#### The Catholic Record

PRACE AND GOOD WILL

It is long since Aristophanes wrote his Attic comedy, Peace—about 420 B. C. There we meet with the prayer that has so often been echoed amid war and tumult throughout the Christian centuries-"Deliver us from the subtle snares which divide and distract the peoples. Blend kindred nations by love's alchemy, infuse the fine essence of charity, temper our minds with forbearance. and give us repose in a new pact of mutual comprehension." It is the ground of all the litanies that ever were. No aspiration can rise higher, no longed for boon embrace a more opulent future for our strife-tormented world.

The magical message Gloria in Excelsis Deo, in terra pax, will take on new and added beauty this year. Even those who bewail the cruel sacrifices entailed by the struggle against evil powers may lift up their heads and believe that their redemption draws nigh, for the Child in the midst shall vet lead the passing generation to the border of the promised land, where the anthem of the celestial host shall at last be heard in its full significance.

Love has been at the very heart of things from the beginning. Nature has hinted its great secret, while competitive struggle was raising the standard of fitness. Love painted the flowers, jewelled the bird's breast, hung the nest in the reeds, spoke in cooing of the ringdove, and warbled in the lark's outpoured joy under the azure sky. Mutual aid among the brutes becomes a law of service in the advancing human world.

Alas for the profanation of this sacramental bond! When love is mimicked by lust, degraded to selfish uses, diluted to serve trivial ends by false art and washy sentimentalism, the divinest gift of all is wasted as a gem lost in the mire. Yet amid much failure the triumph of this sacred passion is the outstanding fact of history. Every age and nation reveals its power, and glows and glories in its sacrifices and achievements. All other passions flare up and burn to ashes; this alone endures as the undying altarflame of holiest service. Every noble thought and act, the purer flights of genius in its many forms. the imaginative foretellings of poetic souls who discover the highest eternal in vanishing time-these witness to love's alchemy, transmuting rude ores into the current coin he of fellowship, the carbon of vulgar speech into diamonds of serene Globe, does not in any degree mitiin a gracious unity of aim.

But many of us are so low in the social scale, we have such slender opportunities of rendering effective service, that we grow sceptical concerning the duty and advantage of cherishing a passion that seems so tantalising to the craving nature we bear. Such doubts do not spring from the real heart of us, they are induced by our preoccupation with the small wearing experiences of daily life. Care is not a wise counsellor. When we withdraw for a while into some quiet place, where we can still hear the still small voice that issues from the deeper human self, we are made aware of the bond that unites us to our kind. The world would be a moral chaos if transitory individual interests were the sole motive powers. All through the ages a beacon-light has drawn men onward. The consummation of the purpose that unterlies human effort will be reached when citizenship is merged in brotherhood and the good of one is found to be the good of all. Of old, seers and singers proclaimed love's primacy. The classic divinities symbolized the conquering pas- and developmen sion. Flesh and spirit strove then as they do still : Eros often won the bauble that passed for life's prize, statements giving in detail full but Ariemis, the calm and pure particulars about the French relig-mother of souls that longed for lous orders who were wantonly

have their day, and youth still fol.

lows the lure, often to the dismal is sum of vain regret. Yet the end is sure. None are betrayed by the ideal. We learn by disillusion.

The old prophet had a vision of Israel's ruler "as a refiner and puri."

Addition Hansard, and for these one was wounded while fighting with the French army. The Brothers of St. Vincent de Paul had only one French member eligible for military service. He joined the French army in 1914, and has been they may be available for future historical reference. It is to be kept in mind that the figures which I am about to submit relate only the French army.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heavy have been sent to be constant. LONDON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1919 swamp of vain regret. Yet the end Israel's ruler "as a refiner and purifler of silver," waiting till the dross sank in the crucible and the divine likeness began to show in the molten mass. So love's alchemy is visible today. In homes bereft of loved ones and amid the furnace heat of pain and sorrow that melt our self-nentred hearts into a new tender-nentred hearts into a new tende glimpses of the heaven in which Dante figured Beatrice-type of the perfect which blends all imaginable good with the bliss that knows neither fear nor slow decay, being rooted in the timeless realm of unalloyed justice, peace and goodwill.

#### FRENCH RELIGIOUS ORDERS

CRUSHING REFUTATION OF RECKLESS SLANDER

CATHOLIC RECORD, April 6, 1918 We take from Hansard the follow ing report of the Hon. Charles Murphy's refutation of Mr. Rowell's slanderous attack on the exiled members of French religious orders who found asylum in Canada.

HON. CHARLES MURPHY (RUSSELL) But reprehensible as were the state-ments with which I have already dealt in the hon. gentleman's North Bay speech, they were mild and in-offensive, indeed, when compared with his slanderous and unjustifiable attack on the members of the religious orders who came from France to Canada and who were here at the outbreak of the War. Let me devote a few minutes to an analysis of the statements made by him in that same speech in regard to these men. After he had denounced the attitude of the Quebec Nationalists towards the War, the hon. member for Durham

"In this attitude they were undoubtedly encouraged and abetted by the members of the religious orders from France who found an asylum in Canada, and used that asylum to undermine Canada's strength in the strug-

This atrocious statement was made without a syllable of truth to sup port it. When challenged for proof, the hon, gentleman, after the man ner of the tribe of Ananias, remained silent. On December 15, 1917. THE CATHOLIC RECORD of London publicly challenged the hon. member for Durham to bring forward a shadow of proof for his assertion: the hon gentleman did not respond At a later date this challenge was repeat meanings in common things and the ed by The Catholic Register of Tor onto; but again the hon. gentleman remained silent. The fact that his statement in its foulness and false ood was adopted and repeated by truthfulness, foul vapours of malice gate the offence of the hon. gentle man for having gratuitously ham nor Mr. Lyon could produce

> Not satisfied with one slander, the hon. gentleman uttered another when he thus further referred to the French religious in Canada:

"It is a misfortune that they did not follow the example of the priests of the Catholic Church in France, who threw themselves into the struggle of their people to preserve their national existence.

In these words the honorable men ber for Durham pictured the French members of the religious orders as remaining in Canada and shirking their duty to France. That statement, Sir, is even more wickedly un true than the former one. The facts were available to the noncrate gentleman as they were to any other person who would seek them; but inventor of a wonderful field gun which has done great execution which has done great execution ly gnored then. Now it is my in tention to give the facts to the House and to the country, so that the truth may be known about a body of men whose courage, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice in the present stamp them as worthy to follow in the footsteps of that noble band of French missionaries who first made this land known to Europe and blazed the way for its colonization

As a result of inquiries instituted both in Canada and overseas, I have been favoured with authentic

hildes and Guineveres of romance details on Hansard, and for these have their day, and youth still fol. reasons I shall summarize my infortept in mind that the figures which am about to submit relate only to French subjects who were mem The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart have been represented at the front by four Fcench subjects who reof War practically the entire body of French Franciscans lelt Canada and returned to France to do their duty.

The Day for special bravery in rescuing the wounded under fire.

From the Capuchin Order, ten various war duties, and 32 of them acquainted. went into the trenches. Of these The Chri Orders of the Day, two have been decorated with the military medal, one has received the Cross of the one has received the Cross of the Legion of Honor, one has been wounded and discharged, and one wounded and discharged, and one days battle to France, and they have served in the great distinction. wounded and discharged, and one was killed on the field of battle, after he had been twice mentioned in the Orders of the Day, and had received the military medal. From L'Institut des Freres de l'Instruction of the others were mentioned for Chrotienne. 25 members returned to heavery in the Orders of the Day. L'Institut des Freres de l'instruction Chretienne 25 members returned to France and entered the French army. Of those four have been decorated and mentioned in the Orders of the Day, four have been wounded, the Day, four have been wounded, have trom Capada to France to below the four Capada to France to below. one was taken prisoner, one who has been twice wounded, has been miss ing for three years, and is assumed

bers of the Jesuit order who are Bay chaplains in France, five French Jesuits went back from Canada to join

All the members of the Congregahas been reported "missing" for over stand self-condemned before of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost sent three of their members to the French army, and a fourth is on his way to France. One of those who returned to France was killed at the front, and another who is now seriously wounded has been decorated with the military cross, and was twice nentioned in the Orders of the Day.

The Trappists had only two French numbers of military age and both rethe Military Medal, and was twice nentioned in the Orders of the Day, and later, in rescuing a companion suffered the loss of both eyes. To day he is a teacher of the blind in France. The other Trappist who re-turned to his native country, was Father Hypolithe, who is now fighting with seven of his brothers in the French army.

Of the 900 members of the Marist tioned in the Orders of the Day. Les Peres de Montfort sent 15 of their tioned in the county I have the honor any proof, because proof there was none.

15 who returned to France, five won the Military Cross, five were men-tioned in the Orders of the Day, one of them on three consecutive occasions; and one was killed on the field

From the Eudist Congregation, 17 of its members went back from Can-ada to France. Of these, three were wounded, two were mentioned in the Orders of the Day, two decorated with the Military Cross, and four were honorably discharged from

The Brothers of St. Gabriel sent eight of their French members, who were of military age, to serve in the French ranks. Four of them were wounded, four were decorated with the Military Medal, four mentioned

The twelve French subjects who were members of the Sulpician Order went to France when War broke out, and immediately reported for duty. Seven went to France and later on served in Lorrains, Verdun, Cham pagne and Salonika campaigns. One was decorated with the Military

With the Dominicans at Ste. Hyacinthe there were only two French members of military age when War was declared. These two went to graced its editorial columns:

France the only one of its members who was not exempt on account of

bers of religious orders in turned from Canada to serve in the Canada. I will begin with the Franciscans. At the outbreak Cadoux, was mentioned in the Orders

tary service on the ground of age or physical unfitness. Those who reconstitute one time were stationed in Ottawa, physical unfitness. Those who re-turned to France were assigned to and with two of whom I was well

The Christian Brothers, at Mon three have been mentioned in the treal, are represented at the front by

back from Canada to France to help their Motherland in this War. But, Sir, I submit that these figures are to have died of his wounds; and two were killed on the field of battle.

Sir, I submit that these nightes are more than sufficient to refute the baseless statements made by the hon. In addition to the Canadain mem- gentleman from Durham at North

If the hon, gentleman's statements Jesuits went backfrom Canada to join the French army. Of these two were killed in action.

All the members of the Canada to join were not made for a wicked and malicious purpose, then by every standard of public and private honor he is required to retract what he has from of the Holy Cross who were said, to offer an apology to the living french subjects answered the call to the colors. One was wounded twice and returned again to the front. One or decline to do this, then he will consider the colors have a color of the colors. his a year, and is assumed to be dead or fellowmen, stripped of the last vesa prisoner, and three others are still tige of any claim to public respect or fighting in the trenches. The Fathers public confidence.

#### PROHIBITION AND POPULAR OPINION

A recent editorie in the Torento Globe on "Prohibition in Ontario" began with the following sentence The hope that permanent prohibition of the liquor traffic would be turned to France in 1914. One of them, Father Thomas, received two decorations, the Military Cross and further reference to the electrons. further reference to the electors, who upon several occasions have express ed their approval by considerable majorities, can no longer be entertained." A more flagrant misstate-ment of facts than that contained in the italicized portion of this sentence has seldom appeared in any well informed publication anywhere. The The Globe must be aware that almost every occasion when a bye-Order who have fought in the trenches, 14 French subjects went from Canada to France, two of those election has been held for the Ontario candidate has been beaten. This des were wounded, one received the Military Medal, and all were menrefused to endorse Opposition candidates. In the minds of any politiinto fragrant kindnesses that knit man for having gratuitously slandered both the living and the dead, men and woman together for growth large for Dur.

Neither the bon. member for Dur.

Three of these brave men were stather the bon. Three of these brave men were stathered in the county I have the honor. were due in the main to the action of the Hearst Government in arbitrarily imposing prohibition on the province without consulting the people. the two shining exceptions to this series of defeats, the election of the wo new Cabinet Ministers, Hon. H. J. Cody and Hon. George Henry, in Northeast Toronto and East York, respectively, there was no serious opposition of any kind, yet two absolutely "impossible" free lance candidates were able to frighten the Hearst candidates into embarking on highly expensive and widely organized entering the War, namely, to secure campaigns. Even then the wor tor Hon. Mr. Cody and Hon. Henry were careful to assure the electors that they would be given an opportunity to vote on the question of prohibition. No candidate in an constituency that has been opened, has, so far as we are aware, had the the work of the world's political termerity to openly endorse absolute prohibition. All have taken refuge in the circumstance that a vote was to be taken on the subject later on, and asked for the elimin. ation of the topic from the campaign. In view of these facts the statement that the electors "on several occa sions have expressed their approval by considerable majorities

gross violation of the t uth. In one respect we will give the Globe credit for consistency. It has suppressed the quotation "Junius" which for over sixty rance.

The Order of St. Sacrament sent to

Magistrate will neither assent nor submit to arbitrary Without making itself utterly ridio age or ill health, and he is still serving as a chaplain at the front.

Four members of the Order of the slogau in the same column with a darkest hours of the conflict. truth and beauty in conjunction, could be queath the palm of unfading content. The Helens and Brun-content of the record and take up too much time if I were to place all the content of the days and the record and take up too much time if I were to place all the construction decision to keep his pledge to submit content.

Globe could not have retained that divine assistance as during the slogar in the same column with a darkest hours of the conflict.

Four members of the Order of the protest against Sir William Hearst's decision to keep his pledge to submit lems the period of reconstruction.

