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ssions was caused when the Latin | and mind among them translation of the letter from the Russian protopope Sergij Bulgakov gress commented that Father vas read. The Bishop of Kaschau, Verchovskij could not expect a was read. commenting on the rather disappointing note in the communication, nevertheless emphasized the fact nevertheless emphasized the fact that Orthodox circles apparently are interested in the negotiations of Congress. Archbishop Dr.

Pretchen declared : 'It is evident from the communication that the chief obstacle to union is the question of theme. The Russian opinion differs from ours, and we can only regret this fact. We shall pray incessantly that they may arrive at a right knowledge in this matter." TRIBUTE TO ORTHODOX MARTYRS

Father d'Herbigny paid tribute to the memory of the victims of the persecution of Orthodox priests. The list of Orthodox bishops con-demned to death in Russia since 1918 stirred the sympathy of all Catholic hearts, he said, and he recalled how Pius XI. asked his pre-decessor, Benedict XV., that he might go to Moscow to intercede woman. against the confiscation of liturgical articles. This philanthropy of the Pope, Father d'Herbigny continued, her worthy companion Count Ludaroused the sympathy of Catholics, and from rich America as well as sense of Christian faith and piety, devastated France and Belgium, she rejoiced when she saw her two sons Guiseppe and Gioacchino

the hunger of the Russians He grieved that the effect of all state. Animated by the most lively Soviets almost wholly excluded the this bounty was only that the Soviets almost wholly excluded the performing of the Catholic liturgy in Russia. This unjust measure, how-ever, had an advantageous result after all, headded, in that anti-Cath-olic prejudice among Russian emigrants has greatly diminished. Many Russians now realize, he said, that palace the Holy Father is not a supreme spiritual head who oppresses, but a herself had not a very large patfather who loves, and that he, following the example of all his nothing else to give the poor she predecessors, strives to extend his ove to all Christians and to insure the Eastern rite of its purity. And as this action requires holy, learned and devoted priests, he continued, the Holy Father constantly prays, and urges that all Catholics pray, to the Heavenly Father for the sanctifiication of Russians and of all Slavs.

At the conclusion of this address, At the conclusion of this address, the entire Congress stood up in honor of the memory of the Russian martyrs and to second the sent martyrs and to second the sentiments of the speaker.

At a further meeting, Dr. Dobretchitch, Bishop of Sarajevo, amid applause, expressed his grati-tude to the late archbishop and to his successor, in the name of Dalmatia, for furthering the idea of Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Baron Wrangel, an Orthodox Russian, asked that Russian con-verts to Catholicism be distinguished from Uniats. Speaking of the Russian attitude toward reunion, he said the Russians fear that if they acknowledge the supremacy of the Pope, they will in the future experience immoder-the requirements from Rome. He ate requirements from Rome. He gratefully accepted Father d'Herbigny's declaration that the Ortho-dox Church, in case of reunion, might retain its liturgy and constitution. But alas, he said, all Cath-olics were not like Father d'Herbigny. In the end he suggested that a committee be formed in which the Orthodox church would have an equal share with Catholics have an equal share with Catholics and the object of which would be to study points at issue. The same issue was dealt with

to study points at issue. The same issue was dealt with by Father Salaville of Constantin-ople and Dr. Totu, of the seminary Varadin. Father Gleb Verchovskij then spoke on the social and religious position of the Russian emigrants in their relation to reunion. The position of the Russian emigrants in the world is deplorable not only materially and politically, but also morally," said the speaker. "It appears that a sort speaker. "It appears that a sort of xenophobia and a painful nationalism previously unknown among Russians has taken hold among them. At the same time, there grows a devotion for Orthodoxy family, and taught her sweet Christian devotion. which more than ever is connected with the national idea.

Chief comment at the days's who could insure unity of action CONDITIONS IN SPAIN One of the directors of the Con (By Right Rev. Mgr. John F. Noll) Verchovskij could not expect a general accord with all his observa-Spain, the romantic, is preemitions. Archbishp de Ropp also an-nounced that he had special reservanently an agricultural country with much fertile soil and an excellent climate, particularly in the south. tions to the method suggested. Spain's area is twice that of Eng-

## land, with about only one-half the population. The farm estates, are, **OBSERVES CENTENARY** for the most part vast, and are not operated by their powers. It

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER OF LEO XIII. By Monsignor Enrico Pu

(Rome Correspondent, N. C. W. C.)

woman.

