short stay between trains in this graciousness whom one has been for an exchange of ideas, and with beautiful city of the Southland. An pleased to contemplate chiefly one common purpose in view, to electric car took one out to Fort through the medium of the intellect. look for ways and means to mend Beauregard at the delta of the Savannah and there, with great tongs, their beds from the confluence of the phyte learned to say his Hail Mary fresh and salt waters, whilst the with the aspiration and reflection of darkies on the docks shelled the bivalves into cans to the accompaniment of plantation songs.

evening, at the station across town, it was discovered that there was a two hours' wait before train time. There was time either kill or improve. A large Catholic church on a bluff opposite the depot sent forth a glow through its windows which seemed to say the time should be improved.

For a week day evening the church was very full, but a seat was easily found without assistance and there was a peculiar feeling of being at ase and at home, though I was minded to exaggerate that fact at the time. A genuflection, before enterconsciousness that there might be some "Low Churchmen" present to protest against the customary rever-

The venerable and good Father stood afar off high up on the altar step, pacing back and forth and instructing his people on the sin of calumny. Clearly does his discourse to mind, as though it had been vesternight. Forceful were his words and apt his illustrations. Irish he was to the core and the brogue enriched his deep and winning voice. The practical homeliness of an illustration shows how he The practical ho

went to the root of the matter:
"Now, my dear people, there are several ways in which you can caltell the lie direct! You can keep silent when you ought to speak! Then, you can say: Ah, Mike is a fine fellow, a good father, a kind husband, a beautiful character!—but And there! You said all those nice things about him just to get in

After the sermon he descended to tion of the rosary. In a low tone which veiled his unskilled attempt of the Our Fathers and Hail Marys. It was the first time he had ever said the rosary. Though knowing well the words, he was not accustomed to the vocal agility wherewith they were said and in his verbal effort he made little headway with meditation on the mysteries. Altogether, at that time, he was disposed to reckon repetitions," as one is sometimes inclined to do when his own inability and the skill of others are in apposi

It was years later, in California that the messenger of death came with the evening trade-wind and claimed a sweet soul from a housewife and mother had treasured in her trunk was a rosary to which she had taken a fancy and had purchased the been born on the feast of the Assumption and had been named by her

feast of the Immaculate Conception, early Mass, the New Eve and Mother of his special need, a proper appreciation on the part of a Christian of his relationship to the Mother of his Saviour. As from the door of the the Mother of the special content of the Mother of the saviour as from the door of the the Mother of the saviour as from the door of the fare of their Church at heart; they have only the New Eve and Mother of the saviety and the remedy? Undoubtedly the vast throughout the world, or result in the remedy? Undoubtedly the vast majority of our people have the well-saviour. As from the door of the fare of their Church at heart; they are fithe various of the New Eve and Mother of the saviety of the remedy? Undoubtedly the vast throughout the world, or result in the remedy? Undoubtedly the vast banks and thurches as well. The national-intention in relations of the Catholic Church, not only has a ugurate the red reign of Mars throughout the world, or result in the possessions of the Church but has decided how many of the saviety of the catholic Church, not only has taken over all the possessions of the Church but has decided how many of the saviety of the savie

ers" or yard engines, loaded high with wood in lieu of coal, as the treatment of the relationship by a species of train drew into Savannah, it remained for me to make the most of a chart with the Queen in all her leading Canadian Catholic thinkers power can rob him of this glorious or the cupidity of a president. The the fishermen scooped oysters out of | vivifying, then it was that the neo-

GENERAL INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

RECOMMENDED AND BLESSED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XV.

THE FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC FORCES.