On many occasions we have pointed out the willingness of the extreme advocates of prohibition to sacrific every principle of liberty and justice, and to tear up every constitutional safeguard on which the British pro-gress and prestige is founded, if they might thereby secure an illusory triumph for their opinions. The proposal that the people be denied even the right to vote on the ques-tion is the last word on this phase of

the matter. Well may it be asked: It alleged Well may it be asked: If alleged prohibition—and we use the word "alleged" advisedly—is such a good thing, why should its supporters fear the vote of the people? We are satisfied that the people of Ontario who voted down Mr. Rowell's proposal to abolish the bar in 1914, have changed in sentiment and donot want the bar back, save p-rhaps. not want the bar back, save p-rhaps, for the milder form of stimulant. But we are also satisfied that this is the limit to which the vast majority of the people, not merely in the cities, but in the rural townships are prepared to go. The extreme prohibi-tionists know this as well as we do. That is why they want Sir William Hearst to become a breaker of pledges as well as an autocrat.—Toronto Saturday Night.

#### CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30, 1918 Office of the Rector The Honorable Woodrow Wilson,

President of the United States

Your Excellency:-You are about to

depart for Europe, to be at the Peace Conference what you were during the trying days of war, the spokes-man and the interpreter of the lovers of liberty in every land. The burden now rests upon you of giving practical application to the principles of justice and fair dealing among nations which, as expounded in your many noble utterances, have made our country more than ever in its history the symbol of hope to all oppressed nations. Wherefore, we, the Rector and Faculties of the Catholic University of America, take this opportunity to address you and to ask respectfully that in this historic gathering you be the spokesman for the immemorial national rights of Iceland. Your influence will certainly go far toward a final acknowl dgment of the rightful claims of Ireland to that place among the nations of the earth from which she has so long and so unjustly been excluded. We are convinced that any settlement of the great political issues now involved which does not satisfy the national claims of Ireland will not be conducive to a secure and lasting peace. You have said, "No peace can last, or ought to last, which does not recognize and accept the principle that governments derive all their just powers from the rive all their just powers from the consent of the governed." Disregard of the rights of small nations has aroused a spirit of righteous indigaroused as a spirit of righteous indigaroused as print of righteous indigaroused as print of righteous indigarous from the church, which was crowded. A band played patriotic airs. Six soldiers escorted the service flag to the front of the church. Rev. P. H. subjection. Subjection and Democracy are incompatible. In the new order, "national aspirations must be respected; peoples may now be dominated and governed only by their own consent. 'Self-determination is not a mere phrase.'

In keeping with these words of it the right of Ireland to 'self-determination' is immeasurably stronger than that of any nation for which you have become the advocate. Moreover, Ireland's claims are a hundredfold reenforced by her centuries of brave. though unavailing, struggle against foreign domination, tyranny which autocracy. The manner in the national rights of Ireland will be handled at the Peace Conference is a matter of deep concern to many millions of people throughout the world, a world wide and lasting pe surely be nullified if a large and influential body of protest remains

everywhere as a potent source of national friction and animosity. That such unhappy feelings may not remain to hinder and embitter social and economic reconstruction we ask you to use your great influence at the Peace Conference at the end that the people of Ireland be permitted to determine for themselves through a free and fair plebis cite the form of government under which they wish to live.

With most cordial sentiments respect and esteem, I remain. Very sincerely yours, (Rt. Rev.) Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University

DIVINE HELP

During the days of reconstruction which follow upon the cessation of war there is just as much need of

way as to guarantee our future pros

Human foresight and pracence cannot suffice alone for this gigantic task. Marshal Foch knows this, and prays before the Blessed Sacrament for an hour each day. President Wilson asks us to implore the Divine assist-ance. We can do no better than fol-low the example of these great leaders who have done so much to restore peace to the world.—Rosary Magazine.

#### SECULAR PAPER PRAISES CHURCH

ADMISSION OF HER DEMOCRACY IS MADE BY JOURNAL WHICH LAUDS CARDINAL

Boston, Mass.—The Lowell Courier-Citizen of recent date pays a glow-ing tribute to the Church and to His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell in the following words:

From a boy, son of Irish parents, born in Gorham street, William O'Connell rose through the merit of intellectual attainment and superior mental qualifications to be a Cardi-nal of the Catholic Church. In his elevation to that superior dignity the Church emphasized its Catholicity, in other words, its democracy. For say what you will, think as you please, the Catholic Church is the genesis of democratic thought, pres-tige and governance. There is no distinction between high and low before its altars, both are equally amenable to its teachings, its benefits and to its consolations; and her highest honor that of the Holy Pontificate, is with in the possession of the humblest

member of her priesthood. Cardinal O'Connell has achieved the distinction of being among those from whom the Holy Father will be selected, and because of that distinction, which he bears with democratic simplicity, he was honored by his religious associates, and by his tellow citizens of other religious persua sions in having the new parkway dedicated to his name. It was not only a recognition of his religious dignity; but it was a grateful appreciation of his broad and assertive patriotism and his hand-to-hand effort with every other citizen to foster and promote the victory which has been won for world freedom."

#### A JUDGE'S TRIBUTE

IRISH PATRIOTISM PROVERBIAL CARDINAL MERCIER GREAT AMONGST THE GREATEST

A service flag of 92 stars, more than a third of the total enlistment of the city, was dedicated at St. Joseph's Catholic church, Gardiner, Sunday Spear of the Maine Supreme court of the Irish people," said Judge Spear.
"The heart of my ancestry was from Ireland. The patriotism of the Irish people in this country is proverbial Chaplain Major George Waring. and in the civil walks of life they are equally potent. Of all the great characters in this world to my mind Cardinal Mercier stands out as one of the greatest. His only was the robe of office, backed by the faith of the church. But amid shot and shell he did remarkable service. Your church should canonize him All others should eulogize him. He will stand out in this war as the one great character. This church is one of the institutions that has come down from the ages and has never been diverted from its purpose. restrained power of the Catholic Church has saved the world.'

#### CATHOLIC OFFICERS

ADMIRAL BENSON AND GEN, KERNAN PROMINENT AT THE PEACE

While Admiral Benson will be the highest ranking United States naval officer at the Peace Conference, Gen-eral Francis T. Kernan, a prominent Ca holic army officer, has been sent abroad as an assistant to General Tasker Bliss, formerly Chief of Staff who represents the U.S. Army at the historic gathering.

General March, in selecting General Kernan for this duty, character izes him as "a man of great legal ability, and experienced in military and international law."

General Kernan, who comes of old Irish-American Catholic stock, is the was fully realized by that brilliant man who put the machine guns in the Army. When a member of the General Staff, General Kernan worked out the details of the scheme for equipping each unit of the fighting force with a machine gun platoon. Previous to that time no plans had been made for distributing the guns.
—St. Paul Bulletin.
sing it, thus fulfilling my duty to God and my country."

#### CATHOLIC NOTES

Forty-nine Belgian priests were tortured and put to death by the Germans during the occupation, Cardinal Mercier, the primate of Belgium declared, in an interview last week. He added that 12,000 men were removed from his diocese to Germany where they were forced to work where they were forced to work.

Rev. Wm. F. Davitt, of Holyoke, Mass., a chaplain with the One Hun-dred and Twenty-fifth Infantry, was killed by a shell at 9:45 o'clock on the morning of the day the armistice was signed, just one hour and fifteen minutes before hostilities actually stopped. He was the last chaplain, and probably the last officer, in the United States Army to give his life to his country.

London, Nov. 11, 1918.—The death announced of Father Walter Philip Montague, S. J., who succumbed to wounds received in action on October 31st. Father Montague, who was thirty two years of age, was the fifth son of Mr. R. A. C. Montagne, of Cromore, Port Stewart, Londonderry, and a great grandson of the Right Hon. Lord Robert Montague.

G. A. Aerts, Beigian Consul, has received a \$1,000 check from Mrs. Bellamy Storer, President of the Cincinnati Catholic Women's Association, and wife of the former Am-bassador to Austria Hungary, for the rebuilding of Hastieres, Belgium, the town Cincinnatians have "adopted" as the result of Megr. M. Carton de wint's recent vi.it. The distin-guished Belgian prelate gave a moving account of German atrocities, as he witnessed them, and promised when in the Queen City, that he would send photos of the ruined town as soon as he returns to his native country.

There are 40,000 Catholic Kaffirs in South Africa. These are mainly cared for by the Trappists, who in this case are most active missionaries as in all cases they are holy contemplatives. There are of them seventy-two Fathers and one hundred and two Fathers and one hundred and eighty-eight Brothers, with thirty out-missions. In Darban alone they have 12,000 acres and have, besides agricultural work, schools of every grade, a printing press. bookbindery; trades of every description for boys and the Sisters have the same for girls. All their holy effort is for the natives and they are most fruitful in

In a letter to His Eminence Car dinal Gibbons, Surgeon General Ru-pert Blue of the United States Public Health Service, paid high tribute to the heroic work performed by the Nuns of the various religious Orders in Washington during the epidemic influenza, just now subsiding. When the plague reached the stage that made necessary the calling for volunteer nurses, the Nuns and Sisters of all the Orders in Washington, placed themselves at the disposal of Dr. Blue for nursing work. They were obliged to work long hours and under trying circumstances, but they saved hundreds of lives.

The Rome headquarters of the Knights of Columbus at the Hotel Minerva, organized by Commissioner Ryan, was formally opened on Docember 4th, in the presence of a distinguished gathering of Americans, Italians, and English, including Car dinal Gasquet and Count Da British Minister to the Holy See; Chaplain Major George Waring, U. S. A.; Msgr. Bartolomais, Chaplain Genrepresentatives of the American was workers in Italy, and officials of Italian Catholic organizations.

Kansas City, Mo .- Of all the peace celebrations held in Kansas City on November 11, perhaps none was greater than that in the Italian quarter of the city. The district simply went wild with joy at the news. In the midst of their shouting nd parading, however, the Italians did not forget the duties of their religion. One of the largest parades was proceeding in the highest pitch when it neared the Holy Rosary Church. Suddenly above the noise and din of the crowd the bells of the Church began to peal forth the Angelus. In an instant all heads were bared and the noise ceased while the notes rang out over the colony in clear, rich tones. When the bells ceased, the turmoil was renewed and continued.

Cardinal Amette, Archbishop of Paris, in the course of a recent address, said: We are assembled here today to celebrate the victory of right over barbarity. These venerable arches have listened to many a Te Deum for victory in the past, but at the close of a war the like of which history has never seen, how much more shall we give thanks to God for this triumph? To do this is in no way to belittle the genius of our leaders or the heroism of our soldiers, it is but to celebrate the co operation of man in the work of God. The Field Marshall who, in three months, assured victory to our arms, and who wrote me three days ago: "I would like to sing the Te Deum of Deliverance with you in Notre Dame, but my duties at Headquarters prevent me. It is in the church there that I shall

#### A DAUGHTER OF THE SIERRA

BY CHRISTIAN BEID

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CHAPTER XI.-CONTINUED

Nevertheless, since he understood little of the details of the service, his glance wandered idly over the crowded mass of people,—over the rebozo-covered heads of women of the lower orders and the laced draped heads of ladies; over the forms of men standing with folded arms; some in careful, fashionable dress, others wrapped in blankets;—all grave, quiet, reverential, ready to sink on their knees when the bell should sound in the sanctuary. Among them were many faces which he knew; but suddenly his gaze was arrested by one which, although he was conscious of having seen it before, he could not at once identify.

And yet it was striking enough to remember,—the face of a young man who held his handsome head uplifted with an arrogant air which after an instant enabled Lloyd to recognize and just so he had stood, just so he his head when he contemptuously translated Armistead's speech at Las

The sight of him recalled vividly to Lloyd's mind the recollection of Las Joyas and of the conflict over the Santa Cruz. He had little doubt that it was something relating to this conflict which had brought young Vallejo to Topia. Was it per-haps to meet Armistead? It seemed nlikely; but since his refusal to assist in any active steps to assert Trafford's claim on the mine, he knew nothing of how the situation stood nor what Armistead's plans in regard to obtaining possesion of the property were. It any chance should enable him to know or to guess these plans, it would afford him pleasure to give even this somewhat ill maned young Mexican a hint of what s to be anticipated; but there med no probability of getting such information, unless—and here a sudden flash of enlightenment came to him. Last night, had not Miss Rivers when he bade her goodnight murmured some words w he had not understood, but which now returned to him with a clear apprehension of their meaning? am in a quandary," she had said "and I want to talk to you about it." she had said,

A quandary! The expression cossessed no significance for him, and he had made some light reply about being at her service always. But now, remembering her conversa tion with Armistead, he understood and understood also, in slow, ma line fashion, the command which had been in her eyes when she bade him join the picnic party that afternoon. On such an occasion there would be many opportunities for the talk she wanted, especially if he obeyed her other command and carried his sketch-book along. It was not, he told himself, what he desired: to be brought into confidential relations of any kind with this girl, whose charm he felt might be so potent and sink so deep: but at present there seemed no escape for him. Not only, Thornton had said, would he be a bold man who disobeyed Isabel Rivers' commands, but the appearance of Arturo Vallejo quickened the memory of the other girl whom he had promised to help. If this help might be obtained through Miss Rivers, he be obtained through his fivels, he was bound to go even to the length of exposing himself to possible dan-ger—the danger of finding a hardwon peace of mind and heart taken -in order to obtain it.

The bell in the sanctuary sounded. The men dropped on their knees. Lloyd waited a few minutes until the solemn hush was over, and then turned away from the door, back to the sunlight and roses of the plaza. As he did so he looked up at the vast, solemn heights encircling the valley, and a great longing stirred within him to findhimself in the wild, green solitudes which lay beyond valley, and a great longing stirred within him to find himself in the wild, green solitudes which lay beyond -the soltitude so high-uplifted toward heaven, so remote from the world of men's sordid struggles, where he had never failed to find content, pleasure and health. the sooner he saddled his mule and was out in the Sierra again the

was out in the Sterra again the better. To morrow perhaps—
"Hello!" It was . Armistead's voice, in a tone of much surprise.
"Have you been to church? The confounded bells wouldn't let me sleep, so I had to come out: though they one is to get through the day how one is to get through the day in this beastly place-

There are alleviations promised, raid Lloyd, regarding with some amusement the other's careful toilet and air of being on exceedingly good terms with himself and the order of things in general. "For

pleasure of receiving the commands of the Lady of the Caridad. We are report for dinner; and then, with

although it strikes me it will be a tremendous bore. Miss Rivers, howtremendous bore, Miss Rivers, how-ever, would make anything endurable. I'm more and more struck with what an extremely lucky thing it is that she should chance to be it is that she should chance to

"For me of course-I wouldn't be presumptuous enough to intimate that it may prove lucky for her also. But think of the difference her being here makes—and, by Jove, yonder she is "

Lloyd looked after him as he pushed his way through the people, now thronging out of the church,

barely possible that he may find reason to change his mind on that Don Arturo! how are you? And vided with an escort."

how are the family at Las Joyas?