Carpineto.

Century in her region.

The little town of Carpineto, birthplace of Leo XIII., is observing square miles are devoted to the cultivation of the olive, particularly the centenary of the death of the mother of that great Pontiff. The

between Seville and Granada. There are extant many monu memory of Anna Prosperi-Buzi is worthy of being remembered not ments from the days of the pre-Christian Roman occupation, such only because she gave birth to Gioacchino, who under the name of as city walls and towers, aqueducts, Leo XIII. governed the Universal Church, but also because through Southern Spain was inhabited by Moors from the 7th to the 14th Century, and beautiful specimens her virtues and her activities and

of their architectural skill abound in Andalusia. Clever in business and strong-The Palace of the Moorish Kings. within the Alhambra, a sort of citadel to the city of Granada, is minded she was the right hand of the finest specimen. It forms the theme of one of Washington Irving's works written within one of its rooms while he was the American Ambassador to Spain. The huge Cathedral of Cordova, once a Moorish Mosque, is another example. These gems of architec-ture are particularly noted for their sciences. their stalactite ceilings, horse-shoe arches, narrow graceful columns and the lace-like ornamentations of their interior walls. hungry poor who flocked to her BULL FIGHTING UNDER BAN palace sure of finding the most charitable reception. And as she

Bull fighting is still a national sport, while it is under the ban of the Church. Many large farms in Andalusia are used for the raising gave them her children's clothes. of good specimens for the ring, and the best fighters come from that Therefore the memory of Countess Pecci, passing from one generation district.

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is customary for villagers to go. out with their burrows and donkeys

to another, is still kept alive in Tobacco is a government monoply, and the customs' officers may be But the pious lady had not only careless about other things passing these intimate and familar virtues their inspection, but they insist on knowing how many cigars, cigar-She was also intelligent and cultured, and corresponded with the learned ettes. or smoking tobacco the personages of that period, so much traveller may have. Spain is a constitutional mon-

archy, whose prime minister, General Primo de Rivera, today fills the role of dictator, much the same as a Mussolini in Italy. Amongst those persons with whom same as a Mussolini in Itary. Alfonso XIII. and his Queen Victoria Eugenia, are good Catholics and are when he announced that the Cana-Countess Anna Pecci used to correspond were many famous in the istory of the Church such as the Blessed Gaspare Del Bufalo, founder of the Congregation of the king has long been accustomed to attend Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday after-Cannon, head of the Quebec Bar and the Ven. Paolo Capelloni of the Sacrament every Saturday after-noon in one of the churches of ompany of Jesus. Monsignor Tosi,

Bishop of Anagni, to whose diocese Carpineto belonged, often wrote to His prime minister is also Madrid. a practical Catholic. Outside the Barcelona radicals the whole population of Spain is Catholic, if CAUSES OF RURAL EXO her and in his letters occur such phrases as "Your heart, full of charity manifests itself on every occasion. What a beautiful heart anything, but their fervor runs all the way from zero to the 100 per Jesus has given you ! And he re-joices in it because it is so full of cent mark. HISTORY LINKED WITH CHURCH

love and charity." Countess Pecci died at only fifty. The history of Spain and the two years of age on August 5, 1824, national life of Spain in its feasts assisted by her son Giuseppe who and festivals, are associated with was a priest at that time and after the Church in the closest manner. wards became a Cardinal, and by her The Church has never made any other son Gioacchino who was a monetary demands on the people cleric, but had not yet been ordained priest. The Countess had which may have been a mistake. The people give absolutely nothing to the Church ; there are no collecwished to be buried in the habit of a yearly minimum of 1,000 pesetas, which is equivalent to \$135 in Every afte

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## FRENCH RURAL PROBLEMS

METHODS OF CHECKING THE DECLINING BIRTH RATE AND IMPROVING CONDITIONS

birth-rate.

