

THE CRUCIFIX IN PUBLIC HONOURING THE SIGN OF REDEMPTION

(By "M. C. L." in Catholic Herald) A recent Anglican decision in a case of the public display of a crucifix within the precincts of an Anglican church does not lack humor. Some persons had been seen committing the appalling crime of bowing to the crucifix kneeling before it! Praying before it! And to prevent a recurrence of such scandals, it was decreed that the crucifix be placed somewhere where it could not be seen quite so well. The suggestion was made that the guilty persons might not be Protestants at all; and indeed they may have been benighted Catholics who could not pass the representation of the Crucified Redeemer with no more reverence, or display of devotion, than if it had been the graven image of Queen Anne or of Nelson on his pillar. However, not to do so is to be superstitious and idolatrous. You may bow to the Throne or "Chair of State," and no one will even suggest its being secluded in a cellar or behind a wall to prevent honor being paid to it, to bow to it as reasonable and right, but to bow to a crucifix is Popish and sinful. You may salute the flag with a clear conscience, but not the emblem of redemption. The Chancellor of the Diocese of Liverpool stated last week that the use of that emblem "has for three hundred years been regarded by the country at large as distinctly of Roman Catholic origin," and one is grateful to him for reminding everybody of the date when the Crucifix was rejected for the Lion and the Unicorn. "The country at large" before that time honored the crucifix just as do Catholics everywhere today; and we should be very proud that our veneration of it is regarded as one of our distinctions. Desecration and destruction of it are distinctive of the "reformation," and "true blue Protestants" of these times, as well as of infidels. However, the Great War opened the eyes of many to the significance and the potency of the emblem. Not a few discovered how important a place religion and religious observances held in the public and private life of Catholic peoples, meeting crosses images and shrines everywhere. To the "advanced" British skeptic, who thought that religion is a discredited myth nowadays, it must have been rather a shock to find that it had still so strong a hold upon so many. Perhaps where spiritual facts have no material embodiment, the popular mind soon grows indifferent and sceptical, but where the senses are constantly coming into touch with spiritual ideas there is little fear of indifference. We read in various books and articles on the War how the British soldier was impressed by the spectacle of the crucifix intact amidst the ruins of church or cathedral. In "Contemplations" we read that when "Tommy" passed a crucifix "with its cluster of flowering graves, he would say 'ain't it pretty? We ought to have them at home, you know.'" Of course, we had them at home everywhere until the Reformation. Today, when we try to have them as memorials of those who died in the War, either they are smashed, or by German shells, but by home-made Huns, or banner as illegal by the Anglican Establishment. In this connection it may be noted that "somewhere in France" a representation of the Sacred Heart found favor in the eyes of a Presbyterian minister. What of it is another matter. He had gone into a little village church, and on the wall there was a large painting of the Saviour showing His pierced hands and side to His disciples, and over it the words: "Behold His Heart, Who so loved men." Now that was just the help and comfort which we most needed. Amid all the anxieties of the present it is well to be reminded of that "Wounded Heart." (Scottish Mothers' Magazine, 1916.) Such reminders are, like the crucifix, "distinctive of Roman Catholics." Mention of the War suggests mention of a recent biography, to which ever informative "Catholic Book Notes" directs attention. (June issue.) It is the life of Father William Doyle, S. J., chaplain to the Irish Fusiliers, who was killed in August, 1917. A Belfast Orangeman wrote of him: "We couldn't possibly agree with his religious opinions, but we simply worshipped (sic) him for other things. He didn't know the meaning of fear, and he didn't know what bigotry was. He was as ready to risk his life to take a drop of water to a wounded Ulsterman as to assist men of his own faith and regiment. . . . The Ulstermen felt his loss more keenly than anybody, and none were readier to show their marks of respect to the dead hero priest than were our Ulster Presbyterians." (Glasgow Weekly News, Sept. 1, 1917.) Father Doyle received into the fold both officers and men, "many of whom have never been in contact with Catholics before, knew nothing about the grandeur and beauty of our religion, and, above all, have been immensely impressed by what the Catholic priests, alone of all the chaplains at the front, are able to do for their men, both living and dying." At an early date Father Doyle received the Military Cross. At his death he was recommended for the V. C. by his commanding officer, by his Brigadier, and by General Hickie, but "superior authority" did not grant it. He had been recommended previously for the V. C. and the D. S. O., but neither was granted, and

his biographer (Professor O'Rahilly) concludes that "the triple disqualification of being an Irishman, a Catholic, and a Jesuit proved insuperable." It would be interesting to know what "our Ulster Presbyterians" think of the kind of fair play meted out to the "hero priest." Happily, no work, to suffer, and to die, for no earthly honors or rewards, but for God, is distinguished by the priest even though he have "the triple disqualification" stated; and the eternal reward no man can withhold or take from him.

DIRD QUARRY.—On June 21st, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich., James J., dearly beloved husband of Josephine Harrison, and second son of the late Henry B. and Mrs. Quarry of Parkhill. May his soul rest in peace.

SMITH.—In Collingwood, Ont., on June 17th, John A. Smith, beloved husband of Sara Condon. May he rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM MAGUIRE.—In loving memory of Patrick Joseph Maguire, of Cambridge, Alberta, who was accidentally killed when his automobile overturned on July 2nd, 1919. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Le Rue, S. J., at St. Andrews, Port Arthur, where his wife now lives. May his soul rest in peace.

Beauty is God's handwriting, a wayside sacrament; welcome it, then, in every fair face, every fair sky, every fair flower; and be sure that yet gayer meadow, and yet bluer skies await thee in the world to come.—Charles Kingsley.

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