"Is that the custom in your counpoint before all is said and done—ab,

There was anything but a cordial light in Arturo Vallejo's dark eyes as he replied coldly, in almost the exact words he had employed at Las Joyas:

"I re arily Eaglish well scores"

"I no spik English well, senor."

"Perhaps not, but you understand it well—I remember that. And we can talk in Spanish, if you prefer." " I do not know that we have any-thing of which to talk, senor," the young man answered distantly, in his

own language. Lloyd smiled. 'I think we might find a subject,' " May I ask if any of the family of Las Joyas are with you in

No, senor." There was suspicion as well as coldness now in the tone and eyes. "I am here alone."
"I am sorry. I should like to see Dona Victoria.

Vallejo started angrily.

"I am sure that Dona Victoria rould not wish to see you," he said rudely.

"Do not be too sure of that," Lloyd replied quietly. "I think Dona Victoria is aware that I am her

You have proved it so well !" the young Mexican cried in a tone of 'I have not had very much oppor

tunity to prove it," Lloyd said; "but Dona Victoria was good enough to believe that in the matter of Santa Cruz my sympathy is with

Don Arturo permitted himself a very cheap sneer. Dona Victoria is a woman!" he

pathy—of friendship for her," the other cried indignantly, "when have just seen you with our enemy! when I

"He is not my enemy, you know," Lloydremarked dispassionately. "And in point of fact, he is not your enemy either. He is only Mr. Trafford's

It is the same thing. He is try-

ing to rob-" Suppose we find a quieter place in which to discuss the subject?" vast, broken heights—their rugged Lloyd suggested; for the people about began to cast curious glauces azajnst a sky of jewel-like-brilliancy at the angry face and excited manner of the young Mexican.

its characteristic pos ).

"We have nothing to discuss," he replied. "I understand what you want. It is that I shall talk, betray won peace of mind and heart taken from him again by the witchery of a woman's face and a woman's smile —in order to obtain it.

water the words of the control of the contr pell in the sanctuary sounded. Mexicans are great fools."

ners, to insult any one, especially one who might have the power to aid you materially. Good day!

CHAPTER XII

THE USE AND FATE OF A SKETCH The sun, which in Topia disappears very early behind the great rampart

of the western heights, was dropping toward these heights, and the latter were already stretching their long shadows out over the sun bathed valley, when the picnic party left the town. It had been said that they were to leave promptly at 3 o'clock. punta de la hova; and since they finally started at 4, they probably came as near to pu

nctuality as any oody ever arrives in Mexico. The San Benito Mine was very well situated as an objective point for case de la Caridad—"

"Oh, very good! You've seen some of the Caridad people, then?"

"Yes. It's the early bird that catcles the worm or is himself caught, you know. I've had the caught, you know, I've had the caught had the ca passed down a short, rocky, canonlike street, crossed on stepping stones over a stream which flows through "The nature of the country answers that question. The patio of a mine affords the only space sufficiently level even for the eating of tambales."

Armistead gave a comprehensive glance around at the precipitous heights.

around its side. Very Mexican was culine contingent having arrived, the musicians began playing a waltz, and one couple after another responded to its invitation. Soon the whole patio was filled with young group of matrons; and, at a considerable interval, behind came a number of men. Between the feminine and blood.

"Are you sure that Miss Rivers is going?' he asked skeptically.

"Perfectly sure. She thinks that it would be picturesque, and would not miss it for anything."

"In that case of course I'll go; although it strikes mail will be a six of the arrangement.

"Those men should be in front with the girls not only for mutual

with the girls, not only for mutual with the girls, not only for mutual pleasure but for practical usefulness," he declared. "It isn't as if they were circling round the plaza, or even walking on level ground. There's positive need—take care, Isabel! Look out for your footing?—of their assistance. Some of these old women will be rolling down the mountain presently—ah, I thought mountain presently—ah, I thought so!" (A stout lady in front stumbled and almost fell.) "Permit me senora, and almost fell.) to assist you."

"Muchas gracias, senor!" mur-mured the lady. "Muy malo el

"Very bad indeed," Mr. Rivers to Isabel Rivers' side.

"Extremely lucky for him that she happens to be here!" Lloyd repeated to himself meditatively. "It's senora, that those young men "—he assented; and then, seeing his way senora, that those young men "-he waved his hand backward-" ought to be here, assisting the ladies over the load. Every lady should be pro

You see I remember that you speak try, senor?"
"Undoubtedly. And it adds very "Undoubtedly." much to the enjoyment of an occa

> "Ah!" said the senora, in a tone of much significance. "I can be-lieve it. But with us it is different. We have other customs."

"And long may they keep them!" said Isabel, laughing at her father's slightly discomfited expression as he fell back. "The world would be a very uninteresting place if there were no variety in its manner and customs.

And for my part I like these. Fancy how much more possibility of romance there is between young people here than between those who associate together as freely as they do with us !"

"And how much room for disillusion when romance is converted into knowledge by marriage!" Thornton added.

"The practical result is otherwise, she answered. Those who know Mexico best tell us that one rarely hears of an unhappy marriage, and a broken household is almost un-

"Miss Rivers is right," said Lloyd. The domestic virtues of women are beyond praise. They don't clamor for rights or careers; they don't form clubs and make speeches; but they make homes and govern them in on old and very wise

'All the same, I am sure that Miss Rivers would not like to be bound by their hard and fast social rules, Armistead observed.

"Perhaps not," Miss Rivers acknowledged, "because I am a product of other social conditions. And I recognize sincerity." Lloyd returned.
"You talk of sincerity—of sympathy—of friendship for hor" and duties afterward.

"Not much more than admire it, afraid," Lloyd replied.

I'm afraid," It was indeed a striking view of the great chasm which opened before them as they turned the shoulder of hill around which they were winding. Far below, in its dark depths, they caught the gleam of water; while on either side rolled up vast, broken heights—their rugged and intensity of color. It was a scene of such wild grandeur that to But Arturo threw back his head in think of reproducing it by camera or by pencil was to realize the littleness of man's art in the presence of Nature

at her greatest. "It is hopeless," Isabel confessed, with a sigh. "To attempt to photo-graph this would be as useless as it would be impertinent." 'Lloyd can do wonders with sepia,"

Bugge "I can do something," Lloyd admit. But I agree with Miss Rivers that to attempt to put this scene on

"I am not sure about that when it is a question of sepia," Isabel said.
"You might try—just a sketch, you

know. "Here we are at the mine," said her

father. As he spoke they stepped from the narrow path they had been following onto a level space—the patio of the mine, a platform about fifty feet square, cut out of the almost precipi-tous mountain-side. On it the ore from the workings was brought for sorting and from it the debris was dumped. On the inner side was the great arched opening of the mine into the mountain, which towered high and steep above; and over the door of this tunnel a shed, as wide as an ordinary corridor, led to the office -a small building at one end. The rest of the patio was open to the sky; and its outer edge dropped sheer to iful e the depth of the quebrada, a thousand in the feet below. Preparations had been order of things in general. "For well situated as an objective point for made for the coming of the pleasure one, you are invited to dine at the cuch an excursion. It lay close to made for the coming of the pleasure in the town, in the heights that on the coming of the pleasure made for the coming of the pleasure mad party. The ground had been carefully swept, seats were placed under the shed, musicians were assembled; servants were lounging around the door of the office, within which pre-sumably the tamales had been de-posited; and as the merry throng spread out over the space, filling it over a stream which flows through to report for dinner; and then, with a select party, go out this afternoon to est tamales at a mine near by."

"Why at a mine?"

"The nature of the country and the nature of the report of the party of the practice of the country and the nature of the report of the practice of the practice of the practice of the nature of the nature of the country and the nature of the country and the nature of the n

"Isn't it charming!" Miss Rivers exclaimed, as she stood watching the scene. "What wouldn't I give to be scene. "What wouldn't I give to be able to seize and put it away, to refresh myself with on some cold gray day, in a tame country, among a lifeless people!"

You are immensely flattering to your own people," Thornton said, with a laugh. "Won't you let some of us prove that we are not alto-gether lifeless?" He held out his hand. "Can you resist this music?"

"The music with difficulty, the floor—shall we call it?—with case,' she answered. "Still, I like new she answered. "Still, I like new sensations; so I'll try how it goes to waltz on the patio of a mine-jus

The next moment she was floating around with the rest over the hard-packed but somewhat uneven sur-face of the ground; and to more than one pair of watching ayes she seemed the incarnation not only of gracegrace a little different from that of the Mexican girls, because there was in it a quality which suggested an other and very different world—but also of that healthy, happy delight in life which does not disdain the

simplest pleasures.
As she might have foreseen, however, she was not able to limit her dancing to "just once." When she paused Armistead claimed a turn, and then half a dozen Mexicans thronged around her. So she danced with one after another, while Thornton came up to Lloyd and

'If I'd known I was letting her in for this kind of thing, I'd have asked her to dance," he said. Anybody else would just refuse those fellows-tell 'em she's tired that the ground hurts her feet,-but no! That's Miss Rivers! Does something confoundedly disagreeable for the sake of other people and then declares she enjoys it."

"Perhaps she does enjoys it. Consideration for others is so rare that we must find some selfish reason to account for its existence at all." Thornton lighted

Hum!" Thornton lighted arette. "Look at that fellow is beaming all cigarette. Martinez, how he is beaming all Who don't you go and have turn also? She dances deover! your turn also? She dances de-lightfully."
"And let her wear out her feet

practising the virtue of unselfishness on my behalf? Why don't you follow her example and go and dance with some of those Mexican girls? Good Heavens! who could think of dancing for the sake of dancing on

a place like this? It makes my head swim to look over the edge and think whereone would go if one waltzed too far. We've heard of shivering and balancing and doing various other uncomfortable things on the edge of heard of dancing on the edge of one phin Street.

of the Caridad."
"Mackenzie's doing enough for the
whole staff. He has already waltzed
with every girl here, and now he's making a second round. But here comes Miss Rivers. She has cut short her career of self-sacrifice—unless she's coming to ask you to the comes when the self-sacrifice dance, since you haven't asked

But it appeared that Miss Rivers had a very different purpose in view.
"OMr.Lloyd," she said, I am so concerned about your sketch! If it isn't made now, there will be no time to make it at all; for we shall soon be called to drink chocolate and eat tamales, and after that it will be too late to do anything except go home. Won't you come and try what you can do in the way of making a picture out of this wonderful scene "I'm at your orders, Miss Rivers," Lloyd answered. "But the quebrada

is rather a large commission, you know. Suppose you show me the point of view you care for." "I don't care for this," she said, indicating the patio. "I want the view of the quebrada. Oh, I know it's a large commission! But you can try.

And I think the place to try is a little farther on around the mountain. I'll show you where 1 mean. Thornton, who did not feel encouraged to offer his assistance in this

earch after the picturesque, watched them with rather a cynical eye as they walked across the patio. they waiked across the patic.

"It's a hopeless case with Lloyd, as with the rest of us," he reflected; "else wild horses couldn't have dragged him here. And how obediently he does her bidding.—he who couldn't he brought within speaking. ago! Yet I'll swear there's no coque-

try in it. If there were, the charm wouldn't be half as powerful as it is." Lloyd himself had not the least doubt on the last point. No man would have been quicker to detect even a shade of coquetry in the beautiful eyes with their golden lights, or manner full of that highest ease which is as free from familiarity as from constraint. But underneath from constraint. But underneath Isabel Rivers' charm lay an exquisite sincerity, an absolute freedom from the small demands which many women are constantly making for admiration, and a possibility of sympathetic comradeship not to be mis-taken. And so there was no more thought of the possibilities for firtwith life, movement, gaiety, it was a nicture which for striking con- in Lloyd's mind than in her own, as they walked together on the narrow mountain road, a little beyond the

commanded an admirable view of the great earth-rift, in the depth of which shadows were already gathering, although sunlight still gilded the summits of its eastern heights. "It is tremendous—but magnificent."

"I'll see what I can do with it," Lloyd answered guardedly.

They seated themselves on some stones, and he dashed the outlines of the picture on his paper with bold.

of the picture on his paper with bold, firm, rapid strokes, shading in almost as quickly as he drew. It was such skilful work that Isabel watched with fascinated attention as it grew under his hand.

TO BE CONTINUED

"THE OLE BACHELOR

P. J. Coleman in Rosary Maga No trait of human nature is universal or so overmsstering as curiosity. Hence, mystery piques the curious, especially when the mystery is incarnate and goes about embodied in an interesting person ality. Then curiosity becomes a passion, an obsession of prying busybodies, proving that Pope was right when he penned the famous line the proper study of mankind man.

the mysterious when their curiosity fails to solve the unknown or to pierce the incognito of, for instance, a stranger who has lately moved into a gossiping street and keeps very much to himself. Human nature in such a case is apt to neglect its own business and attend solicitously to the business of others. Also, in st a case, baffled and thrown off the scent, curiosity becomes resentful and vindictive and invents strange life stories for the man or woman whose reticence eludes its inquisitiveness. Such a person becomes presently a local hero or heroine, tagged with romance and wrapped with the fiction of neighborhood gossip, like a butterfly in its chrysalis.