DISCUSSED By M. Massiani (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C.) Paris, France. - Europe has

appeared, ever since the War, to be threatened with a bread crisis. Not only does Russia no longer export wheat, but her production etc. to work the farms, and take care no longer suffices for her own of the orchards. Thousands of needs. In England and Germany the disproportion between the rural and urban populations is the contributions which science can is make to agriculture in connec steadily increasing, and despite the tion with industrial wealth of these counof fertilizers, the selection of of fertilizers, the selection of seeds and the use of motor power. The engineer can become the working companion of the peasant, but his aid will be really tries, their prosperity is imperilled because they can no longer feed themselves. In France there is a larger proportion of peasants, but not enough. In 1850 the peasants represented 75% of the total popunelpful only if he is sufficiently well informed and if he has received the In 1924 they only represent lation. proper moral training. The War was largely respon-The problem of immigration was sible for this decrease, as casualties not neglected. Indeed, it could not be overlooked with two hundred were larger among the peasants. But the great evil which is emptythousand foreign workmen coming ing the villages is the desertion for the cities and the declining to France each year, of whom at

least fifty thousand settle on the land. But the attention of the dele-The study of this evil and its gates was directed mainly to the question of interior colonization. remedies formed the topic of the sixteenth Social Week of France, France has some regions, such as Brittany and Alsace, where large which was held this year at Rennes. Prominent Catholics from every part of France, from Alsace to the families still prevail, while Gascony, on the other hand, is becoming Pyrennees, an assistant mayor from Algiers and a delegate from depopulated. A former cabinet chief of the Ministry of Agriculture emphasized the happy results obtained by a movement which has transplanted whole families of Bretons and Alsatians to Gascony, Tunisia came to take part in it. Land holders, industrial men, professors, writers, sociologists, leaders of farm unions mingled with a vice president of the Senate, where agricultural settlements were M. Jenouvrier, a former president of the Academy of Agriculture, M. Hitier, and with such illustrious organized for them. In some dis-tricts it has also been found distinctly advantageous to establish small farms for families of hired members of the Hierarchy as Cardinal Charost, who occupied a place of honor on the platform with the farm laborers, who are thus encour aged to own their own land. Bishops of Arras, Quimper, Saint Brieuz, Agen and Amiens. Canon But after having studied the Luytgarens, director of the Belgian Peasants' League brought to the conference the light of the experience acquired by his assoorigin of the evil and the human means of remedying it, an assembly composed of Catholics could not fail to invisage an appeal to spiritual forces ciation, which has a mem-bership today of more than 100,000 In the opening address of the conference, M. Eugene Duthoit, president general of the Social Weeks of France, stated expressly; "The solution of the agrarian prob-Christian farmers. A professor from Louvain was there with a professor from the Catholic University of Fribourg. Italy, Jugoslavia, Portugal, Chile and China were lem implies first of all the absolute respect of the moral discipline and

Association, had expressed the desire to be received by the Social

ing of the soil. The Church over-CAUSES OF RURAL EXODUS threw the reign of money and en-

What are the causes of the denobled labor ; she condemned usury ; sertion of rural districts? This was the first problem taken up by she set the magnificent example of the monks, clearing the land and the delegates to the "Social Week becoming the pioneers of agricul-The delegates had no trouble in tural progress. In the Middle Ages it was on the land that the Church agreeing on the answers; the de-crease in land values, the menace built up the social edifice.

which weighs upon property, the hard work which agriculture implies and the error of certain schools which take some of the NOBLE TRADITION OF THE CHURCH Today the Church still represents a tradition which is that of the stability of the home, and of wellof the best material away from the farms to be trained as teachers, petty officials, etc. Above all it is the attraction of the cities and the ordered labor; she tempers the egotistical fever of modern productions taken up on Sunday. The attraction of the cities and the government allows parish priests superficially brilliant life which tion and disciplines the inordinate appetite for gain; she also favors they seem to promise. In a word, it is the influence of paganism which demands pleasure rather the necessary international collaboration. M. Georges Goyau, member of the Previously acknowledged \$8,363 08 than bread. And so the reserve of French Academy, the famous his-torian of the civilizing mission of Ben Grover, Canso rural man power which insures the material wealth, the social peace the Church, pointed out, in a and prosperity of the country is immagnificent speech, how agriculture, throughout all the ages, has cleared poverished. What remedies can be brought to the way for the preaching of the check the crisis? Gospel, citing thesaints of Meroving-According to one delegate a pro-fessor at the Lyons Law School, when all families, whether rural ian times and the monks of the Middle Ages who cleared and drained the lands of Europe; the or urban, have many children. Jesuits who conquered Canada and there will no longer be an agrarian question; the first remedy lies in a in the nineteenth century, the Spanish Benedictines who trans-formed the savages of Australia into a race of farmers. And as the Church never wearies of the effort, family policy. This policy was de-fined by the Social Week held at Grenoble last year. But there is also a land policy. only recently, again, in Australia, she has founded the Abbey of Drys-Previously acknowledged \$1,268 19 This policy implies a revision of the Friend, Renfrew ...... inheritance laws, to prevent the condale-River, through which the Gospel and modern farming methods tinual division of real estate, SACRED HEART LEAGUE BURSH customs reform to protect agricul-ture and the improvement of living have been brought to a hitherto abandoned people. "Considered in this way," M. Georges Goyau concluded, "does not missionary Previously acknowledged \$8,872 70 conditions among the peasants. A special session was devoted to the THE CATHOLIC CHURCH examination of what has already history appear to be a reflection of the history of God who, at the beginning of Genesis, spoke to man been done in several parts of France to increase the comfort and attrac-EXTENSION SOCIETY tiveness of homes for farm laborers. as a Creator, when he invested him with possession of the earth, before speaking to him as a Legislator,

