

CATHOLIC PROSPECTS IN RUSSIA GOOD

SAYS ABBE TRZCIAK OF PETROGRAD

(Catholic War News Service)

London, Sept. 21, 1918.—Although the general state of affairs in Russia at the present moment is more appalling than ever before there is some indication that so far as Catholics are concerned the outlook might be a great deal worse. Some light is thrown upon the position of Catholics in Russia by the Abbe Stanislaus Trzciak, who is a professor in the Ecclesiastical Academy in Petrograd, according to Professor Trzciak, the Government over which M. Kerensky presided is to be credited with having liberated the Catholic Church from the restrictions which fettered it under the Government of the Tsar. The nomination of Bishops and the education of the clergy are not interfered with by the State. Suppressed dioceses are allowed to be restored, and new ones to be founded, and in addition the religious Orders are permitted to open houses in Russia wherever they are able, though the present time is very unsuspicious for such foundations. The present Government in Russia, such as it is, has left the arrangement brought about by M. Kerensky untouched. But whilst Kerensky permitted the allowance made to the Catholic Church to be continued, the Soviet Government has suppressed it altogether, which it has done in the case of the allowance made to the Russian Orthodox Church. Whilst the present form of Government shows no preference in the matter of religion, it lends somewhat towards leniency in its dealings with the Catholic Church in comparison to the Russian Church; the reason for this being that it is inclined to favor those who suffered under the former regime, which the Catholic Church most certainly did. Also there is the fact that a great body of the clergy of the National Church are in favor of a return of the monarchy. Catholic prospects are good, says the Abbe Trzciak, the clergy are full of hope for the future, and there are many conversions to the Church of persons prominent in the ranks of the aristocracy and the learned professions, and many members of old Catholic families who had converted to the Russian Church are now returning to the Faith, a step they are able to take since the dominating influence of the Schismatic Church has been entirely broken down.

CARDINAL O'CONNELL'S PRAYER

The influenza epidemic has been particularly severe in Boston and vicinity where hundreds of deaths have occurred in the past few weeks. Cardinal O'Connell has issued a pastoral letter urging his people to pray and to confidence in God. He concludes the letter as follows: "I trust the civil authorities will be spared the necessity of closing the churches. The consolations of religion, more than anything else, strengthen the human heart in time of trial and danger. Should, however, that become absolutely inevitable, then we hope that open air Masses will be permitted each district, providing if the weather and circumstances permit, thus to give the whole community the consolations which religion affords in trials and the actual and real sanctification which the presence of our blessed Lord unflinchingly works in those who seek Him in the holy Sacrifice of the Mass. "Let us, beloved children in Christ, do everything which human counsel directs, but above all and over all, let us bow humbly to God's just decrees and, acknowledging our own infirmities and offenses, look up with perfect trust and unshakable confidence to our Creator, our Ruler and our Father. "In health and in sickness, in life and in death, His Holy Will be also ours. "O Almighty and Eternal Master my Lord and my God, spare my people further affliction. My life has no value except it be for Thy glory and their service. "Strike, if it is Thy Divine Will, me, their unworthy shepherd. Take me, if Thou wilt, but spare my faithful flock. I offer now my life willingly, freely, for their welfare and consolation. Judge me, dear Master, but stretch out over my dear beloved children the powerful hand of Thy divine protection. Amen."—True Voice.

FIRST CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN TO DIE AT FRONT

The first American Catholic chaplain to sacrifice his life on the battlefields of France was the Rev. Edward A. Wallace. Gassed while attending to the wounded at the front he succumbed to pneumonia in the base hospital to which he was brought from the field. With the hand of death upon him and in sight of "the glare of the cannon," he wrote his final letter home to his mother and sister—and what mother and sister might not be proud to receive such a letter! "My thoughts and feelings are of you and that dearest spot on earth called home. I have recommended myself to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which has been my greatest comfort and consolation all through life. Next to God, I owe you, dearest mother and sister, all that I am. Your good and holy life was a model which I strove to imitate. Your love

and teachings led me to God's altar, and in my way I have tried to follow your holy counsel. God has been exceedingly kind to me in giving me first such a mother and sister and choosing me to be one of His disciples. I have tried to fulfill my duties as a priest of God to the best of my abilities. Realizing my many shortcomings and defects, I humbly ask God's pardon if I have offended Him in any way. I have found a refuge of consolation in His Divine Heart in life, and I have the same hope that He will grant me an eternal refuge in that Sacred Heart in Heaven."

