

irrespective of religious belief, found at one time or other a home.

WITH the passing of Canada under the British flag, and the suppression of the Society of Jesus, the college fell upon evil days. When the last surviving member of the old order, Father Jean Casot, died, the Government by right of might proclaimed itself heir at law by default, as if the Church, says a Jesuit chronicler, who really held the property were not immortal. The College was turned into a barracks and continued to be used for this purpose so long as British troops remained in Canada. Then it was abandoned and remained tenanted for many years. Finally under pretext that it had become unsafe, and a menace to the passer by, it was without more ado levelled to the ground, and is now the site, immediately opposite the Basilica of Quebec's Hotel de Ville. That the plea of insecurity was indeed a mere pretext for this wanton vandalism is proved by the fact that to wreck its sturdy walls of stone it was necessary to employ dynamite. That it should wilfully have been demolished at all will ever remain a reproach to the government administrators of the time.

WE ARE reminded too of another historical structure which in part still stands but, from apparent lack of civic pride, is being allowed rapidly to fall into decay. We refer to the "Priory" at Guelph, which formed the subject of some paragraphs in these columns not many weeks ago. The Toronto Globe has included this interesting structure among the historical monuments which it has recently been illustrating in its columns. While modern compared to such buildings as the Quebec Basilica, and others that might be named, it, even as it stands, abandoned and neglected, is a precious relic of the pioneer days of Ontario. It is also a monument to a most interesting man, John Galt, the famous Scots novelist and Guelph's founder. Its Catholic associations have already dwelt upon. That it should be in the condition it is and apparently doomed to disappear, is a disgrace to the city which possesses it and which apparently has not sufficient civic self-respect to care for this memorial of its first beginnings.

UN-AMERICAN CONDUCT

Washington, Dec. 11.—Alleged activities on the part of members of the Anchor Club, a Masonic organization said to have branches in the various government departments, for the purpose of ousting Admiral William S. Benson from the United States Shipping Board have resulted in an order for an official investigation of the club. The organization, it has been charged, has been carrying on a campaign to secure the discharge of Catholic employees of the shipping board and in particular has been engaged in an attempt to force Admiral Benson to resign because of his religious affiliations. The matter was brought to public attention recently when the New York Times published excerpts from a circular attacking Admiral Benson together with a statement from the Admiral concerning the situation as he knew it to exist. It is thought that the Anchor Club or individual members of the organization were responsible for the circular. The circular itself rehearses a few of the stock libels against Catholicity in general and charges the Admiral who directed the naval operations of the country during the War and was honored with a Distinguished Service Medal at its close, with plotting to overthrow the government in the interests of the Papacy. Admiral Benson's statement after recounting that he was first informed of the alleged activities of the Anchor Club by a prominent Washington attorney who is also a Mason, reads: "As soon as I was as possible I got in touch with my personal officer and told him of what I had heard and cautioned him in regard to such conduct. He informed me that he was President of the Anchor Club. I explained to him how unfortunate I thought it that a secret organization should exist and told him of the reports that had come to me and how they had gotten to me. I also told him that as these reports had been made to me by a reputable lawyer and Mason, I felt it my duty as a member of the Shipping Board to investigate, that I would investigate fully and that if I found the reports were correct I would bring the matter before the Shipping Board and use every possible means to have the practice broken up as I felt strongly that such conduct was thoroughly un-American and could

not be tolerated in a Government organization.

"He fully agreed with me and exerted to see if such was indeed in and bring it to my attention. I sent for the head of our investigation department, and told him what had taken place and told him to use every means in his power to investigate and report to me the result. "A few days later I received a report from members of the press to the effect that I had given an order to disband the Anchor Club and had stated that it was thoroughly un-American. I had given no such order. I have not authority to give any such order, nor did I say it was un-American. I did say that if the reports that had come to me were true, such conduct was un-American and I would do everything I could to suppress it."

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP NEEDED

CARDINAL O'CONNELL CITES NEED OF TRUE MANHOOD

His Eminence, Cardinal O'Connell addressing the students of Boston College, took occasion to point out the great benefits of retreat. To find one's self and discover the means of rising to the heights of virtue. His Eminence stated, was to assure future greatness. This precisely, it was pointed out, would give the nation a quality of leadership, greatly needed today.