Canada is not yet a nation in the

built up. Its people agree for the ethnic elements from which the most part in civic and economic Church recruits her membership? matters, but there is little or no solidarity among them, owing to the which have been transmitted to them by their forbears. Thousands of immigrants came from Europe, chiefly settle in this country in the last century, and brought with them from across the sea their national and mind the end he has in view, the religious prejudices and their nar-rowness of mind against everything Catholics of Canada could do noth-ing better than follow the example Catholic-vile weeds which they and prospered without let or hindrance. Those early settlers are now dead, but the generations which have come after them have accepted their hatred and rancor as a so sacred inheritance. Instead of looking on the Battle of the Boyne as one of the dead episodes of history, instead of allowing issues hundreds ten, they are ready to fight over again the racial and religious battles edge of Catholic doctrines and prinof the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The prejudices of the past still govern vulgar multitudes form their judgments and opinions not on facts or on reason but on tales and traditions which have come the ignorant.

hearts is more or less the situation which exists in Canada today, and any one who knows anything knows from us in creed or otherwise that religious or national unity. Prejudice of whatever brand is the result of ignorance, and ignorance can be overcome only by enlightenment. Ignorant fanatics should be enlightened not by abuse or physical violence but by clear cut instruction patiently given. Such men should have our sympathy rather than our gether in peace and har contempt; for, not having been fav- "There is material in Canada," with the evening trade-with and claimed a sweet soul from a house hold. Among the things which the ored, as we have been, with the gift a writer in the Antigonish Casket, of true faith, they can hardly be ex-Christian charity.

It is the duty of Catholics to be up Was it because his wife had upon to do their share in the campaign of enlightenment. It can hardly be a question of whether the very fact that she had treasured it all these years signified that it ented to her something more claims a membership of 42% of the than a fancy, even a dear association entire population of Canada; that is there are too many reasons to be and some faith in the devotion of the mystic chaplet, though, like any other every hundred we meet in this coundivided. Is it not time that a move Episcopalian, she was not in the try belong to the Catholic Church, of some kind be made to close the

single Psalm, repeated twenty seven times, "For His Mercy endureth for ever." apparently divided in everything else. Instead of concentrating our tremendous strength in the interests Repetitions cannot be "vain" of our Church, we are deplorably where the spirit of devotion is present and where reflections on the mysteries are hung, as it were, upon the words of virgin, saint, angel and which would make us irresistible, great Christian nations of the world God Himself.

If it was St. Dominic who gave the species of mutual strife and bickerorange to Italy and the rosary to the world, it was Florida which first showed the wayfarer the golden fruit see members of the same spiritual world, seek to regain control of their in its native State, and Georgia where family, children who take their doche first, and the only time for many trines from the same source; who ing war cries have almost silenced he first, and the only time for many years, said the rosary with its words:
"Blessed is the Fruit of thy womb."
And when on the morning of his reception into Holy Church—on the word, have so much in common, and the roar of mighty guns they word, have so much in common, and the roar of mighty guns they six years ago, the neophyte attended other while the enemy looks on com- hell of horrors.

"Behold thy Mother." Yes, then it the present unhappy condition was that the fact became spiritually of things. It ought to be an easy matter for people who have to live together to find a common platform and to formulate a programme of enlightenment in order to overcome the ignorance and hatred of those who do not know us, and who, be cause they do not know us, have not the Christian charity to give our aims and our beliefs the benefit of

their doubts.

Self-protection and common sense easy for the sincere, no matter from what race they may have sprung, who love their holy religion and wish to see it respected. How can we ever hope to see the Catholic Canada is not yet a nation in the sense of ethnic unity, but it has all the social and religious elements out the upbuilding of this nation, if we of which a powerful nation may be cannot weld together the different

During the present month our Holy Father suggests as the object of national and religious traditions our prayers the union of the scat-which have been transmitted to them tered forces of Catholics. His appeal is sent out to the whole world for the League of the Sacred Heart is active in every country, but he leaves of their practical co religionists in planted deeply in several of our the nation south of us. A few short Provinces, and which have grown up years ago millions of Catholics in the United States came together through their representatives and resolved upon a closer union. The result was the "Federation of the Catholic Societies of the United States," with a fourfold object clearly outlined as the sum and substance of their endeavors : First to foster Christian education and Catholic in terests; secondly, to overcome bigo ciples; and, fourthly, to combat the social evils of the day. These four objects would cover the ground of among our fellow countrymen, who Catholic federation in any country, form their judgments and opinions There is nothing in them that should excite opposition except from the ignorant. They are formulated with no view of aggression or condown to them.

This alienation of minds and quest; but merely to defend interhearts is more or less the situation ests that should be defended, and incidentally to teach those who differ persecution is a weapon that has

lost its edge. Enlightened scholarship, human sympathy, and tolerance of the legitimate ideals of others, sum up the needs of the present age—nowhere more pressing than here in Canada
—if the various races of which the nation is made up wish to live to of true faith, they can hardly be expected to be overburdened with true Christian charity.