Van Pelt Street was bussing with gossip. It was a quiet, tree shaded street of ornate red brick houses, all patterned alike according to an imtradition. memorial Philadelphia house resembled another as closely as two peas in a pod. Its men were mostly prosperous me-chanics or small tradesmen who owned their own homes, worked by day in down town hives and whiled away their evenings with graphophone and newspaper. Its women were idly curious and of late were much exercised over the new arrival. in their midst, who unloaded a couple of van loads of rich furniture into a house that had long stood untenanted precipice, but I'm sure nobody ever a few doors from the corner of Dau-

Tue idea is certainly quite lawyer or a battender? A Mormon or a Methodist? His furniture was matter of social duty, you ought to take the risk and support the certainly "dandy." bis clean. Was he married or single? A first and duties afterward—Oh, what a view of the quebrada! Mr. Lloyd, what can we do with this?"

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The control of the caridad of the caridad. The control of the caridad. The control of the caridad. were graying and there was a little bald spot on the top of his head.

But one thing was certain-he drank. There was no doubt of that, for the rubicund tint of his face proclaimed the fact to the whole observ ant street.

He was separated from his wife, for he had now been a week in the street and no woman had yet moved into the house. Maybe she was at Atlantic City for the season and would yet show up. Some one said he was divorced: you never could tell. There was always something strange about those chaps who had furniture enough and of a quality to stock a palace, yet who preferred to live alone. He even did his own housekeeping and housecleaning—did not even hire a chorewoman to scrub his front steps or wash his parlor windows on Saturdays.

The grocers and butchers, milkman, coalman and iceman de-livered their goods at his back gate. He made his exits and his entrances by a side door. By no chance did he ever use the front door. Yes, he was a mystery and would bear watching. He might even be a counterfeiter or a burglar, who had chosen that nice, quiet, respectable street as a safe retreat to evade pursuit or detection It was an easy way to camouflage crime and balk the goodnatured curiosity of his prying neighbors. Well, if he was a criminal he had better look out. They would put up with a great deal in that street, but respect. able members of church and Sunday school who had bought Liberty Bonds would not tolerate crime in their midst. Yes, he had better watch his step and mind his Ps

All they knew of him was that his name was Whittaker. This much they learned of the postman and the milkman. Where he came from, what he was, how he earned his money-made it or worked for itwhat was the amount of his income what his family connections—all these remained mysteries. So gossip buzzed, fiction was woven, and Whittaker became as interesting as a de-tsctive story, the last chapter of which would alone reveal the solu-

At last a clue was found and the scent grew hot. Mrs. De Lisie, who lived in the middle of the block, had seen him one day in Whittaker's store on Chestnut Street, right in patio where the music was playing the rich heart of the millionaire and the dancers were circling in the shopping district—Whittaker's famface of a scene so full of wild majesty and stern sublimity that it seemed as if it must inspire awe in the most careless soul.

"What do you think of this?" Isabel asked, as they paused at a point which

private office at the rear of the long

mirror-lined store.

Then Elwood James, who worked for the United Gas Company and rode about town fixing gas meters, had found him one day in converse with an elderly, aristocratic-looking gentleman in the hall of a fine mansion out on West Spruce Street Elwood had gone there to repair a meter in the cellar, but of course Whittaker had not seen him. He lived right across the street from Whittaker and could not possibly have been mistaken in his man. Afterwards Elwood had found out at the office of the gas company that Channing Wentworth Whittaker lived in the mansion on Spruce Street-Channing Whittaker of Whittaker's Chocolates, famous through out the United States for the quality of his candies—famous, too, for his great wealth, his yachts, his old masters, his tapestries and his eccentricities. Yes, that was it, putting two and two together, adding the incident of the candy store to the incident dent of the Spruce Street mansion, it was clear as day that the recluse of Van Pelt Street was none other the son of the millionaire chocolate king. For some reason he had quar-

had cut him off with an allowance. It was all very mysterious, all ver But curious folk are apt to resent interesting, all very sad that he, the son of a millionaire, should be forced to live in retirement on a small street, finding pleasure in his books— for he had a library—instead of sporting around the world, as all properly brought up sons of million-

reled with his father, and his father

aires are supposed to do.

The cat was out of the bag, the tension of curiosity was relaxed and Van Pelt Street breathed a sigh of relief and turned to discuss and dissect some other mystery.

Only that wife of his! It was pro voking, the way she insisted on not showing up! She had good reason showing up! for it, you may be sure, or she would not willingly sacrifice the income of the son of a millionaire. But, then, no one could blame her for not living with a brute who probably beat her when he was drunk. No one had ever seen him drink-there were plenty of boys on Van Pelt who patronized the thirst-parlors of the neighborhood, and they would know—but that was no proof that he did not drink. Those sly drinkers, who did it at home, were always the worst, you know.

Meanwhile, calmly indifferent gossip and criticism—indeed, utterly ignorant of it—Whittaker went quietly about his business. That he was an object of interest he neither knew nor cared, for his heart was on other matters than those that con-cerned his neighbors. Yet the neighbors were not wholly apart from his concerns, but in fact gave him more thought than they knew of. When they were dissecting and rending him, he in his own way was deep plots that concerned them-or the least fortunate among them.

There were a few widows on Van Pelt Street who made a brave of prosperity to the world, but who toiled arduously over washtubs in their back kitchens to feed and clothe their little ones and keep a roof over their heads. There was Mrs. Mac Donald, whose husband was a cripple disabled at the Midvale Steel Works. His allowance from the company had long since run out. There was Mrs. ritchard whose husband had desert ed her and left her with a year-old Hotel child. There was old Tim Dooley, whose wife was a bed ridden invalid, Tim himself, a ne'er do-well who did odd jobs where he could get them. There were cases of misfortune in other forms among the neighboring community; for despite its ornate brick fronts and its merry gramo phones, on Van Pelt Street, as other more pretentious streets, "all was not gold that glittered.

Then there was little Mary Des mond, the blue eyed, golden-haired daughter of Pat Desmond, whose house fronted Whittaker's across the street. A charming little tot, with the face of an angel, and the com plexion of a bisque doll, she had b run over one day, shortly after Whittaker's arrival in the street, and after many weeks in hospital was now limping about the house with a shortened leg, the result of a broken hip bone. The little thing was suf-fering, too, for the bone had not seemed to set right, and daily visits from a high-priced doctor were tak-ing most of Pat Desmond's hardearned wages. And Pat had four other mouths to feed besides little Mary's!

The unfortunate ones did not know it, but Whittaker had notes of their misfortune jotted down in a little notebook which he carried in an upper vest pocket. How he came by this information was his own affair, but his information was authentic and detailed.

Therefore, when a ton of coal was shot into this poor woman's cellar without having been ordered by her; when a basket of groceries was left at this other woman's door by some good Samaritan; when Mrs. Des-mond's medicines were filled without payment at the drug store and her doctor's bills paid; when a wheeled chair came to little Mary, so that she could be wheeled to and sit comfortably at the parlor window; when this widow found clothes for her children on her doorstep and that one an overcoat for her boy, the neighborhood was conscious of a new experience in its midst.

No, Father Gough had not ordered

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And the neighborhood prayed. "It was your wagon that came to my house with a ton of coal that I never ordered," said Mrs. MacDonald to Jake Clausen, proprietor of Clausen's coalyard on Sedgley Avenue. And I want to know who paid for the coal, so that I can thank the gen-

That is a secret that I cannot tell," said Jake. "It's paid for any way, and that satisfies me." The grocer, the butcher, the drug-

gist were equally reticent. They were under bonds not to tell. God bless him, anyway," smiled the women to one another. Whoever does the work of the Lord will

Christmas was approaching, and one day, seated at the parlor window, little Mary Desmond had a surprise. On the opposite steps stood "the ole bachelor," as Mary insisted on calling Whittaker, waving a friendly hand. Mary waved in return and

elor's at the door. Open it mamma!"

Mrs. Desmond hurried from her
kitchen, wiping her hands on her

mitchen, wiping her hands on her gingham apron.

"May I come in, Mrs. Desmond?"

said Whittaker, removing his hat.

"Your little girl invited me, and of "Your little girl invited me, and of "Paul!" said the lady in a scarcecourse I can't refuse a lady's invita-

Mrs. Desmond was delighted. Whittaker remained long, chatting with mother and child. The child took to him instantly—a good sign.
"I can's help liking her," said whittaker, "not only for her own sake, the dear little thing, but because she's so like my own little Christine who's dead these two years. I have her picture in my parlor, Mrs. Desmond. It is so like little Mary here that they might be twin sisters. Come over and let me show it to you. You'll see the resemblance at

you. You'll see the resemblance at once."

Touched by the man's appeal and at this new revelation of his past—a past made sacred by sorrow—Mrs.

Desmond went across to Whittaker's more drink for me. It's all over and done with Lya out the whole

the wall of the parlor might have been copied from Mary. The child in the picture had the same sweet blue eyes, the same golden riot of in the picture had the same sweet blue eyes, the same golden riot of ringlets, the same flower of a mouth, the same angelic expression.

"I have been in France—nursing, these eighteen months. Such sights Paul! Such experiences! I tried to

"She would have been Mary's age had she lived," mused Whittaker sally. "Yes, I miss her for I'm very fond of children. Do you wonder I lived Whattaker sally." liked Mary the first moment I saw her-oh, weeks ago?"

Mrs. Desmond thought of Christine's mother but delicacy forbade her to speak of her.

And he was off.

Thereafter he visited Mary often, and sat long with mother and child. It was clear to the mother that he loved the little invalid, and she was correspondingly touched and grateful. He could not have his own child-God had ordained otherwisebut he could brighten the life of another child. Curiously, he never spoke of his wife—a thing that seemed strange to Mrs. Desmond. Doubtless he had his reasons for reticence, and she on her part would not probe a wound that possibly lay deep and smarting in his heart.

So the days wore on, and the week before Christmas dawned bright with laid her head on his breast. sunshine, after weeks of frost and sunshine, after weeks of frost and snow. The stores were gay with holly and evergreens and happy shop-pers thronged the sidewalks. A mysterious Santa Claus was busy on Van Pelt Streets, and gifts of grocer-ies and meat, of fat turkeys and plump chickens and juicy hams, were left at the doors of widow and invalid. A couple of wreaths with bows of bright scarlet ribbon appeared in "the ole bachelos's" windows.

Mary was happy and laughing. Her broiker Danny, a fine cheerful schoolboy with honest blue eyes, had wheeled her in the warm sunshine to the corner of Dauphin Street, where a little girl could enjoy the where a little girl could enjoy sight of the merry shoppers and the tall Christmas trees leaning in rows against the stores.

A young and pretty lady, in black silk, with muff and nach silk silk, with muff and neck-piece of mink fur, came along the sidewalk and paused suddenly at sight of the child in the wheeled chair.

"What a pretty little girl!" she exclaimed, and caught her breath with what seemed like the echo of a sob. Then she bent and kissed

What's your name, my dear?" she asked with a winning smile. "Mary," said the girl shyly. Then

for further elucidation she added

"Oh, he's awful good," volunteered Mary. "He gives me everything. An' he has a gran' picksure of Christine in the parlor. Look," she went on, turning in the chair and pointing up Van Pelt Street, "he lives up there in that house. Come on! I want to show him to you. Come on

want to show him to you. Come on Danny !" Danny laid hands on the handle of

hand. Mary waved in return and beckened to him to come over. The unexpected thing hippened. The ole bachelor "crossed the street.

"The ole bachelor "crossed the street."

"The ole bache that made him jump to the carpet.

He took a step to the door.

"My God! Christine!" he exclaimed. His voice rang with joy

ly audible voice, "Paul, my dear!" She choked and tears were on her cheeks as she laid her hands in Whittaker's.
"This is a happy Christmas-

praised be God on high!" murmured the man, as he led her into the par-See that motto?" said he, pointing to a wreath on the wall.

"Glory to God and peace on earth," she murmured softly. Danny had withdrawn. "Is it peace?" asked the man

home, Whittaker carrying little Mary in his arms.

Sure enough, the oil portrait on the sure should be a man writing plays the sure should be sure should be

always you I was nursing instead of those poor toys. Then I came back but couldn't get to him. I don't when I could stand it no longer came back to find you. I landed two said. days ago and went yesterday to your

"He's coming round, all right.
He'll soon make up. We talk now, but at first he was mad because I married a nurse—beneath my station, as he put it. Then because he drove me away and cut me off because I insisted on marrying the girl I loved, I was foolish enough to take todrink. Of course you went away, and you did right. I was a silly brute. But I

tenderly to himself.
"Oh, it's the happiest Christmas a

fellow could ever dream of," he cried. "You've made it happy, darling.

Thank God!" she smiled, and

#### HEROIC TALES OF CHAPLAIN DUFFY

With the arrival in New York of two hospital transports, the Sierra and the Comfort, bringing 2 000 wounded officers and men from overseas, the people here at home got first hand stories of the valorous deeds of American soldier boys on the battle-fields of France and Belgium. And the most gripping story of all was that told of the way the old Fighting Sixty-ninth of New York (now the With the arrival in New York of two that told of the way the old Fighting Sixty-ninth of New York (now the 165th United States Infantry) saved the day in the Champagne, and how the regiment's heroic chaplain, the Rev. Francis P. Duffy, endeared himself still more, if that was possible, to the men. One of the returned soldiers called Father Duffy the most cappalar man in Europe.

"You can't say too much about that gang," said Davis, who belongs to the 149th Field Artillery, which nefarious craft with the weapon of "Desmond."

"Mary Desmond! A truly sweet name!" said the lady, looking hungrily at the child.

"It is be an unlawful and reprehensible consequence of scandal.

If it is an unlawful and reprehensible crime to work injury to the lage one may do by such sins is immeasurable and incalculable. With

too!'
"'Nix,' yelled the New York Irish.

ever does the work of the Lord will have the Lord's blessing."

"Amen, amen, asthore," murmured good Mrs. MacDonald.

