, may obtain divorce for a specific reason. Other Protestant sects recognize severa auses justifying the dissolution of Stickney Grant, the Pastor of a New York Episcopalian Church, is in full sympathy with the non-Episcopalian sects in this matter. In the course of a Lanten sermon he told his congregation that the Episcopal Church should be more lenient on the ques-tion of divorce. He went into the history of the divorce law in England from the establishment of the State Church to the report of the Royal Commission published in 1912. It should be said in passing that the Reverend defender of more liberal divorce laws can buttress up his argument by Episcopalian precedent. We all know what were the views of the founder of English Protestantism on the question of divorce. The many-wived Henry VIII. had very little scruple about getting rid of a wife when he took a fancy to another woman. The example set by the most famous of English Protestants

most famous of English Protestants
may have seemed to the Rev. Percy
Stickney Grant a justification for
making the following assertion:
"The present law of the Episcopal
Church, which recognizes only one
cause for divorce and which permits
its clergy to remarry only the innocent party in a divorce obtained

upon this ground was not Protestant, not English, and not modern. It is Roman and medieval, and does not represent the opinion of the majority of the communicants of the Church.
Its passage was due to the High
Church party, which, though small,
is insistent, and which, through its control of domestic missions in this country, has obtained a larger measure of influence in Church councils than its mere numbers would seem to warrant. For in the government of the Episcopal Church it must be remembered a small diocese in a remote Western State has the same representation as the Diocese of New York, with its great body of com-

This declaration of a prominent effect of creating quite a stir in Episcopalian circles in this city. Bishop Greer, the head of the Episco palian Diocese of New York, main-tains that the Rev. Mr. Grant does not represent Episcopalian sentiment. He is reported in a published interview as saying: "Mr. Grant is free to say anything he likes. But when he says that divorce should be made easy he does not represent the Church, and I do not believe that he represents a large element of the Church members." The Bishop added that the Episcopal Church recognizes only one ground for divorce, and in the case of a remarriage of divorced persons only the innocent party to such a divorce

may remarry.
The Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, rector of Trinity Church of this city, was more outspoken than his bishop. He did not hesitate to characterize the sermon we are dealing with as a disguised plea for free love. One passage in it reads: "If marriage is founded on the affection of two perons for each other, with the disappearance of such sentiment disap pears the only ground for the marriage." The Rector of Trinity Church does not mince his words in dealing with the words of his brother clergyman. Here is his ringing denuncia

tion of them : These words plainly and unequiv ocally teach free love. You can put no other construction on them. Marriage is to last only as long as 'such

sentiment 'continues.
"It is stated on good authority that there is now one divorce in every twelve marriages in the United States, and thoughtful people of all creeds are gravely concerned as to this situ-

For any clergyman to advocate easy divorce and the breaking down of the American home which this involves would be an outrage against religion. It would be an affront to the community and a disgrace to the Church to which he belongs.

The Rev. Dr. Manning has done well to direct the attention of his brother Episcopalians to the insidious danger lurking in such pulpit utterances as those he condemns with such righteous indignation. The Church of which he and the clergyman he criticizes are ordained min-isters, has erected a breakwater against the tide of moral corruption fed by divorces made easy. To render that breakwater less effective would be, in the words of the Re-Dr. Manning, "an outrage against good citizenship as well as against eligion."-N. Y. Freeman's Journal

#### SIDELIGHTS ON THE GREAT WAR

A COLONEL AND A SUB DEACON LIEUTENANT

following letter from his colonel shows the high appreciation of the officers and men of his regiadjutant on mobilization, was made a lieutenant on the field of battle at Ville au-Bois, on the Aisne, near Craonne, where he was seriously wounded:

My brave L—, I have received your letter. In the regiment by which you are thought so much of (your colonel included) we have been glad to hear that you are going on so satisfactorily. Come back as scon as you are able, for there is still plenty of good work to do. Yes, the regi-ment has had a good mention, and in it you have a splendid place. Thanks for your words about myself and my son. God keep us and you too, for you deserve His mercy. Let us hope He will give us final victory.