"out of which such a federation could be formed, and there are surely aims to which federation might be year of the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Why did it seem to mean more to the finder than aught else which he came at, they are the ones who are called the control of the came at, they are the ones who are called the control of the came at, they are the ones who are called the control of the came at, they are the ones who are called the control of the came at, they are the ones who are called the control of the acter, and in few instances have they a wider horizon than diocesan limits. Apart from the common faith it may constant presence of the enemy

A PRINCE OF PEACE

How startling strange these words of Christ Jesus sound! Like sungreat Christian nations of the world state of confront each other in the most America.

dreadful war of all time. Enmity, Hatred, Murder, three mighty monsters who once ruled the

title.

The Allies have declined to accept his Christ-like plea for the bleeding people of all the warring nations, but they have not closed the door to Hope. . . In fact, I think ively against the Catholic Church but organist Christianity, can find Hope. . . . In fact, I thin. President Wilson's answer opens it a

not be ignored. They may be sub jected to some modification, but none of the belligerents can afford to treat all foreign teachers. The Presbyterthem lightly. There are 300,000,000 Catholics in the world. Loyal to every flag under which they live, Catholics are fighting on both sides call on Catholics for some kind of mutual action. The task should be and sacrifice gives the Pope a and sacrifice gives the Pope a perfect right to enter a plea for peace. He has spoken not only for his own children but for all mankind and for Christ. He has given form and expression to the soul of civilization and challenged the Christian conscience of the world. His actiworthy the exalted station he occupies. He has placed civilization, Christianity, and the human race it-self under everlasting obligations.— Brann's Iconoclast.

READING FOR AMUSEMENT

In "Life and Literature," Lafcadio Hearn's recently published book of lectures, there is a good passage about the unprofitable character of the so called intellectual activity of those who read merely for amusement. He observes

Thousands and thousands of books are bought every year, every month, I might even say every day, by people who do not read at all. They only think that they read. They buy books just to amuse them selves, 'to kill time,' as they call it; in one hour or two their eyes have passed over all the pages and there is left in their minds a vague idea or two about what they have been looking at; and this they really believe is reading. Nothing is more com-mon than to be asked, 'Have you read such a book?' or to hear somebody say, 'I have read such and such a book.' But these persons do not speak seriously. Out of a thousand persons who say, 'I have read this,' or 'I have read that,' there is not one perhaps who is able to express

and on the way back, just to pass
the time; and what does he read?
A novel, of course; it is very easy

Losened and was easily removed.
It is in commemoration of this cure that, on February 3, the day work, and it enables him to forget his troubles for a moment, to dull his mind to all the little worries of his daily routine. In one day or two days he finishes the novel, then he No; he will tell you that they are nearly all the same, but they help him to pass away his idle time

It is utterly impossible that the result can be anything but a stupefying of the faculties. He cannot even remember the names of twenty or thirty books out of thousands m less does he remember what they contain. The result of all this reading means nothing but a cloudiness in his mind. That is the direct re-

Episcopalian, she was not in the habit of reciting her beads. Perhaps those words, "Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death," told the bereaved husband more distinctly of a bond of fellowship and charity which even the grave cannot sever.

Then they were not vain reach. better New Year's resolution could people, who praise him for his these unfortunates take than an saintly life and for the wondrous Then, they were not vain repetitions!

No, come to think of it, did not Our Lord Himself say: "when ye pray, say, Our Father," etc. Could that be a vain repetition? No, even a Protestant would not claim that. The cally Christians repeated the suppose of the sup the mental effort involved in read-The early Christians repeated the gainst it.

Our Father many times. We are told that Paul, the first hermit of the desert, said three hundred Our Fathers daily, counting them with pebbles. The Psalmist of old, in a criment, but, sad to say, we are converted to make use of these sublime qualities in the interest of our Church and our nation? Evidently we have during this present month an object worthy of our prayers.

How are we Canadian Catholics and our nation? Evidently we have during this present month an object worthy of our prayers.