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terms for having proclaimed their fraternal affection for the working Church have restored to labor its neighbor. dignity and nobility" he said. "Let neighbor us not allow them to be lost through complicity with a capitalism which is without heart and without name, and which looks upon the working man as a machine.

The Social Week, which opened with a Mass of the Holy Ghost, at which practically all the delegates received Communion, closed with a pilgrimage to Mount Saint Michael, where a Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the famous abbey which was re-opened for worship only two years ago.

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With them it was an eye for an eye. and the Master's words insisting upon this love not only of friend, but of those who might be unfriend. ly, fell upon the ears of astonished listeners. "If thy enemy hunger, give him to eat, if he thirsts, give him to drink." What manner of man would allow a poor unfortunate to starve before his eyes as a consequence of his refusing to furnish food. Yet there are men and women and children too in this Canada of ours, not enemies, but fellow-Catholics, who suffer hunger and thirst. They are in need not so much of bodily nourishment as spiritual food. Their faith becomes

weak and souls are in danger of death because they are deprived of the helps of religion, helps which Christ died for them and us to enjoy-the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments, channels through which the merits of the great Sacrifice are applied to the soul-are deprived them. These things can be supplied if you will support Extension. To arouse all Catholics to the necessity and value of our missionary work and to give them an opportunity to help, we make an appeal for our Dollar Club. The Dollar Club is for the Dollar Club. work of Extension, particularly for missionaries, and we want our readers to take our appeal to heart. We need this help for the missions. Many have contributed to the work of Extension, purely from motives of devotion and piety and of course such assistance is beyond all praise, but we are making an attempt to enroll the names of those who never think of sending intention donations for burses or other special appeals. If they think of home missions at all, it is only when the Annual Collection is being taken up or if that is omitted they do nothing to spread the faith. Let us get our names and contributions on Christ's Roll

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given, but the little we can give, the best we have. Our love of God "Christ Himself, and His must also include love of our nave restored to labor its neighbor. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." When our Blessed Lord came upon the earth, men had failed in this obligation.

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SUGGEST LEAGUE OF COOPERATION

"As regards Catholicism, the emigrants have retained their distrust, even toward Catholic charity, which they regard as proselytism. Above all, many of them express France" from London, headed by Marshal French and Rudyard Kipdiscontent with Catholicism because ling, presidents of the London Com does not help them against the mittee, have presented to Cardinal Bolsheviks. Others again recom-mend an alliance of the Orthodox Lucon two magnificent books : The "Book of Gold" of British sub-scribers to the fund for the reconwith the Roman church to fight Free Masonry. By this alliance, the emigrants do not mean to bring about a unity of spiritual authority, but a sort of league of cooperation.

onor in France. These two books were accom-'This state of affairs must not dissuade us. Now is the proper panied by a letter from the secretime for renewing the union, and tary of Queen Dowager Alexandra, which is as follows : we must work toward this end among the Russians, by word and "Her Majesty has seen the two magnificent books with the greatest deed

As regards the method of work, interest. And she admires greatly in particular, the "Book of Life," the speaker developed a series of theses. Among them were these : which, as Her Majesty notes with pleasure, is your gift. All this work is admirable, and this tribute The apostolic work in Russia must not be missionary, but unionistic and especially National-Russian. and especially National-Russian. The Russian Catholic community from Great Britain to France should be a durable souvenir and strengthen still more the ties of ought to become an example of the hoped-for reunion. Among the friendship which should ever exist emigrants themselves, the policy should be developed of spreading between our two great countries. the idea of unity and educating the youth in the Catholic creed. Conyou cordially on the success of your devoted and indefatigable efforts in behalf of the subscription for the cluding, Father Verchovskij declared.