Christmas was approaching, and one day, seated at the parlor window, wounded, but they plugged the hole and kept it plugged. Honest, noth-ing New York can do for those fellows will be too much. After that fight the French christened the 165th the Green Devils."

How about the 149th Artillery?" Davis was asked.

"Oh, we just stuck around and helped cut. That's all," he returned, which was entirely characteristic of the man and the service.

A curious comment concerned the sportsmanship of the Prussian Guards, which, according to Corporal Bernard Walsh of the 165th, was

They were the only clean fighters in the German army," said Walsh,
"and as fighters you've got to take
off your hat to them. Every time
we ran up against a Prussian Guard regiment we knew we were in for a quent to that shock. fight to the finish.

"Is it peace?" asked the man eagerly.

"Peace," she whispered, raising tear-dimmed eyes to his.

"I have done my penance," said the man. "I have lived in hell these however, he was not badly hurt.

Letters recently received in his city Letters recently received in this city said he was in good health.

fearlessness was uttered by Corporal Bernard Walsh, who fought with Company I. Walsh, whose home is at Thirty-eighth street and Lexing-

"We must be friends—good friends you and I," smiled Whittaker when he had replaced Mary in her chair by her parlor window.
"We are friends." corrected Mary, good angel. you see."

Van Pett. Then little crippled girl and she told me of you."

"Little Mary!" he smiled. "Our get me." He buried dead and helped the wounded under the heaviest fire.

to drink. Of course you went away, and you didright. I was a silly brute. But I came to my senses when the child died. Although Father wants to give me an allowance now, I have refused it. I have learned to stand on my own feet."

When he was sent to a hospital, slightly wounded, at Chateau. Thierry. Father Hanley sneaked out of the hospital and beat it hack to the front. He fangat with "A happy Christmas, Paul!"
He took her hands and drew her
He took her hands and drew her example."

Mention of Father Duffy's injuries mention of Father Duffy's injuries was made by another Chaplain, Capt. Rev. F. Jenny, of Decatur, Ill., whose brother, Dr. C. E. Jenny, is chaplain of the 86th Division. Both were Presbyterian ministers in the same

town.

"Father Duffy is the most beloved of army chaplains," said Capt.
Jenny in the smoking room of the
Sierra. "He is without fear. He was wounded several weeks ago, I understood. I looked for him in the hospital but missed him. He wasn't badly hurt."—N. Y. Catholic News.

#### SCANDAL

When Our Divine Lord warned His apostles to "fear net them that kill the body, and are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him that can destroy both body and soul in hell," He indicated that there is an the regiment's heroic chaplain, the Rev. Francis P. Duffy, endeared himself still more, if that was possible, to the men. One of the returned soldiers called Father Duffy the most popular man in Europe.

The Sierra brought back a good many lads that belong to the 165th, and a good many also that had fought alongside the scrappy Irish from New York. One artilleryman, Ray Davis, of Chicago, told a bale of the Sixty ninth that fairly blazed.

"You can't say too much about the regiment of the less responsible in the sight of God."

There is a class of malefactors, and now the less responsible in the sight of God. chair, but none the less responsible in the sight of Ged, and these are the

"Look!" said Mary, lifting a box of candy from under the rug that covered her—the rug a gift from "the ole bachelor."

"My!" said the lady. "A box of candy!"

"He gave it to me! The ole bachlor! He makes it, you know."

"The lady took the box and caught her breath at sight of the name theresion—"Whittaker's Chocolates."

"An ole bachelor? He makes it, you say?" she whispered. She had turned a little pale and Danny to the look of turned a little pale and Danny to the look of candy!"

"Look!" said Mary, lifting a box of candy from under the rug that covered her rug that her observed her rug a gift from "the look possible as the soul is superior fighters, those French veterans, but they had been punished almost beyond endurance of men. They saw mass upon mass of green gray German soldiers coming toward them behind file after file of machine guns. It simply didn't look possible turned a little pale and Danny the sense, you can bet. That's why the crime with which the murderer of the Son of God is as much more redeemed by the Precious Blood of reprehensible as the soul is superior to the body. The gravity of such sayiour: "Woe to the world because of scandals! It is necessary that our Lord, knowing the makeup of scandals should come," comments continue the scandal should come," comments of allen human nature, "yet woe to him through whom the scandal cometh!" And to show the enormity of the crime with which the murderer of the continuence of the Son of God is as much more redeemed by the Precious Blood of reprehensible as the soul is superior to the body. The gravity of such sayiour: "Woe to the world because of scandals! It is necessary that our Lord, knowing the makeup of bim through whom the scandal cometh!" And to show the enormity of the crime with which the murderer of the course of the souls is a much more redeemed by the Precious Blood of reprehensible as the soul is superior to the body. The gravity of such sayiour: "Woe to the world because of scandals! It is necessary that our Lord, knowing the makeup of t to hold the line. The French have got sense, you can bet. That's why they came out on top. But sense wasn't needed in the Champagne. Crazy courage was required, and the New York Irish supplied it.

"Give way," the Blue Devils shouted to the officers of the 165th. 'We are retreating. You must come too!"

"The frequency with which the sin

"Nix,' yelled the New York Irish.
We're going to step on 'em. Come able damage to souls which follows in its wake, are sufficient to prove the necessity of our understanding and when our artillery came up to this sin, and guarding ourselves against its commission. When we speak of scandal, we do not understand what a great many people confine to the term. The newspapers, reporting a revelation in the conduct of affairs of a government, or a corporation, or public institution, and telling "of the scandal that has been unearthed," refer to separational distering of the scandal that has been unearthed," refer to sensational dis-closures that may perhaps involve what is wrong and sinful. This, however, is not scandal, in the theological meaning. We are speaking now of any word or act which furnishes an occasion of sin to another. That is a scandal, in the proper sense of the word. The sin sioned may be a mortal or a venial one, lowering, either to a serious or to a slight extent, the virtue of the individual affected, and disposing him or her to sin. And its malice consists not only in the immediate shock to the moral system, but in the weakness which will be conse-

We have various classes of scandal, differing in their nature and guitt as about 2,900 cascualties out of an original strength of 3,600. Of these, he said, 700 were killed.

Arrival of the hospital ship brought the news from two of its passengers that in October Father Duffy, chaplain of the old 69th and then of the scandal. If, for instance, I want another to commit sin, merely that my personal interests may be furthered, my pleasure or gain contributed to, I am guilty of direct scandal. It is apparent that this guilt may be often incurred. To speak of none of the more grievous in which such a sin is Enthusiastic praise of the priest's possible, if I were to taunt one, or instances in which such incite him to commit some wrong deed in the spirit of a dare, or speak or act until his power of resisting temptation is finally bent, I am guilty

ave you at Thirty-eighth street and Lexington avenue, was wounded at Chatton avenue, was woun really desire spiritual injury in a direct way, but I do desire that which will probably lead to it. Were days ago and went yesterday to your father's house on Spruce Street. He was hard as ever, but said I might find you possibly near Dauphin and Van Pelt. Then I mee that dear little crippled girl and she told me of you."

"Little Mary!" he smiled. "Our said I might foot ranks. He didn't care a rap. little crippled girl and she told me of you."

"Little Mary!" he smiled. "Our series with the champagne, at Chateau which will probably lead to it. Were the distribute immoral books or we fought, Father Daffy was in the We begged him to take cover. He always smiled. "Go, get them, boys. Don't be afraid of me. They'll never get me. He first precept of the Church, and lie in he don Sprader exemption." he had replaced Mary in her chair by her parlor window.

"We are friends," corrected Mary, "ain't we, Mr. Ole Bachelor?"

"I guess you're right," laughed Whittaker, "So that's what you "He's coming round, all right.

It is a type of direct scandal that has been given the name diabolical. The name is well applied. Nothing short of devilish can that procedure be called, which aims to produce sin in another purely for badness' sake. ample, who, after losing their own faith through some imaginary or even real grievance, go about revil-ing the Church, her ministers and her mission, and seeking by every means in their power to poison the minds of others, and lead them to the same deplorable state of soul. Not only the sentence of Our Bless ed Lord which we have quoted above, ed Lord which we have quoted above, but every declaration of His regard-ing the infinite price He sets upon a human soul, gives us an idea of the retribution He will demand for such

One cannot measure his guilt in One cannot measure his guist in giving scandal by the actual effect that follows in the person whom he scandalizes. It is not necessary that another's sin should follow from my sinful conduct, nor that I should know that it has followed. I can be guilty without either of these circumstances, and it is sufficient that I knew, when I acted, that my act was calculated to cause sin. I may give scandal, even though another give scandal, even though another does not take it. Inc dentally, on the other hand, scandal may be taken from some conduct of mine which ought not to occasion scandal, in which event there is not present a condition of sin. This may occur in what is termed "Pharasaisal scandal," wherein another is shocked at some conduct of mine which is partectly. conduct of mine which is perfectly legitimate, or so trifling as not to merit notice. Here the fault if there be any, is the other individual's, not mine. To be scandalized at seeing mine. To be scandalized at seeing someone receive Holy Communion sitting down, instead of kneeling, for example, would be a case in point. The person may be crippled or rendered otherwise incapable of kneeldered otherwise incapable of kneeling, and still judged guilty of irreverence. To be shocked at such an act resembles the attitude of the

of God's creatures to a better knowledge of Him, and a more generous service, so can we look for dire punishment and most severe condemna-tion, if, through our instrumentality, even one soul for whom the Son of God was willing to suffer and die, is robbed from Him and given over to the power and service of His enemy.— Catholic Columbian.



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MR. ROWELL vs. MR. ROWELL In our comments last week on Mr. Rowell's charge against the members of French Religious Orders liv

ing in Canada we took the report of the Free Press as quoting his very words so far as he touched, in his Bowmanville speech, on his famous - or infamous - accusation. The Free Press report we find was incom-

Before us now is the Globe's full verbatim report of Mr. Rowell's quote his every word of explanation or justification.

Our readers will have noted that we have always confined our comments on Mr. Rowell's North Bay speech to this single charge against the French religious. Cleverly enough, perhaps, for the audience, as well as that portion of the wider public to which he addressed himself, Mr. Rowell first appeals to anti Bourassa and anti-Quebec prejudice, reiterates his national existence, and by their courgeneral charge against the clergy of Quebec, deliberately and dishonestly transfers some of the very words of his particular charge against the French religious to the general charge against the French-speaking clergy of Quebec :

"The substance of my statement about the French-speaking clergy in Quebec was that the majority of them were supporters of Mr. Bourhis attitude on the War, and that in the course they were pursuing they were undermining Canada's

The words we have italicized respeech, solely and exclusively to the embers of the French religious orders who had found an asylum in Canada. It must be admitted that when he has reasons for not being

any class of citizens.

"If their objection was to my discus sing the question at all, then I can only that this country does not and will not recognize any immunity of the clergy from just and fair critiof their acts as citizens or residents of Canada."

As no one ever hinted at or thought of claiming any such immunity the speaker delivered a knockout blow

"Fair and just criticism"-that is

an important limitation to all criti- as members of the French army, cism. It is fair and just criticism to references were not to men who had quote,-in Mr. Rowell's own words, gone forth to fight but to men who the most serious accusation ever Province of Quebec during the war, made against any class in Canada's supporting Mr. Bourassa. Of the population; to point out that if true the Government have a duty in the can speak in too high terms." matter that cannot be shirked without such moral cowardice and bealleged monstrous abuse of hospi- on the gallant religious, "a body of Canada. hension of the facts or misinformation, then for the sake of decency, honor, truth and justice, public and private, that the charge be withdrawn, the amende honorable made, and the injury repaired.

virtue of his long silence in face of quasi-justification was so long dethe peremptory challenge to prove layed was that Canada's part in the or retract. He brings in Mr. Bourassa's name at every turn : "Mr. Bourassa and those who think with him" is his favorite way of and then in what immediately folusing the proverbial herring.

"While the War was on," asserts this high minded patriot, "I ignored all these attacks." Yes, just such 'attacks" as the Kaiser repelled when he inaugurated his war of self-defense! Mr. Rowell is even less frank than the Kaiser. The patriotic and long-suffering Liberal-Unionist leader conveniently forgets that it was he who made the attack, a wanton attack, an attack which he has never justified, against a whole class of Canada's population. He gently and virtuously insinuates that he has been wantonly attacked and plainly boasts that it was from natriotic motives alone he remained silent. Oh Spartan patriotism!

So far as Mr. Bourassa and the clergy and laity of Quebec are concerned they have their press, their full representation in Parliament, and are well able to take care of themselves. We have never troubled about them; Mr. Rowell is as disingenuous here as elsewhere in insinuating that it is only sympathizers with Mr. Bourassa and his Nationalist party who called him to account for his public accusations. Mr. Rowell of course knows better; but he is playing to the gallery.

The charge which we challenged Mr. Rowell to prove was this:

"In this attitude," added Mr. Rowell, "they were undoubtedly encouraged and abetted by the members of the religious orders from France who found an asylum in Canada, and that asylum to undermine Canada's strength in the struggle."

This is a specific accusation class. If any doubt remained as to l'Audace, toujours l'Audace !" the general application of this sweeping charge Mr. Rowell cleared the slandered religious were reservists. minds of his hearers and readers They were not obliged to return Since then we read that conditions most effectually by adding :

follow the example of the priests of not say so outright. the Catholic Church in France, who threw themselves into the struggle age and sacrifice won for themselves new place in the hearts of the French people.'

Challenged to substantiate so grave a charge Mr. Rowell remained silent; or Great Britain. Mr. Rowell knows tional assembly, if it is ever chosen, confronted with the statistics adduced by Mr. Murphy in Parliament Mr. Rowell was dumb.