E. J. Devine, S. J.

The psalmist of old, in a comment, but, sad to say, we are appraintly divided in any averating of the intellectual development attending the novel-reading during this present month an object worthy of our prayers.

E. J. Devine, S. J. their time by devouring volume after volume of second rate fiction. For all development necessarily means exertion and pain, but they who habitually read, only for amusement, quantities of books, which cost their gray matter to produce, will ultidrawn and dripping swords, as the mately find themselves in a hopeles state of intellectual stagnation.-

THE PROTESTANT CHURCH IN NEW MEXICO

A writer in a current Protestant magazine, with a good deal of fair ness, and more foresight, points out clearly that the fate now involving word, have so much in common, and the roar of mighty gurst they wasting their efforts in fighting each strive to transform this earth into a destined to work its fury on Protestant churches as well. The nationalis included a crusade for the re

assurance that Protestants will not be molested is a present one and doubtless will change with changing but against Christianity, can find little wider.

Pope Benedict's suggestions could not be ignored. They may be sub colleges and can also find warrant that the law for the exclusion of all foreign teachers. The Presbyterians, who have shown a singular regard for Mr. Carranza, and whose attitude has been entirely unsympathetic towards the Church, may find out too late that all types of Christianity look equally odious to those who hate God.-Chicago New

ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR

FEAST, FEBRUARY SRD

Is the question, "Who was St. Blaise?" puzzling your mind? Do you know why we have our throats blessed on his feast day, and when and why the custom was inaugur-

St. Blaise was Bishop of Sebaste. which is located in Armenia, a country long known to the world as the last stronghold of the Christians in Turkey. During the persecutions under Licinius, St. Blaise hid in a prison, where he was cruelly tor-tured and finally beheaded. This was early in the fourth century, and the fame of the saint soon spread from the Orient into Europe, where many churches and altars were dedicated to him. He had been a physician before he was raised to the Episcopate, and the people ascribed many wonderful cures and sought his intercession whenever ill.

The best known of these cures one that was effected by St. Blaise while he lay suffering in prison. A woman who knew of his great skill as a physician, came to him bringing with her a boy in whose throat a fish-bone had stuck. On her knees the mother implored the bishop to something for her child. legends tell us that the boy's throat was so badly swollen that it seemed vain to hope for aid from earthly any opinion worth hearing about what he has been reading.

"A young clerk, for example, reads every day on the way to his office Almost immediately the fish bone skill, but St. Blaise called for two meanwhile reciting some prayers. Almost immediately the fish bone

after Candlemas, we celebrate the feast of St. Blaise. On this day, all who can, go up for the "Blessing of St. Blaise." Usually the priest takes Usually the priest take two lighted consecrated candles and gets another, . . . At the end of a few years he has read several thouing the throat, of the one who is to receive the blessing. In so places, however, the wick of candle is dipped in consecrated oil wick. As the blessed candles or the consecrated oil touch the throat, the priest, in Latin, pronounces the blessing, "May God, at the intercession of St. Blaise, preserve you from throat troubles and every other

sult. The indirect result is that the mind has been kept from developing the faithful approach the altar for the blessing, either at the Mass or in Those who are not yet addicted, beyond all hope of recovery, to the best-seller habit can profitably lay to

of John clustered around St. Kathererine's shrine at Fierbois, however; there is, in fact, a whole history of and deliverances and wonder workings, as one will find only in the chronicles of the days of faith and war again. For adventure and hero Katherine, reposing now in the Bibliotheque Nationale at Paris. Only once has it seen the light of an English day—back in the ninetics of the light lish day-back in the nineties of the of tearing millions from the center last century. when the late Andrew Lang published a translation of some of its pages, taken from a transcript made at Tours in 1858 by the Abbé Bourasse: and this slender little

the fifteenth century, rescurer of the imprisoned, curer of the injured, saver of the doomed; above all patroness and inspirer of the patroness Maid; these things and many others, proved and attested beyond questioning. "Ah yes," smiles the skeptic; "quite so! But she did not save Jeanne, this Saint of yours, I see! Saviour. As from the door of the tabernacle, there came forth the words: "Bebold thy son; son, behold thy Mother, behold thy Mother, behold thy Mother, thy Mother." Though a Protestant may often accept theoretically the fact that the Mother of his Saviour is in some sense his Mother also, it doubt-