GERMAN TREATMENT OF PRISONERS The treatment of prisoners of war in Germany is thus described by a letter of a French soldier reproduced by the Daily Telegraph from the

The population of our camp is very

olitan-English, Russians, and

French; among them many civilians, carried off from the North of France. The appearance of the camp is inexpressibly dismal. Sentinels mount guard with police dogs. . . . The French are not so badly treated, but the poor English— "schweinhunde" is how they are called and treated. For a long time there has been no flour, only bread made of potato-meal, hard to digest, and that in in-

sufficient quantities. We receive a soup of unpeeled potatoes and rice leavings, such as we feed our pigs on in Normandy. There is a canteen, but there is no longer any sugar, or jam, or ham—nothing, in fact. The sentinels do not conceal their fear of

famine.

the Rosary.

to eat, dying from hunger and fatigue. The first day we had half a cup of rice water; the second day a cup of coffee; the third two potatoes and water; the fourth a raw egg; the fifth a bit of bread, and so forth, and editorial note in your valued paper last week on Dr. Alexander Fraser's lecture on the Keltic Church in Scot fifth a bit of bread, and so forth, and that at the end of the day after our march. We kept marching without a rest, and ate raw beet root and raw carrots, and slept wherever we happened to be. . . The food we get just prevents us from dying of hunger, and we are fed like pigs. land calls for an explanation. I was present and listened with unusual pleasure to the learned Archivist's address. I assure you that your article does the lecturer a great wrong. Instead of saying anyth of the nature to which you object and condemn, the singular thing is We never have a scrap of meat.

The best feed that we have that the weight of the lecture was to show that while some eminent Presweek consists of cabbages cooked in water. I'm not exaggerabyterians and Anglicans still claimed that their respective churches are ting. I have been in the kitchen watching the meals prepared. . . . the modern representatives of the Columban Church, they clearly were but we get used to everything, and not so. And this was stated frankly and forcefully. Three things in the have about 300 grammes of bread a day. We work every day from 7 to 5 in making roads, clearing wastes, cutting down trees, washing lecture impressed me as to its

breadth of view.

1. That as a Presbyterian himself
Dr. Fraser did not claim for his
church clerical descent from the Columban Church.

2. That as a Scot of the Scots he did not claim Scottish birth or origin for St. Patrick, but left the question open with an apparent tendency to Rhys' rather than to Bury's view

That as our foremost Keltic scholar, he did impugn the authen-ticity of the ancient fragments attributed by tradition to Patrick and Columba, as so many British scholars do, but explained them with evident sympathy. The scholarly habit is not favor

able to national, racial, or ecclesias-tical narrowness and it would have been a surprise indeed had anything ceeded from Dr. Fraser that could nave offended any fair-minded critic JNO. D. SINCLAIR

Toronto, March 15th, 1915.

#### DECLENSION OF BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

In the February number of The Biblical World the Rev. Lewis Bayles Paton, Ph. D., D. D., complains of the deterioration of Bible knowledge among present day Protestants. Here are his words: "Our churches Here are his words: "Our churches members and their children unquestionably know less about the Bible found in the house of one of the parishioners the fine would be doubled! and the doctrines of Christianity than their grandparents did. It the universal experience of high school teachers and college professors that biblical allusions are unintelligible, not only to the children of those without church affliations, but also to children who come from our best Christian families. A pro-fessor in the University of Wisconsin found no one in a large class who could tell him who Judas was. student ventured to guess that he was an officer in the court of Charleone people shot, and rape and all magne. in the freshman class of a college . . . I was made prisoner on August 28 as I was about to bury the dead. I was ordered to a corner to

understood the meaning of the words, "The Easter angel seated by the empty tomb." writer has been teaching for twenty years in a theological seminary, and has observed a progressive deterioration in the knowledge of the Bible in the students that enter each year."
This is a rather awkward admission