CARDINAL'S ADDRESS

In the Catholic College, as elsewhere, the various temptations of life, various delusions of life, gather around the young man, if he allow it. He need not, however, give in to such conditions, for he has at hand every aid to clean living and honest action. Before his eyes every day are symbols and signs which should remind him constantly of the value of the soul and which point the way of the soul's salvation. He sees it in the cross in his classroom; in the religious character of his teachers in the images of the great Saints who were masters of the spiritual life, and he is constantly reminded if his eyes are open, that the welfare of the soul in his supreme work during his sojourn in this earth. Without the grace of God in the soul nothing has any value whatever.

Of all the things in the world, what the young man needs just at your time of life is a period of spiritual rest when he can readjust himself to true values. At just your time of life the imagination is very active. You are entertaining delusions about life without your knowing it. The newspapers that you read, the plays that you attend, the gaiety of the world about you, all stimulate and help to form delusions about life, and unless one is very careful he is apt to set false values on these.

THE PROBLEM OF LIFE

The great question that calls insistently for an answer from you today is "What am I going to do with my life?" In other words, "What is my vocation?" It is the most serious problem. God will give you the right way, if you ask His help. I might say to you, do not yield to mere impulse. Impulse is wrong in a way, but there are so many young men who embark on the profession of medicine or law and enter the various professions who are unfitted for them. For years they study and practice, only to find that they are not fitted for the work. What is the reason? It is because they have not asked God to guide them in the choice of their life's work. They launch forth on the sea of life with a blind vision of their own, without consultation with God, where alone they could get the right answer.

Young men, search your souls, find yourselves, and in this holy endeavor remember God will be your guide if you ask His aid. All life should render constant service to God.

The United States demands Catholic leadership today. It needs men of sterling character; men of self-denial for the sake of duty; men who have the strong courage, that no hing can daunt; men who will work with the church because it is God's law; men who will work for the State because they are carrying out God's commandments. That is the kind of leadership the world is hungry for today.

It is one of the characteristic marks of the age that it puts spiritual things first. It emphasizes the value of the soul. It is an admirable thing to make this a very strong realizing sense for a few days of the year. I have no need to tell you the special value of retreat, it is to find your soul. Scientists are forever trying to find something or other, to discover, to invent, but this is purely a worldly matter; the one work of the Catholic Christian is to find the soul. This means that sometimes its existence is rather vague and obscure because of the many abstractions around us, so that the clear light fades, is sometimes dim; we do not see as clearly as we ought, especially in things that pertain to God, things which are of the soul. Hence, I trust that you will settle this great problem of yours today.

You are the men of the country, remember. The need of the world for Catholicism is becoming greater every day. The United States demands Catholic leadership today. There is urgent need of men of sterling character, men of self-denial for the sake of duty; men who will stand by the ship until it sinks; men who have the strong courage that nothing can daunt them, nothing can frighten them. Men who will work with the church because it is God's law; men who will work for the State because they are carrying out God's commandments; men who will live on principle and let nothing deflect them from it; men who believe as little children; men who can go out strong, perfectly fearless champions, this is the kind of leadership the world calls for today. That is why Catholic colleges are more necessary than ever, and you are expected to take your place in this leadership in your day.

CHURCH PROBLEMS IN TRIESTE

The town of Trieste, the one and famous harbor of the Austrian Empire, although ruined by the War and by the political disturbance of Central Europe, is recovering slowly from its losses, and restoring its commerce. From the Catholic point of view it will have great importance, for within its limits Slavs and Latins, the schisms and the Catholic faith live side by side, and racial antagonisms are felt. The city of Trieste is the seat of a diocese which has 300,000 inhabitants and the territory of which is formed by the former dioceses of Capodistria, Pedena, Cittaneva and Pisino (now suppressed). These towns are situated on the coast of the Adriatic. The city itself has 250,000 inhabitants, of whom a third are of Slovenes and Croats. There are six parishes, and four others in the suburbs of Roiano, Barcola, Guardicella and Servola.

Two thirds of the inhabitants of Trieste are Italian by birth or in language. The little towns of the coast are also Italian. The villages, however, of the inland territory are wholly Slav, (half Croat and half Slovene.) The most important Slav deaneries are those of Opicina, Dolina, Sezana, Derkausa, Ospio, and a large Slav percentage is grouped into these of Pisino, Pinguento, and Portole. Of course the Italian priests take care of the Italians, and the Slovenes of their national flock. These priests were educated in the Central Seminary of Gorizia, which used to be the metropolitan see of Trieste. Trieste has only a small seminary at Capodistria. Even now the candidates to priesthood in the diocese of Trieste are trained at Gorizia. A large number, however, of Slovene seminarians prefer to fulfill their studies in the seminary of Saint Vit near Lubiana.