These statistics proved incontrovertibly that the maligned French religious who found an asylum in Canada not only emulated the priests of France, but by their courage and sacrifice, by their unselfish devotion to their beloved France whence they had been exiled, they wrote the most ferred, in Mr. Rowell's North Bay sublime chapter in the sublime record of patriotism during the speech which dealt with these heroic Mr. Rowell is a good "mixer" dead and no less heroic living Frenchmen to whom Canada will ever have been proud of having opened wide her Then the sometime Liberal leader hospitable gates. Their glorious poses theatrically as the bold and record cannot be read and reread fearless champion of free criticism of without a thrill of pride by every Catholic, by every Canadian.

Nevertheless these slandered dead and slandered living heroes Mr. Rowell allowed to rest under his baseless calumny for a full year. At last in his Bowmanville speech he makes this allusion to them :

"In order, however, to make political capital and stir up religious and racial feeling against Union Government, it is suggested to this straw man which he had set that my references covered the up to show his prowess-and his French reservists who were members of religious orders, and who, when called to the colors by their Government, returned to France and fought

And this is all that Mr. Rowell feels tality charged against the immigrant men," to quote Mr. Murphy when French religious; to demand, there- marshalling the facts to rout Mr. the War in rushing to the colors and supported by armed force. fore, that the allegation publicly Rowell's slanders, "whose courage, giving a tremendous impetus to made by a public man be substandevotion to duty and self sacrifice in Canada's effort, a magnificent in question the wisdom of armed interthat sense of chivalry which, though tiated; or if made under misappre- the present War stamp them as worthy to follow the footsteps of that | British-born who had chosen Canada | noble band of French missionaries who first made this land known to Europe and blazed the way for its colonization and development."

And the reason that even this ten-Mr. Rowell makes a high patriotic uous, disingenuous, quasi-retraction, War might not be impeded!

Note the impudent charge and the base appeal in the opening sentence;

"The trouble is, not that I misrep resented anybody, but that I told the truth about the situation then existing in the Province of Quebec. An explanation of the campaign of misrepresentation now being pursued by Mr. Bourassa and those associated with him in the Province is that with him in this Province is that they hope by representing that their faith is attacked, and by posing as

defenders of that faith, to unite behind them in one party, for political purposes and political action, all who share their religious views. Dr. Johnson is sometimes quoted

in a more comprehensive sense than he intended when he said that patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel; but that honest and sham hating old Briton could find today in Mr. Rowell's speech an apt illustration of his meaning. " Patriotism" and prejudice, partizan, racial and religious, are the last refuge of Mr. Rowell.

Mr. Rowell's charge a year ago was plainly, unequivocally, directly, against the French religious resident in Canada, and against them as a class without qualification or reservation.

Now he has the effrontery to say that "in order to make political capital and stir up religious and racial feeling against the Union Government it is suggested that my refer ences covered the French reservists who were members of religious orders and who, when called to the colors by their Government, returned to France and fought as members of the French army."

When Mr. Rowell meets Voltaire Bowmanville address, and we shall against the religious from France; it in the Elysian fields the famous Central Empires, not to speak of the is a sweeping charge without any re French infidel will greet the Christian Balkans, given over to Bolshevism can servation whatsoever against these statesman from Canada as a man the tide of anarchy be kept from men, all of them or at any rate as a lafter his own heart — "l'Audace submerging the rest of Europe?

In the first place few if any of the

Mr. Rowell knew this. Mr. Rowell knows that it required a special treaty to enable the United States, after entering the War and putting conscription in force, to reach American citizens subject to the draft who were by accident or design in Janada that with Ireland exempt from conscription Great Britain could not reach the tens of thousands of Englishmen subject to the draft who sought refuge in Ireland during the to the Provincial Government, espe-War.

Mr. Rowell knows that the French men whom he maligned, had no jurisdiction over them in Canada to compel them to return and fight in the French army.

If Mr. Rowell had told his audience Great War. We reprint in this that every single man of military age issue that portion of Mr. Murphy's and fitness of that class which he had slandered had, in spite of any feeling of resentment he may have felt at being expatriated, gone freely back to fight for France, that a score of them had laid down their lives in that cause which he had accused them of undermining, that military honors and military orders had recognized the valor and gallantry of those who still lived, the honest feelings of even that partizan and misinformed gathering would have found expression in applause and cheers. Then he might, in the contagion of that honest and honorable and manly feeling, have found it in his heart to admit that he was ignorant of the truth when he spoke a year ago at North Bay. But, like many other politicians, Mr. Rowell has too low an opinion of the sense of decency, the sense of honor and justice, the than regeneration. manliness and mental capacity of the common people if he does not realize Of the tion of mind and heart in a place autocracy on the other." which he has chosen to abdicate.

spiration to Canada's loyalty, the as their home won for themselves undying honor and gratitude.

The British-born as a class, magnificent as is their record, can not equal the sublime record of the men whom Mr. Rowell accused of monstrous abuse of Canada's hospitality and of they were ready to die.

Commons thus summoned their author to retract

"If the hon. gentleman's state were not made for a wicked and malicious purpose, then by every standard of public and private honour he is required to retract what he has said, to offer an apology to the living and to make reparation to the memory of the dead.

Mr. Rowell's friends can hardly be proud of the way he has attempted to measure up to the standards of public and private honor.

THE MENACE OF BOLSHEVISM

Russia gave us the word and exemplified what it means. So many people think of Bolshevism as a Russian condition, a Russian curse it may be, but Russia is a long way off and the War is over. Few think of Bolshevism as a menace to the world's peace, as real a menace and as far reaching as was the Great War itself four years ago.

The other day Emil Bartha, a prominent German Socialist, admitting Germany's guilt in starting the War, urged that in this dark hour it is in the interest of the Entente to help Germans organize their country, go to work and pay off their debts. 'We have no cotton, no leather and Millions of our people are hungry." That way, as President Wilson was tion of startling significance: quick to recognize, lies madness. The madness of Bolshevism, of subversion of all social order, threatens what was once the German Empire. With Russia and what were once the The Globe the other day predicted short shrift for it in Ravaria "the most conservative of German States." and fight in the French army, as Mr. have become so chaotic there that joined in addressing the Bavarian Government in these plain - spoken

> 'Recent occurrences, especially those of the last few days, leave no doubt that we are facing danger from anarchy. The press is threatened, freethe ballot is at stake. Will the nabe able to count on meeting? the Government no will to rule or no order, or does it want anarchy?

terms:

cially to the present minister, Presi dent Eisner. a definite and unequivocal answer; Government, which had exiled the not only in words, but in action, with conservative and aggressive acts that will brook no delay.

"Should this answer not be given we will know and all Bavaria will know that neither from the present Government nor from the assembly to be elected under its responsibility is there anything else to be expected than steady deseneration into the

And Bavaria is pre-dominantly Catholic. If its people, brought up in attained the eminence he has that Church which the Protestant achieved in journalism. If he is Catholics is the need of this society Russia, Hungary and Denmark alone Guizot, reviewing the civilization of right in this matter then is Bolshe- for our men and boys. The Catholic have sufficient food supplies to last Europe, declared to be a veritable vism indeed a serious menace to Church has been truly termed "the until next harvest without imports. school for respect of authority, face established social order in Europe greatest school of reverence in the There are problems enough and to this prospect what hope is there and in the world. where radical Socialism has, practic ally unhindered, so wed the seeds of class hatred and antagonism? It is to be noted that the Socialist party in Bavaria did not join with the others in signing the above appeal.

In Russia, Carl W. Ackerman after several months travelling through that country, writes:

"Russia is a nation divided against itself, an Empire of chaos. Financially bankrupt, economically starved and war-weary, it is nearer collapse A distressing and disappointing

feature is that Russia's civil war is that in honestly acknowledging his test for power between anarchy on error he would stand in their estima- the one hand and militarism and Of democracy, as we conceive it,

Some families gave their every where rich and poor, educated and member of the Church is prepared to member capable of bearing arms to unlettered, bourgeoisie and prolecalled upon in honor and justice to the cause now crowned with victory. tariat, all have their proportionate trayal of trust as would brand them say in explanation or justification of Not one of these exceeded the record voice and influence, Mr. Ackerman as accessories after the fact to the his wanton and unwarranted attack of the French religious resident in found not a trace. Bolshevism is the antithesis of democracy and leaves By their action at the beginning of as the only alternative autocracy

Russia.

this is not so very surprising, for the gentleman. You cannot give greater Protestant principle of substituting private judgment for lawfully constituted authority in spiritual matters is religious counterpart of civil anarchy.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable evidences of the recognition of impending peril to civilization and short of their attainment. social order is an interview given by Lord Northcliffe to John F. Bass. representing the Chicago Daily News of reverence that the thinking men Company. Turning from the discus- of the world, who see the danger of world's interest - the peace terms -the great British journalist said :

"Vastly more important in the army like a great snake crawling westward into Poland, Behind the the Russian factories Bolshevik supply munitions. They pay the soldiers enormous sums and they help themselves to whatever they can lay

their hands on.
"Starvation gives them recruits who go with the army in order to keep alive. Poland offers fertile keep alive. Poland offers fertile fields for them in resources and probable recruits because the Polish peasants, like the Russians, want the land, which is in the hands of the

"We have no cotton, no leather and very little other raw materials. the Bolsheviki."

And then he added this observa

"The people will not pay any atten ant force which is moving towards

from sensational to the most conprotected it."

proceedings.

ceptional sources of information; Canadian daily press is a whit would mean should it ever assume without these he could not have better?

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Of the various confraternities in the Church there is none that makes a wider appeal not only to Catholic men but to those not of the faith than the Holy Name Society. One reason for this, especially as regards Catholics, is that the conditions of membership impose no new obligations upon the initiated. To avoid cursing and swearing, the use of vulgar and indecent language, and the giving of scandal in any way is incumbent upon everyone whether he be a member of the Holy Name Society or not. Then as regards quarterly Communion it may be reasonably presumed that a faithful do a little more than comply with the minimum condition that is essential to the avoidance of mortal sin and excommunication.

The main attraction, however, of this society, that commends it to Catholic and non-Catholic, to civilian France it appears is beginning to and soldier alike, is that it appeals to vention in Russia; and from the sometimes latent, is in the heart of workmen of England, the United every man. The good soldier be-States and Canada we have protests lieves in devotion, loyalty and obediagainst interference. Resolutions of ence to his commander. He theresympathy and encouragement have fore appreciates the merits of a gone forth from Canadian labor con- society in which those, who were gresses to the Red revolutionists of made soldiers of Christ in Confirmation, league themselves together to Even amongst clergymen Bolshe- defend the honor of their Command undermining the cause for which vism finds its advocates. The Rev. er's Name and to advance the cause S. Banks Nelson, D. D., of Hamilton, for which He laid down His life. At the conclusion of his recital of in "an excellent and illuminating Everyone, who has a spark of manthe evidence which crushingly address "at Waterloo, extolled "bro- hood in him, prides himself upon Echo De Paris says. The first man to refuted Mr. Rowell's charges, Mr. therly and kindly spirit," the high being called a Christian gentleman, be decorated with the new order will the evidence which crushingly address "at Waterloo, extolled "bro- hood in him, prides himself upon Murphy on the floor of the House of "ideals and purposes" of Russia's however lacking he may be in the

red handed murderers. After all qualifications that are essential to a offence to a man than to tell him that he is no gentleman. He will Over seven hundred stores are altherefore view with approval a society that makes for the realization of which he instinctively admires, however much he may personally fall

Perhaps it is because this society

aims at the cultivation of the virtue

sion of what in normal conditions irreverence, hold it in such high would be the subject absorbing the esteem. A non-Catholic writer, whose name is a household word in Ontario, penned these lines: "The curse of the age and of this country in particular is irreverence. It any woe shall befall the nation in conse quence of it, the Roman Catholic Church can plead not guilty; but I have always contended that our Protestantism, and more particularly Methodism, has much to answer for-The Church of Rome is the only Church which offers a solid front to the oncoming wave of irreverenceirreverence for sacred things, for the marriage tie, for the home, for tradition and worse than all for women However, the patriotism of the and children." This picture is not overdrawn, as everyone who is cognizant of the trend of events will admit. The profanation of churches, the first half dozen of the innumerblasphemous attacks upon religion and its ministers, the prevalence of tion to the situation, but it may come to pass that we shall have to unite with Germany to arrest this malighad their origin in Catholic tradition and that make for the protection of It is not necessary to admire Lord virtue, the daily record in the press Northcliffe, much less to agree with of marital infidelity, of divorce and the Canadian soldier. From the all his policies, to recognize that he infanticide confirm the writer's office of the President has issued an is a great force in England and in words. The daily press is itself the order which is bulletined at every the world. The correspondent who chief offender. Its greatest sin is station on the lines to the effect that interviewed him says that he "is not the lessons of disrespect for virconsidered by some to be the most tue and parental authority that it far as possible place themselves in powerful man in Great Britain be- inculcates in its Sunday supplement. | the position of the father, mother, cause of his control of many daily, It is its betrayal of truth. God is wife, sister or other relative of the "It is a misfortune that they did not Rowell insinuates, though he dare three of the leading statesmen weekly and monthly publications, Truth, and those who have no rever. returning men, and deal with them ence for truth can have no reverence as they would wish to be dealt with servative. A certain ruthless deter- for God. Listen to the testimony of under similar circumstances. As a mination in his method of handling an American journalist, quoted by summing-up of a long list of instruchis papers lead people to suspect Hamilton Holt, in regard to the tions designed to facilitate despatch him of ill controlled ambition. His American press: "There is no such of troop trains, etc., agents and all influence with public men like Lloyd thing in America as an independent George causes him to be feared. Yet press. I am paid for keeping honest out the system are exhorted and he alone has had the strength and opinions out of the paper I am con. will be expected "to deal courage during the War to fight in nected with. If I should allow competency in his own Government honest opinions to be printed in one enquirers and to give them correctly and the stupid censorship which issue of my paper, before twentyfour hours my occupation, like He is now advocating publicity at Othello's, would be gone. The busithe peace conference, the only means ness of a New York journalist is to by which the interests of the common distort the truth, to lie outright, to zens of Canada. Nothing is too good people of all countries can be pervert, to vilify, to fawn at the foot for the heroes of Ypres, Vimy, Passecured amid the clash of national of Mammon, and to sell his country rivalries, cupidities and ambitions and his race for his daily bread. carried on by representatives of the We are the tools or vassals of the ruling classes and protected from rich men behind the scenes. Our is about 400,000,000, Of the eastern democratic indignation by secret time, our talents, our lives, our possi | Asiatic peoples the Chinese alone bilities are all the property of other number more than that, which No one can deny to Lord North- men. We are intellectual prosti- fact may help to a realcliffe discernment, insight, and ex- tutes." Who will contend that our ization of what the "Yellow Peril"

> world." The one thing that most spare to cement the white races into impresses those not of the faith when entering our churches is the reverential spirit of Catholic worshippers; and the one thing that scandelizes them most is the un- from the press of G. P. Putnam's gentlemanly bearing and lack of reverence for God's holy Name among those same men when they mingle with them in the daily business of which the Society has in contemplalife. Our Catholic men should realize that they owe it to themselves the good feeling engendered by the and to their Church to always act | War. While the chief object of the the part of a gentleman; and that they cannot with impunity approach the altar rail and then sink to the vulgar level of men who perhaps have not even received the regenerating sacrament of Baptism. The relations between the two great great lessons that the feast of the Holy Name teaches, and that the foundation can be laid for lasting society which is being happily established in so many parishes today aims at putting into practice, are have given rise to friction in the reverence for God and the things past. This book is designed to that pertain to God, His teaching, facilitate such understanding. His laws. His sacraments and His ministers, reverence for our fellowman as a child of God and a brother of Jesus Christ, and lastly reverence for ourselves as temples of the Holy Ghost, as soldiers in the army of Christ, as heirs to that Christian chivalry that pays homage not to social glamour but to the man in overalls whose speech and whose conduct measure up to its require-THE GLEANER

King Albert of Belgium intends to create a new military order to be known as the Order of the Yser, The he Marshal Foch.