To the Christian soldier, dear as life and freedom and victory are, there are still higher and dearer things; and these, above all succorings and rescuings, St. Katherine will give to him whenever the need be, if he but ask her, just as she gave them to the Blessed Jeanne. Strength to with-stand temptation, strength to remain steadfast and true to his ideals, to his cause and to his flag, whatever the cost, be it even death, these ar the rarest gifts heaven can accord the fighting man on the field of honor. To Katherine herself, imprisoned in Alexandria and doomed to martyrdom it she would not recant her Faith, God's comforting angel came, promising her help to withstand her judges and accusers, promising her release from her suf-fering, and entrance into paradise. To Jeanne, imprisoned and doomed, the holy Katherine brought the same comfort; and a gift greater and more desired than even liberty and triumph could ever be. The true soldier surrenders only to God. And that surrender made, he can turn even death into a victory, and if life can be denied him, can welcome with a soldier's salute the falling away of the chains of his mortal flesh, the unbarring of the bright doors of eternity.—Charles Phillips in Catholic World.

HE DID NOT SAVE

mountain cave but was tracked down by hunters and dragged off to prison, where he was cruelled to the revolt of Luther there existed in Christendom unity of faith, of authority, of discipline denies that there were gross evils to be reformed. Popes and saints were the first to proclaim that need. Luther might have cooperated at that great task along the lines which the Church laid down and which she sanctioned. But the role of a reform-er in the Catholic sense was scarcely to his liking. From the task of the reformer guided by the doctrines and the authority of the Church he turned to the more congenial one of originating a new evangel and founding a sect. Pastor Junius B. Remensnyder, in the Christian Herald for December 12, tells us that Luther's purpose was only to save, not to destroy, and that the last thought in his mind was to break in twain the It is possible that at the outset of

his revolt, Luther did not formally make hp his mind to rend asunder the seamless robe of the Church and destroy her unity. That was a task too great in itself and too terrifying even for this colossus of rebellion and disorder. But when men build on false principles and are guided by illogical premises they are le whither they would not go. As Individual was constituted sole judge is in itself a principle of cherricand the Christian than the Bible, a dumb, though inspired book, of which the individual was constituted sole judge is in itself a principle of schism, of disunion and disintegration. For fifteen centuries, the Church interpreting and expounding the Bible, in the light of her history and tradition, and infallible in her doctrinal and moral decisions in this regard, had been the rule of faith in the past. But Luther was an individual interpreting the Bible, and morals of the individual himself. According to him own whims, fancies and passions, was the final umpire to decide the issues of life and death for the soul. All over the world, wherever the atholic Church is known and loved, in the light of her history A SAINT FOR SOLDIERS | decide the issues of life and death for

There is much more than the story
John clustered around St. Kather
ine's shrine at Fierbois, however;
passions of the men who read the there is, in fact, a whole history of soldiering written in its aucient faith of millions. Induced to conrecords—such a story of war time escapes and escapades, of miracles and deliverances and wonder work- to look upon it as a human document and then to discard it altogether

chivalry; days long lost, but coming back to us, it seems, on the red tide of at least imagine that they saw in the Bible. Now thousands reject every thing they see there and laugh at the sword, stock or gibber, commend us to these antique records of the Chapel of Fierbois! It is a chronicle of wonders, this yellowed manuscript Les Miracles de Madame Sainte Verbeiter verseit new in the Pitch Christian verseit new ind verseit new in the Pitch Christian verseit new in the Pitch Chr

of unity and dragging them from the solid groundwork of truth to the shifting sands of heresy and error. The principles of Luther destroyed the cohesion of the body of the Faithful under the rule and headship book is now out of print. A chronicle of wonders — the most of them of one pastor. Luther did not save wrought for soldiers gone to war.

Of such are the wonders wrought by this blessed Saint for soldiers in the fifteenth century, rescurer of the invival of t strong nature to exert a magnetic in impartial survey of his life convinces of all Christian warriors, Jeanne the the student that he did not use it Maid; these things and many others, well. He was a destroyer, not a true teenth century alone there were no fewer than 270 conflicting sects, the brood of one false principle. It is a sad commentary on the ruinous rule

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