DEATH RECALLS A MYSTERIOUS VISIT

Washington, D. C., Oct. 30.—News of the death of the Rev. John B. Pittar, S. J., for eighteen years assistant at St. Aloysius' Church in this city was received with deep regret by hundreds of Washingtonians who knew him as a tireless worker among the sick, poor and the erring of the nation's capital. Father Pittar died at the Jesuit Novitiate at St. Andrew's-on-the-Hudson after an illness of more than a year. He spent several months in Georgetown Hospital before being taken to New York.

One of the most dramatic stories told about Father Pittar and his years of ministration to the sick and dying of Washington is that which had to do with a mysterious sick call which he answered one night. It was after midnight when the summon came to the rectory. A small boy had rung the bell and given the porter the address of a house in Georgetown.

"Please tell Father Pittar to go quickly," he said. "A sick man needs him."

It was one o'clock when Father Pittar reached the house and he found it in darkness. But the front door was slightly ajar and entering he perceived a light on the second floor. He knocked and the door was thrown open by a man with a pistol in his hand. Surprised at the figure of the priest he rudely asked him who he was and what he wanted. Father Pittar exclaimed that he had come in response to a sick call.

"I am not sick," said the man, "and I sent no one for you. Who called you here?" Father Pittar described the boy who died five years ago "said the man. "After he and his mother died I grew despondent; and was planning to take my own life this very night. In a few minutes I would have been a suicide."

harness on and one eye open, while Father Pittar disregarded union hours.

Father Pittar was a convert. He was born in Chicago sixty-five years ago and professed the Episcopal faith until as a student of St. John's College, Fordham, he was converted.

METHODISTS ACTIVE

Protestant propaganda is carried on as always in Italy, by American Methodists. The German Catholics form a small group. They have no church, but the Jesuits have requested the right to open a small chapel for them.

What is the need in Trieste is a good Catholic press. The only Catholic paper of the diocese is Vita Nuova, a little weekly review.

The Partito popolare publishes another weekly paper: Avenir. The Catholic Slavs are in a better situation. They publish the Friend of the People in Croatian, and the lay paper Edinost (Unity) in Slovene. The editor of the Vita Nuova is urging the Catholics of Trieste who have emigrated to the United States to support the Catholic press of their native town. If the Catholic press is deficient, the institutions for the Catholic organization of the diocese are flourishing. The Catholic youth are organized in clubs named after Eneas Silvius Piccolomini (who was Bishop of Trieste and became the famous Pius II. of Contardo Ferrini, of Silvius Pellico, and of Saint Justus There are in Trieste nine clubs of Catholic girls, and eleven organizations of Christian women. The Catholic boys' associations number 1,000 members, and the girls and women 3,000. In the number are not included the associations of the other towns of the diocese.

An active element of Catholic life is contributed by the religious orders and congregations. Their are in Trieste two churches administered by the Franciscans of the provinces of Trent and Venice; the Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have a chapel frequented by many Catholics; the Jesuits and Capuchins and Benedictines also exercise their ministry in Trieste, Fismo, Capodistria and Daila. A fraternal apostleship is that of the Salesians who have built the Church of the Sacred Heart, and founded a theatre, a club, an oratory, and organized a band.

Among the religious congregations, the Sisters of Sion (50 in number), train many of the girls of the town. They have a residence with 250 pupils and teach Italian, English, French and German. Among the Slovenes the Sisters of the Holy Cross foster Catholic piety, while the Benedictine Sisters of Lombardy vie with the Sisters of Sion in the education of Catholic girls. The Catholic movement is headed by Baron Rudolph Rinaldini, and the Very Rev. Dr. Charles Macchia, Vicar-General of the diocese.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF CANADA

"MERRY" CHRISTMAS IN ALBERTA

When we wrote about "Appeals" last week we did not believe that the mail would furnish us so soon with a letter that hits home. We are not going to keep it one day longer than necessary. We have made up our minds that it should be published, and at once. The facts pointed out and the conditions described by a missionary who faces the worst, are more persuasive than anything we could write. Perhaps some may be sceptical about our stories of the stern realities faced by the pioneer priests; if so, the following letter is an adequate answer as well as being a "Merry" Christmas meditation: Archbishop's Palace, 8317 105th St., Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 9, 1922.