Asking them again to be resigned to God's holy will, he rejoices that he dies for God and country. His heart is filled with gratitude for his priestly vocation and he remembers, too, his soldier boys:

"Dearest mother and sister, I have already told you of my love for my regiment and my work among my soldier boys. They have been a comfort and consolation to me. I can't tell you too much of what splendid fellows they are, and I know they will be a credit to their Church and country."

Who can fail to be touched by the simple affection and ardent devotion of his heroic soul? "He was so young, only thirty-three!" exclaimed the mother. But in dying, as he did he has amply fulfilled all his promise of a great career.—America.

OBITUARY

REV. BASIL KINGSLEY, D. D. On Saturday evening last death suddenly cut short the earthly life of Rev. Father Kingsley, D. D. He had come to his home only a week before

to enjoy a short holiday, and was stricken by the fatal influenza. His funeral was held this morning at ten o'clock, from the family residence on Glenelg St. to St. Mary's Church. The impressive ceremonial of the Catholic Church was fully carried out on this sad occasion, when the Church mourned the death of one of her gifted and consecrated sons. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Right Reverend Monsignor Casey, V. G., assisted by Rev. M. L. O'Brien, deacon, and Rev. J. V. McAuley, subdeacon. His Lordship, Bishop O'Brien, presided at the throne. In the sanctuary were many priests of the diocese.

At the conclusion of the Mass, His Lordship Bishop O'Brien delivered an instructive and impressive sermon on the dignity and the duties of the priesthood. The priest is invested with wonderful powers. He presides at the ceremony of baptism when a child is received into the Catholic Church and is present to administer the last rites to the dying. All the intermediate needs of the faithful find in the priest's ministrations solace and grace. His Lordship dwelt briefly upon the career of the departed Dr. Kingsley, who so recently terminated a brilliant course of studies at the College of the Propaganda in Rome, where he obtained his Doctorate in Theology. In his short priestly life much had been accomplished and a bright future had been suddenly shortened by the dread disease that is now ravaging the land. To the broken-hearted father and sorrowing sisters he extended words of consolation in their bereavement, directing them to look beyond the grave where Father Kingsley, we may reasonably hope, is now happy, united in ever enduring bonds with the Great High Priest.

Her pastor paid a high tribute to

who called him to his everlasting reward.

The late Rev. Basil D. Kingsley was born in Allandale about 27 years ago, a son of Edward J. Kingsley, chief despatcher of the G. T. R., Lindsay. He received his early education in the Separate School and the Collegiate Institute, Lindsay. Having matriculated from the local Collegiate Institute he entered Toronto University and after a brilliant course of studies graduated with the degree of B. A. in the year 1913. In November of the same year he entered the celebrated University of the Propaganda in Rome, Italy. At the end of a four years' course there he obtained the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and was ordained priest on June 2nd, 1917. He returned to Canada during the same summer, and was appointed assistant to Father O'Leary, in the parish of Bracebridge, where he labored successfully until his recent illness.—Lindsay Post, Oct. 21.

MRS. PATRICK MCGRATH The death occurred at Stratford, on Saturday, Oct. 12th, of Bridget Darlin, relict of the late Patrick McGrath, at the age of eighty-four years.

The late Mrs. McGrath was born in County Down, Ireland, and came to Canada when but a child, her father being one of the early pioneers of Fullerton Township. Of a kind and cheerful disposition she had many warm friends who will regret to hear of her death.

She was a fervent Catholic, her greatest happiness being in the practice of her holy religion. She had the consolation of the priest at her bedside, but a few moments before she died.

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