NOTES AND COMMENTS NEW YORK is leading the way in

the boycott of German manufactures. ready displaying the sign " No German Made Goods Sold Here" and those ideals of gentlemanly conduct the movement is spreading. The Women's National Committee of the American Defence Society has instituted an active propaganda in this direction. This is a form of namesis over which the Peace Conference has no immediate control.

> THE ANNOUNCEMENT that Mgr. Bickerstaffe-Drew, better known to lovers of good literature as "John Avscough," is shortly to enter upon a lecture tour in the United States and Canada, should be of especial interest to Catholics, whose literature he has enriched by a score or more of good novels and by other books of an informing and elevating character. Of the latter, "French Windows," (Longmans, Green & Co., New York,) being the intimate reflections of an Army chaplain which rayeal a phase of the War beyond the vision of the ordinary correspondent and told with great charm and pathos, is particularly noteworthy, Those who have not already made its acquaintance will find it worth their while to do so. It is easily among able books to which the War has given birth.

THE CANADIAN Pacific Railway has inaugurated a good lead in the matter of repatriating and rehabilitating all officers and employees should so members of staff concerned throughcourteously and patiently with all and clearly the fullest information possible in response to their enquiries." This lead should be followed always and everywhere by the citischendaele, Amiens and Mons.

concrete form. As one result of the But what concerns us most as Great War, we are informed, South a common bond of friendship

> Concords," is a new book issued Sons, New York. It has been compiled by the "History Circle" of that city, and is but the first of a series tion, designed to foster and cement book is simply to present all the facts in the case, an effort is made to analyze these facts and to elucidate their bearing upon the present situation and future prospects as to the English-speaking nations. No better peace and concord than a thorough understanding of the issues which

> IN "THE Last Independent Parliament of Ireland." Dr. George Sigerson has in the estimation of competent authorities made a most valuable contribution towards an understanding of the whole problem of Ireland. Sir Horace Plunkett's aphorism that "Irish history is for Irishmen to forget and Englishmen to remember" may be beautiful in theory, but, as has been well said Ireland will never forget until England begins to learn. To hasten that day has been Dr. Sigerson's motive in writing the book, and we are persuaded that only along such lines will understanding, reparation and mutual sympathy ever be achieved.

THE TITLE of Dr. Sigerson's book s misleading, for it is really a survey of Irish history for four hundred o is misleading, for it is really a survey of Irish history for four hundred Anti-Christ ruled in Ireland," the Anti-Christ ruled in Ireland," the Starving for so long.

Finally, as one whose Americanism author draws a dreadful though dis-passionate picture of the Penal Laws. It was not Catholics alone who suffered but the Ulster Protestants as well, though by no means in the as well, though by no means in the same degree. It certainly would tend to hasten settlement of the tend to hasten settlement of the problem if the Ulster Unionists hour of victory, there is entrusted to of today would recall as Dr. Sigerson urges them to recall, the fact that many thousands of their forbears emigrated to America to escape the English-speaking nations of the the common oppressor, and that these "Ulster Protestants and Presbyterians saw in America the Catholic colony of Maryland, where - Catholics who were oppressed were sure to find an asylum, and there, too, Protestants were sheltered from Protestant intolerance."

#### IRISH SETTLEMENT ESSENTIAL

ARCHBISHOP MUNDELEIN'S FERVID APPEAL FOR IRELAND

As far back as I can remember, the Home Rule question was ever on the eve of settlement. Again and again self-government was promised to the people. Next month, next next day Parliament was to vote favorably on the question and Irishmen all over would prepare to congratulate themselves and celebrate the coming of a brighter day in their country's history. Then sud-denly the cup would be dashed from lips, and disappointment come their portion, even as it had been their forefathers'. But "hope long deferred maketh the heart and now they are about to ask sick, and now they are about to ask justice from a greater judge and jury. Ireland today pleads before the tribunal of the nations of the world. She asks for no favor, she seeks no revenge, she picks no quarrel; she asks for nothing but simple justice, only that which we are giving to the smallest, the meanest, the poorest nation of the earth. We have gone to war because little nations were downtrodden, because little provinces were cut off from the parent land, because the rights of smaller races were trampled on by usurping empires. Ireland asks for just that, nothing more, that she be allowed to govern her-elf, that Irish men may mould the destinies of the inhabitants of their little green isle. They differ from their present rulers every way, in race, in traditions, in language, in religion, in history : they are as much a separate people as are the Belgians, the Bohemians, the Poles. Surely their petition is a reasonable one. They don't ask control the sea or the land or the air. They ask for no empire, no army, no king of their own. They ask only to be allowed to look after their own business, to watch over one of the smallest of the countries of Europe, their own little land, to govern no one but their own people. It seems preposterous to think that to them what we are giving so lavishly to every other nation in the world, the liberty they have waited for so long.

AMERICA MUST SUPPORT IRELAND

And it seems fitting that this petition coming from Ireland at this time should have the support of the American people; for no fair minded man will deny that no small part of today is due to the very large pro. past. portion of the Irish element among her citizens. Perhaps more than any other race they have added to the al strength, to the intellectual, to the high moral standard of our people. From them have come the foremost of our statesmen, the greatest of our churchmen, the brainiest Were anyone to question their ability to govern, a visit to the legislative chambers of the nation, to the capitals of the States, to the halls of justice in the cities, would be the most effective answers. As to their right, surely they have won it in many battles, on many fields in this war. Just scan the lengthy casualty lists, and read there the overwhelming number of Celtic names; then listen to the glorious roster of the sons of Irish fathers who are mentioned there for distinguished service in the field: finally, count the vast number of those at home who have loyally and patriotically aided this our country hour of its need, from the priest who headed the drive for the liberty loan to the little old Catholic mother who cheerfully gave all five of her boys to the service of her adopted country, and then tell me, if you dare, that the Irish have not one more than their share to win

this war. IRISH SETTLEMENT IS ESSENTIAL

among them, a stranger in a strange came to them as Patrick came to their forefathers, their spiritual leader, their bishop, the shepherd of But when punishment has been in One day a soldier is told that he is their forefathers, their spiritual humanity. leader, their bishop, the shepherd of But whe their souls. Surely I would repay flicted, them but poorly were my voice to re-

our own country. I have said before and I repeat, and it is but what many us added responsibility; for grave dangers menace our western civiliza-tion in the years to come. Only a solid, unbroken front maintained by world—that means America, England and her Colonies, cemented by com-plete harmony, mutual co-operation, thorough understanding, will avert the threatened disaster. Until the Irish question is satisfactorily settled, it is idle to talk of such "solid, unbroken front," there will ever be a smouldering undercurrent of bitterness and opposition against it from the masses in America, Australia, Africa and even Canada and it is well for our statesmen to know it in advance.

And so I say to you Irishmen to-night "God speed your efforts." It may be this is the day for which your fathers longed, the hour of which your patriot dreamed when he uttered the last words, "When my country has taken her place among the nations of the earth, then and not 'till then let my epitaph be written."—Chicago New World.

#### TO CHRISTIANITY AND LABOR

FALL FATE OF MANKIND

The following is the clear and emphatic statement issued by His Eminence, Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of London, emphasizing the attitude which the Allies must assume toward the fallen enemy and likewise a statement of one of the great international problems, the more equitable distribution of wealth, which the coming peace conference must attempt to find :

The terrible strain of war is now at last at its end. Only a few months ago it seemed as if it might be indefinitely prolonged. The sudden peril at the end of March and the beginning of April roused the whole nation and empire to a sense never before felt to the same degree of imminent and present danger. The unity of command under the supreme leadership of a soldier of outstanding genius and deep religleadership of a soldier of ious conviction which was the imme diate outcome of that black fortnight has resulted in a change so stupendous as to be termed by some mira-culous. This at least is certain: prayers of a public and national character have during the last few months been poured forth at the Throne of God with a fervour and frequency not reached in the earlier stages of the war. Those who be-lieve are conscious that the Almighty has not failed to give ear to their

supplications Every week brings us nearer to the day when the final issues must be decided, not in the field of combat, but at the council table. Those who have shown themselves staunch and brave and much enduring in the often clouded seasons of the past four years will have to show forth truth and justice and self-restraint as the bright sun of the summer of victory begins to dawn upon them. God's help and guidance, invoked by constant prayer, are needed now as much as, if not more than, in the

What is to be our bearing now that conscious of God's help in the day of our direst need, we are entitled to hold ourselves as victors and are in the presence of a con-quered foe? No one has set forth more clearly than the great Archbishop of Malines, Cardinal Mercier the precise nature of Christian duty in such circumstances. In his letter of January, 1917, His Eminence Eminence traces with masterly hand the place which anger and passion and the spirit of just vengeance, as opposed to the vice of hatred, have in the

virtue of charity.

We are entitled to full and adequate reparation for the injuries and wrongs so wantonly, so unjustly, so unnecessarily inflicted upon us and our allies by those who, for their own end, provoked this awful struggle. We are entitled—nay, it is our duty—to take all lawful means to render remote and impossible the renewal of such unjust provocation. It will be seen how far these principles carry us from the foolish cry inspired by subversive elements in Russia some months ago of "no indemnities and no annexations."

The task before the allied nations

is to mingle justice rightly with charity. As Cardinal Mercier says "There is no Christian justice with out charity, and no charity without justice. And as avenging justice is better grace from me, who have not a drop of Irish blood in my veins, than from one of their own. From the first moment of my correct moment of my corr one of their own. From injustice, under the pretext of three sons k moment of my coming heroism in charity, and to allow the present War. enemy to commit crimes with impunity because he is the enemy, is thoughten, the strange in a strange country the country the hor party is the enemy, is the characteristic of this eminent, betheir wholehearted allegiance, their to fail to recognize the sovereign and loved Catholic soldier, General de unquestioned obedience, their unshakable loyalty, simply because I organization of the moral, individual,

signs of sorrow and atonement— then we must be prepared to give the place in the world's development even to our enemies which their natural abilities and their legitimate achievements may justly claim for them. There should be no place for undying hatreds.

This is the strennous work to which the statesmen of the world will soon be called. It is hoped that it is already engaging their fullest attention. If the work be well done we may look forward to a stable and enduring peace, perhaps even to the realization of the dream of a permanent League of Nations. If the work be done too hastily and without sufficient care, if a settlement be accepted which leaves even on ternational problem unsolved, those who come after us in the second or third generation may have to face again the same and greater horrors

of international warfare in their day.
May God be with us and guide those who have the handling of such weighty matters to a prudent, wise, just and truly Christian conclusion May all the allied nations uphold those who are called to guide their destinies by striving to tread the true, straight course of mingled charity and justice.

There are millions of people for whom the necessary conditions of life are never realized. All their lives they are forced to be content with dwellings that are badly built and equipped, unfit for a growing family, and wanting in ordinary conven-

They are tied by the exigencies of their daily toil to a particular locality, and must perforce put up with the accommodation that they find. Their weekly income will never rise beyond a miserable pittance; before their eyes is ever the spectre of the

possibility of unemployment.

But there is nothing in the nature of things to render such a condition in any way necessary. It cannot be urged that the goods of this world are insufficient for the maintens of all those who dwell therein. every side there are evidences of wealth and plenty. Money is acquired and heaped up in the ownership of individuals to such an extent that it must be quite impossible for the possessor adequately to control either its acquisition or its outlay.

Such conditions are clearly unnat ural and abnormal. The poor man is forced to struggle for his living wage obtained too often at the cost of strikes, which paralyze industry, The rich are led to think that the accumulation of wealth is the main object of life, and the strike is fought by the lock-out. In both cases the sanctification and salvation of souls created for an eternal des tiny are exposed to needless jeopardy. Meanwhile there is wealth in plenty to satisfy both worker and capitalist.

The problem to be solved is to find of distributing the surplus wealth so that the poor man, manual laborer, or inferior clerk may have the additional remuneration that he so urgently needs; and the rich man no longer receive the heap up incre-ment which he in no sense requires and cannot efficiently control.