Very Reverend Thomas O'Donnell, President Catholic Church Extension Society of Canada, 67 Bond St., Toronto. Very Rev. and Dear Father: While fully appreciating the fact that many more appeals than may be satisfied are being made to you yet such is the unfortunate and painful conditions of the Catholic body committed to my spiritual guidance that I am compelled to make this very special request for assistance.

At the present time I am trying to satisfy the needs of a territory over one hundred miles in extent. Before taking up the work some three months ago very little, if anything, was ever done for the poor people living in this particular portion of the West. Now once a month the holy Sacrifice of the Mass is said in no less than eighteen distinct places. Each place, of course, has its own peculiar need to be attended to in God's good time. But today only two Catholic churches grace the whole missionary line. In all the other centres the Mass is offered wherever it is possible to bring a congregation together. Sometimes a school, a store, a restaurant, a hall, even the kitchen of a small log-hut, serves as a dwelling-place for the Incarnate Word. Today, however it is not my purpose to place before you the needs of all these places, an only about to ask for what is of absolute necessity.

X— is a small town some one hundred miles north-west of Edmonton. It is a commercial centre for a much-scattered farming district. Here we have by actual count some eighty-five Catholics, men, women and children. Of this number only thirty will attend Mass. They have been neglected so long that the faith of many is very much weakened, and in a number of cases it is lost altogether. I will not add to this sad story by telling you the number who have received the Sacraments within a year the percentage is painfully small. But this is not all. Our separated brethren have added to this number at our expense. Even today a number of our children are frequenting or attending a non-Catholic Sunday School. Their parents in some cases refuse to prevent such action. They wish their little ones to go to some church, and

weekly. We are forced to say Mass once a month in a small hall directly over a general store. This place is not available at other times, even if we were able to attend. And so we are forced to wait till such time as we can get a building of our own. But it is not the children alone whose faith is being injured. The adult body are suffering also. Already at least seven families are as good as lost to us and gained by our non-Catholic brethren. This gives you but a very summary idea of our requirements in X—. A chapel there is an absolute necessity. The people who are really Catholics cannot and will not undertake its erection themselves. We must receive assistance from without.

At B— we are also in need of a church. There I have some thirty families, poor but truly Catholic. The town is but one year old. Consequently the time is not yet ripe that they should have grown weak in the faith. I now say Mass in a pool room. The building, however, is to be converted into a general store in a few weeks' time. Where I will then say Mass is a question that is causing me much concern. If I get a church, there those who are now good Catholics will surely remain such, and without a doubt many more will at least become our friends.

Father, those are the two places for which we need assistance. A donation of \$500 for each place would make it possible to properly carry out the Divine command to instruct, to baptize and to save. Will you not do all in your power to help us, and in helping us bring greater glory to God and His Church?

Thanking you most sincerely for any kind assistance you may offer us and with the fervent prayer that God's blessing may ever be yours, I am,

Faithfully yours in Christ.

(Signed) I heartily endorse this request and earnestly commend it to your generosity. HENRY J. O'LEARY, Archbishop of Edmonton.

This description of first line conditions substantiates what we have told our Catholic people more than once. They who live in parishes where the Church flourishes often do not know what the missionaries are compelled to endure. How many Catholics who enjoy every advantage the Church can give, realize that in our Canadian missions Catholics by hundreds are losing the Faith for lack of priests to administer the Sacraments and say Mass for them? Here we find the ubiquitous sects camping on their trails with teachers and propaganda of the well-known type ready to supply at a moment's notice the required religion. Are we going to sit idle while our duty to God is so clear? We must not. Missionaries must at once be prepared and sent. We cannot neglect so vital a task as that pointed out to us by Extension. Send us a substantial contribution and it will be at work in these fields before many months have passed. We keep nothing. Our only tangible property is the few Burses we have for the education of students, and the Catholic Register. Extension is making a special Christmas appeal now (the memory of the Infant Saviour at this season is so vividly before us) for these Ambassadors of Christ who forsake all that Our Lord may be glorified, that the sacraments and the holy Sacrifice of the Mass may be offered. Because the Infant Jesus has done so much for you, do something for Him and His priests!

We respectfully and hopefully await your generous offering. Donations may be addressed to: Rev. T. O'Donnell, President Catholic Church Extension Society 67 Bond St., Toronto. Contributions through this office should be addressed to: EXTENSION, CATHOLIC RECORD OFFICE, London, Ont.