for a Protestant clergyman to make We Catholics do not boast of the Bible as much as Protestants, but, perhaps, we study it more. At any rate, very few of our parochial school children, not to speak of college students, would be found wanting in such questions as those mentione This is owing to the fact above. that the Bible is taught in our par ochial schools; not, indeed, the com plete text — which would be prepos terous in the case of school children —but an abridged edition which con-tains the marrow of Old and New deacon, who, nominated a battalion adjutant on mobilization, was made the 2nd Royal Irish Regiment to his Illustrated Bible History, extensively mobilization, was made mobilization. handy volume of 404 pages with two geographical maps. It is the delight of our school children and from it they get a connected and comprehensive knowledge of biblical facts twice to him. It is the only thing and teachings. You may confidently that will keep us to e and strong, but ask them about Judas or the angel shot, then I am ready to answer to illustrations have assisted the text to impress them on their manual to impress them.

is apt to bewilder Catholics in the biblical allusions of English literature; viz., the spelling of Old Testa ment proper names. English non-Catholic writers follow the spelling of the King James Version, Catholics have learned the spelling of the Douay Version. And the difference between the two relative to Old Testament proper names, is in some instances so considerable as to prevent ready identification of names A Protestant writer mentions Elijah for instance—a Catholic may not know at once that he is speaking of Elias: or of Elisha - who in the Catholic Version is Eliseus; or of Obadiah, who with us is Abdias. Names of places are even more confusing. This difference is really a matter of regret not only because it involves the biblical allusions of English literature to us in some mystery, but also because it inter-feres with the smoothness of biblical discussions, as far as they relate to the Old Testament, between Cath. olics and Protestants.

with my wound, as it was not serious, but went on with my comrades to fight for victory, which we got with the point of the bayonet. I must now close, as I am going to say Whence is this difference in Old Testament names? From the fact that the King James Version was made directly from the Hebrew, while the Douay Version was made from the Latin Vulgate which, in the Liberté:

From September 10 17 they made us marche 207 kilometres. We marched all day long with nothing sood is happy.—Boethius.

All is a good rule to be deaf when slander speaks.

He who is virtuous is wise; and he who is marched all day long with nothing good is happy.—Boethius. turn, had been made from the He-

translation, the Septuagint, had, for similar reasons, done analogically before when turning the Hebrew into Greek. Thus it happened that the Douay Version embodied the latinized forms of Hebrew proper names, while the King James Version, on eccept of the closer, reason blance of

account of the closer resemblance of the English to the Hebrew alphabet, took over the Hebrew proper names, for the most part unchanged, into the English translation. Hence the variety of readings in the Old Testa-

In the New Testament there is no difference; for such Hebrew names as occur in that portion of the Bible had undergone the Greek transform ation before they came into the English translations. Thus, for instance, the King James Version, Luke 4, 25-27, reads as follows: "But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias (Elijah) when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the and; but unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus (Elisha) the prophet; and none of them was cleansed saving Naaman the Syrian.

We have given this somewhat scholastic explanation, because we have known the puzzling effect of the divergency in question on such as have devoted some attention to popular controversy. — Southern Guard-

#### INVENTED BY CATHOLICS

Catholics invented the barometer, thermometer, stereometer, electrometer, microscope, helioscope, camera obscura and the mariner's compass. They also invented the air pump, the diving bell and the nagic lantern.

To Catholics we owe photography, accentuation, church bells, clocks, stained glass, artesian wells, spectacles, organs, and the steam engine The planetary movements were first observed by Grassi, a Jesuit.

The first to discover the sun's equator was Buscovitch, another Jesuit, Torricelli, a Catholic, was the first to discover the gravity of the air, while another Catholic, named Tournefort, was the first to group plants into genera. Virgilius, Catholic Bishop, discovered the sphericity of the earth, and the Jesuit, Lana, wrote the first book on aerial navigation.

The "Gregorian Calendar" is the work of a Pope. The Catholic Cabot discovered the variation of the compass. Grimaldi, a priest, discovered he inflection of light Galvani, a Catholic, discovered the electrical science of galvanism. Abbe Hany discovered the laws of crystalliza-

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FATHER FRASER'S CHINESE

Taichowfu, China, June 7, 1914.

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