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restoration of the Cathedral of Rheime, efforts which she feels will 'The emigrants should be administered by a Russian Catholic bishop be remembered with gratitude.

church bells announce public prayer The memory of a mother so holy for the royal family. always remained deeply engraven in the hearts of her sons. Leo XIII. On their wedding day the king often mentioned her with profound agitation. When he spoke of his and queen escaped injury or death most miraculously. A bomb was devotion to the Holy Rosary which,

PRESENT FINE BOOKS TO

CARDINAL LUCON

A delegation of the "Friends

thrown at their carriage, the horses killed, all the glass shattered and as is known, he promoted with so the vehicle injured otherwise, but much ardour, he used to say that neither the king nor queen was one of the reasons why it was so dear to him was the memory of the harmed in any manner. piety and care with which his In thanksgiving, they built a mother recited the Rosary every beautiful religious monument in the city of Madrid. The Protestevening together with all her and taught her sons this ant churches of America.

some branches of which are established in most countries, are not known Spain, though in the cities the English Church is represented. Even the Y. M. C. A., has not done English much in Spain. AN AGRICULTURAL COUNTRY

Spain's backwardness is often attributed by enemies of the Cath-olic Church to her religion. As a matter of fact, when Spain was Catholic to the core she was the greatest power in the world, and iid more than any other nation in struction of the Cathedral, and the "Book of Life" containing, splendidthe way of discovery, explorations. etc., and even of spreading the faith. But today she is shorn of illuminated, the names of the Englishmen who fell on the field of all her former possessions, South America, Cuba, the Philippines. Her loyal sons will tell Americans quite feelingly that while Spain gave Columbus to us and to the world, all they now have are his bones in the Cathedral of Seville.

Being an agricultural country, Spain must needs be less progress sive than the great commercial nations, some of whose unscruputhis lous money-men have striven hard to ruin her by making a drive against the peseta. The educational opportunities are

fair, but the Public school system itself is nothing like our own. "Queen Alexandra congratulates There are excellent private schools to which the middle class and the aristocracy send their children. Religious instruction must be given to the little children in Public schools.

Spain has no divorce law.

The land policy also implies a judi-cious adaptation of national resources and equipment, the develop-ment of agricultural education, a

campaign against speculation and usury, the control of markets and the extension of social legislation. No aspect of the problem was left untouched. M. Philippe de Las Cases, one of the most authoritative and enthusiastic of the younger leaders of the Catholic social movement in France, explained what the role of the school should be in rela-tion to the peasant. M. Hitter, former president of the Academy of Agriculture, studied the various farming methods followed in different parts of France. M. Furmann, professor at the Catholic University of Fribourg, discussed methods of limiting the unfortunate practices

of the middlemen who rob the con-sumer and increase the cost of

from Sinai, and, later, as a Re deemer : families are back from summer With equal eloquence. Mgr. Julien, Bishop of Arras drew a homes to the City, children have picture of the splendid work which returned to school and everything restoration of rural life, hy preach-ing the eminent dignity of agricul-tural labor; by organizing factor again. In the country men are busy gathering in the golden grain and mutual aid associations in their parishes; by demanding just living conditions for farm labor and by helping to provide suitable reason tion on Sundays. Mgr. Julien referred to the traditional alli-Julien of returning thanks for favors al alli- received. How much we owe to referred to the traditional alle ance between the Cross and the Plow, "for the pact between relig-ion and the soil is the salvation of the pact between relig-ion and the soil is the salvation of the salvation of the pact between relig-to Him by the majority of men! They think only of their own wants,

At the solemn Benediction celeare always anxious for favors and of the middlemen who rob the con-sumer and increase the cost of living, while depriving the producer of the greater part of his profits. Among the remedies which he con-sidered the most efficacious appeared to be direct negotiations between

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