DONATIONS previously acknowledged \$5,837.48 Mission Box of C. W. L., St. Columban..... 3.99

MASS INTENTIONS E. G. P., Ottawa..... 5.00 Mary McNeil, Gardiner Mines..... 8.00 Subscriber, Guelph..... 5.00

CATHOLIC MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, Dec. 9.—The newly elected Parliament contains more Catholics elected from English constituencies than any other parliament since the Catholic Emancipation Act. In all, there are now twenty Catholic members in the lower House as compared with twelve in the previous House. Eight Catholic members were re-elected after the downfall of the Lloyd George ministry. Unionists, Liberals, Laborites, and one Nationalist are included in the Catholic representation at Westminster. The Catholic members are: Lt. Col. Martin Archer-Shee, Unionist, Finsbury; R. Mitchell Banks, K. C., Unionist, Swindon; F. N. Blundell, Unionist, Ormskirk; Councillor Pat Collins, Liberal, Walsall; Lord Colum Crichton-Stuart, Unionist, Northwich; N. Grattan Doyle, Unionist, Newcastle-on-Tyne, N.; T. Gavan

Duffy, Labor, Whitehaven; P. J. Hannon, Unionist, Moseley, Birmingham; E. A. St. Aubyn Harney, K. C., Liberal, South Shields; Major George Hennessy, Unionist, Vinchester; Right Hon. J. F. Hope, Unionist, Central Sheffield; Major P. B. Malone, Unionist, South Tottenham; Charles J. Mathew, K. C., Labor, Whitechapel; Major L. G. S. Molloy, Unionist, Blackpool; H. Murnin, Labor, Stirling and Falkirk; T. P. O'Connor, Nationalist, Scotland, Liverpool; James O'Grady, Labor, St. Helens; James Saxton, Labor, St. Helens; J. Sullivan, Labor, N. Lanark; Bailie J. Wheatley, Labor, Shettleston, Glasgow.

MARYKNOLL MISSION IN KOREA

New York, Dec. 21.—The Sacred Congregation of Propaganda has invited the American Foreign Missions of Maryknoll to inaugurate work in Korea. Bishop Mel of Seoul has already outlined the district which later will become the American vicariate. It is situated north of the Capital and extends to the Manchurian border. An excellent railway line traverses the entire region, the center of which will be Ping Yang, the second largest city in Korea. The Very Rev. Patrick J. Byrne has been appointed first Superior of the new mission and he will leave this country about the middle of January, going to the Far East by way of Europe. Father Byrne is an alumnus of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and, until recently, has directed the Maryknoll Preparatory College at Clark's Summit, in the diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

BURSES

FOR EDUCATION OF PRIESTS FOR CHINESE MISSIONS

These burses will be complete at \$1,000 each, and will provide a perpetual scholarship for boys wishing to study for the missionary priesthood and go evangelize China. Donors to these burses will be remembered by these future priests during their whole sacerdotal ministry.

Rev. J. M. Fraser, M. A., China Mission College, Almonte, Ontario.

QUEEN OF APOSTLES BURSE Previously acknowledged \$2,662.48 Jessie Mc Gillis, Ottawa... 5.00 Thos. O'Regan, Parrsboro 1.00

ST. ANTHONY'S BURSE Previously acknowledged \$1,451.20 Friend, Ottawa..... 5.00 E. McL., Blairmore..... 1.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BURSE Previously acknowledged \$2,753.43 COMPONER OF THE AFFLICTED BURSE Previously acknowledged \$403.00

ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF CHINA BURSE Previously acknowledged \$2,616.43 Grateful Client, Ottawa 5.00 Jack O'Brien, Toronto.... 2.00

BLESSED SACRAMENT BURSE Previously acknowledged \$487.65

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BURSE Previously acknowledged \$357.60

HOLY NAME OF JESUS BURSE Previously acknowledged \$281.00

HOLY SOULS BURSE Previously acknowledged \$1,556.89

LITTLE FLOWER BURSE Previously acknowledged \$906.64 In thanksgiving..... 5.00

SACRED HEART LEAGUE BURSE Previously acknowledged \$2,534.45

Mary F. Maher, Promoter, St. John..... 50

Eliza J. Rankins, Arr-prior..... 2.00

Mrs Mary Sheehan, Mid-land..... 2.00

Jack O'Brien, Toronto.... 5.00



Make a record of your securities

FOR those desiring to keep a record of their securities we have prepared a convenient SECURITY RECORD.

In this can be entered the name, date of purchase, amount, price, annual income, time of interest or dividend payment, maturity, etc. Indispensable to security holders.

Copy of the SECURITY RECORD form will be gladly sent on request. A-E-AMES & CO. MONTREAL TORONTO VICTORIA