The problem is international, as is the problem of obtaining a just peace. There are in the world two international forces, Christianity and labor, to which will fall in large measure the task of solving these problems. Let these two forces come to a complete understanding, and they will be invincible.—New World.

ANOTHER CATHOLIC IS ADDED TO LIST OF THE MARSHALS OF FRANCE

Another distinguished Catholic has een added to the list of the marshals of France, Gen. Edouard de de Castelnau, who Curieres given that honor by the cabinet last month.

General de Castelnau was born in 1851 and saw his first military activity in the Franco-Prussian War, where he won the rank of captain. After the war he rose gradually in rank by reason of his remarkable military intelligence and executive capacity until in 1909 he was made general and became the collaborator with General Joffre on the general

General de Castelnau received command in Lorraine and with his far-reaching effects as in the west.

"Iron Division" sanguinarily de"The after-war problems will meet "Iron Division" sanguinarily de-feated the Germans at the Crown of there with rapid and very often rad-

In 1915 General de Castelnau was appointed chief of shaff, which post he held until December, 1916, when it was abolished. Several times we be able to marshal our forces and it was abolished. Several there have been reports that General castelnau was to be made a marshal. ples in the solving of the social, econ-When he relinquished the post of chief of the general staff the Cham- hour. ber of Deputies by special decree permitted him to remain on the active list of the army, notwith standing the fact that he had reached the age limit.

"The Church cannot remain on isolated factor in the nation. The Catholic Church possesses spiritual and moral resources which are at the command of the nation in every great crisis. The message to the

General de Castelnau has lost three sons killed in battle in the and provincialism is a message like-

cealed behind the company during the ceremony. When the croix de guerre is pinned on the soldier's breast, the ranks open and the mother runs forward to embrace her son .-

#### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF CANADA

WHY WE ARE

The specific object of the Catholic Church Extension Society is to solicit spiritual and financial aid for our ne missions. Through its press literature, auxiliary societies and various other activities this apostolic society is ever trying to quicken among Catholics a profound sense of responsibility to the Church Universal. depends on how the Church in the East understands and shoulders its By financial aid we do not only mean

donations and contributions here and there from wealthy Catholics. What we have in view is the financial assist ance of the Church in the East, as a whole, as a corporate body. Every Catholic in Canada must become become more interested in "Home Missions and be willing to do "his little bit." As the small fibrous roots are the feeders and strength of the tree so also the small and continued donations of all Catholics in the East will be the support of our missions in the West. In the various Protestant denominations for every dollar given to the support of the local church another dollar goes to the "Home Mission Fund." At the last general Methodist Conference (Hamilton, 1918) that Church pledged eight million dollars, (\$8,000,000) for their missions in the next five years. With the enormous sums these various religious bodies receive from the East they support the non - Catholic institutions of higher education to be found in all cities of Western Canada, they distribute free of charge tons of literature throughout the prairie, they defray the expenses of

their social workers, field secretaries, etc. Among the Catholics of hundreds of parishes does not the prevailing policy seem to be: "Charity begins at home" — and we may add, often ends there. When one has paid his pew rent and his dues, bought a few tickets for a sacred concert or bazaar, thrown on the collection plate each Sunday a few cop pers or a small piece of silver, thinks he has accomplished all his duty to the Church. The vision of too many Catholics does not go beyond the boundaries of their parish or their diocese. Circumscribed in their views, they remain illiberal in

their sympathies Our parishes and dioceses will suffer from an increased zeal in the broader interests of the Universal Church. There can be no conflict of interests in the Church of God, if seen from the proper point of view, the Glory of God and the salvation of souls. This missionary spirit has also a bearing on the spiritual welfare of the flock in which it is fostered. For those who would object that giving money to our Western Church "carrying coals to New Castle" would state that the West now needs more the help of the East than any other time. The organized parishes are indeed beginning to be self-sup-porting; but the mission work, if it is

to be done, has to be supported by the Catholics of Canada at large. The spiritual aid will be the prayers, masses, sacrifices of all kind offered for our Home Missions. Nothing strengthens faith and promotes genuine piety as prayers and sacri-fices for the great cause of our missions. They are so disinterested, they reveal true love for our Blessed Lord. The divine Master cannot but hear the prayer asking him to send "labourers to the ripening harvest" devotion to Church and country Great is the seriousness of the

-and could we give better proof of present hour, tremendous the task that confronts us after the War. Never has any generation in history been so freighted with the responsi-bilities of the future as ours is, marching home from the battlefields of Europe. We are living in stirring and changeful times. Nowhere in When the present War broke out the Dominion of Canada will the Nancy. For this operation he became popularly known as "the sayiour of Nancy."

ical solutions. To understand this issue that faces our country, to grasp it in all its breath and fulness should it in all its breath and fulness should we not broaden our vision, readjust omical and religious problems of the "The Church cannot remain great crisis. The message to the nation to forget local boundaries characteristic of this eminent, be-loved Catholic soldier, General de greater tasks which burden our col-

blaze of Catholic zeal, as we are accustomed to witness on the occasion of some special sermon and appeal by a missionary will only prompt an act of passing generosity. The special object of the Catholic Church Extension Society is to give to Catholics that vision of their social responsibility and religious solidarity and to keep it by its organization in a healthy condition. It ization in a healthy condition. It realizes that cooperation from the Church at large will exist and maintain itself only if preceded, accompanied and upheld by a strong and vigilant Catholic public opinion. In return public opinion, once created in the ranks of our Catholic laity,

forget: vision—and public opinion is the vision of the multitude—is the first and primary motive of constructive forces. To have Catholic action we must first create a Catholic mind. A publicity campaign, followed by dominion wide drive for funds, would be now in order. The spirit of giving and of giving for great causes is in the air. A campaign of that nature—we have seen it often during the war, is in itself an education. It spreads information and

arouses the sense of duty.
From the clearness, breadth and in the past among us so many unfortunate misunderstandings and have weakened our forces before enemy, we will rise to the level of our faith, to the creative powers of true Catholicity.

The "Call of the West" has been heard—It comes to you with burning problems of the present . . . . praesentia tangens . . . and the vision of brilliant promises and heavy responsibilities of the future . . . futura prospiciens.

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CARDINAL DENIES REPORT FROM ROME

DID NOT SEEK TO INFLUENCE THE PRESIDENT ON ROMAN QUESTION

Cardinal Gibbons denies emphatically the cabled report from Rome that he and Cardinal Mercier had asked President Wilson "to use his influence in favor of sending a Papal adjust the Roman question," which, the message stated, had been report-Cardinal said:

"There is nothing in that. It is absolutely untrue. But you can say for me that the Italian Ambassador and his entire suite called on me and Splendid work has been done by Gratefully yours in Jesus and Mary, offered the felicitations of the Italian , the pastors of our churches in warn Government upon my jubilee celebra-

It was stated at the Cardinal's residence that the visit of the Ambassador took place while the Cardinal was in Washington attending the Pan American Mass on Thanksgiving Day.-Buffalo Echo.

#### A SAD CONFESSION

An Anglican chaplain at Salonika writing home to England makes an admisssion that carries a heart-break ing lesson. "The ministration of the Church of England Padre to his dying men is the saddest and most pathetic experience possible. must be some radical change if the Church of England is to lay hold of these souls. There is no place for Protestantism or anything other than the Catholic faith.' pathetic enough to have to confess that one's own institution is but paralysed arm in ministering to the sick and dying, but there is no sympathy for the poor Anglican chaplain in attempting to delude himself that he is at once a Catholic and a priest? From Catholic chaplains there is no similar plaint. On every side there is wonder at the co operation of the men, their anxiety for the priest, and their sole con above every bodily pain for comforts of their religion. Must the English Tommy be endowed with that sense of things that indicates to resent War.

Humaneness is clearly a marked wise to the Catholic Church. Parochial, diocesan and provincial limits not the shadow? What can be make out of it, when he will be told by one chaplain that he must go to confession, and by another of the Castelnau. Among other instances lective religious resources." (Card. confession, and by another of the chronicled in a biographical sketch of him, written by Charles Baussan, of him, written by Charles Baussan, that broad, Catholic vision of our bother about such a Roman superhumanity.

But when punishment has been in flicted, when reparation has been made, when there is solid evidence in made, when there is solid evidence is to be decorated for a gallant feat of arms, and the exclamation escapes is this incident:

Done day a soldier is told that he is to be decorated for a gallant feat of arms, and the exclamation escapes in the vision struggles into conscious ness and wins its way to the dominion of Christ in the Sacrament and by ant,

a systematized, continuous effort that will gradually crystalize that vision into a definite, workable project. A flourish of trumpets and blaze of Catholic zeal, as we are general is a broad churchman, and his own chaplain a very high church-man? These niceties of belief con-fuse him and he rejects it all. The tragedy of the Anglican church was never made more manifest than in the present crisis .- New World.

#### IRISHMEN IN CHICAGO SEND PLEA TO WILSON

Chicago, Dec. 16.—At a mass convention under the auspices of the Committee of One Hundred, acting for all Irieh societies in Chicago, resolutions were adopted and ordered cabled to President Wilson in Paris urging him to intercede in behalf of Ireland at the coming Peace Confer-

will make the Extension Society a live-wire, a dynamic force of the Church in Canada. Let us not Addresses were delivered by Arch bishop George W. Mundelein, former Governor Edward F. Dunne, Mayor Thompson and Congressman Galla-gher, the latter author of the Congressional resolution now in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Relations, which calls on Great

#### FUTURE MORAL PERILS

The nation has passed through a From the clearness, breaden and depth of that vision will spring the the colors of hundreds of tuousands conquering spirit of united action. of young men left bare the ranks of industry. The employment of young and youths was made imperative. But all this produced conditions that were dangerous and abthe normal, observes a writer.

Again there was manifest on the part of many citizens a desire to ex-tend every kindness to our boys. This desire in itself when rightly expressed, was honest and laudable. But here again abuses gradually and crept in, owing to the over-indulgence of parents.

Even the casual observer has noted

the outbreak of the war. The publicity of prominent thoroughfares could not at times keep their actions within bounds. It is a matter of common knowledge that for the protection of our soldiers, zones were the frivolity and unbecoming conduct of young boys and girls since tection of our soldiers, zones were others had refused to venture, and made necessary within which certain giving their services without comclasses were not allowed to enter. All this was the result of unusual conditions. Nevertheless, it should be a warning to parents of the dangers of our times to their children. There have been many sad examples brought to light during these months of war. Thoughtlessness may perhaps be pleaded by the

child, but what of the parent? Every Catholic father and mother knows the seriousness of parental responsibility. They know that God holds them accountable for the lives of their children. They are aware of the judgment that awaits them if they neglect or ignore their plain duty to their young. Yet in all too many cases the responsibility for the ruin of young boys or girls has at-

tached to them. In the days just ahead of us there are still great perils to the souls of the young. A great victory over the forces of oppression has been won, and in the outburst of enthusiasm there is the danger of throwing off all moral restraints and overstepping Delegate to the peace conference to adjust the Roman question," which, The past should be our guide for the adjust the Roman question, which, the message stated, had been reported in Vatican circles in Rome. When shown a copy of the cablegram the stantly being taken. This in itself is

> ing fathers and mothers of the constant supervision and unremitting vigilance they must exercise over their children. Their words of wisdom and admonition have saved many a one from spiritual and moral shipwreck. Now when restraint has been removed from society they will do well to continue their fine efforts for the salvation of their people and appraise them frequently of their high and sacred duties before God and man. They have in their power a mighty weapon that can conquer all worldliness of conduct, the preaching of public morality through individual sanctity. Plain words to simple minds carry wonderful influence, and they are needed now as never before.

Our country will soon enter the heyday of her peace and prosperity. That these be lasting the morality must be placed and public maintained on a high level. With lofty ideals and sound morals our permanence is assured. Without them our future is uncertain even as was that of Rome and Greece when morals began to corrupt.—St. Paul Bulletin

#### A GOOD AND EXPRESSIVE WORD AT TIMES

Paris .- Father Patrick Turner, of Birmingham, England, a Knight of Columbus Chaplain, believes hell is a good word when properly used. He was saying his prayers in an old Cathedral the other day when a hand was laid on his shoulder. He looked up into the face of a young American Lieutenant, who said "I'm in a hell of a fix."

The day was wet and cold and Chaplain Turner had on a big over-coat that concealed his insignia. He said: "Perhaps I can help you." said: "No you can't," said the Lieuten-nt, "I'm ordered up to the front

and he can't understand a word I sav.

Needless to say when the soldier learned the identity of his listener he "cleaned his slate."

#### CATHOLIC SISTERS

FUEL ADMINISTRATION PRAISES THEIR DEVOTION DURING EPIDEMIC

The Ashland, Ky., Division of the United States Fuel Administration has issued the following appreciation of the devoted work of the Catholic Sisterhoods during the epidemic of Spanish influenza:

"Sixty one nurses, representing the various Catholic Sisterhoods, have just emerged from the Big Sandy and Elkhorn coal fields, where they went several weeks ago in response to an urgent appeal from the Ashland Division of the Fuel Administration, on the courageous mission of fighting the influenza epidemic.

"The Sisters came into the Eastern Kentucky coal fields at a time when conditions resulting from the epiconditions resulting from the epi-demic, were at their wor t and when efforts to secure doctors and nurses were seemingly fruitless. At that critical hour, with coal production in the district reduced to a minimum because of the spread of the disease among the miners, District Representative Rochrig appealed to Dr. McMullen, of the State Board of Health, who, in turn, got in communication with Reverend Father Bay rett, K. of C. chaplain at Camp Taylor, who, without loss of time, sump to the aid of the stricken locality a little band of nurses from Catholic institutions, who promptly came to expose themselves to the virulence of a dangerous disease, at the call of suffering humanity.

"Long and faithfully the Sisters worked, putting their lives in jecppensation, other than the conscious ness of duty well performed.

"Most of these Sisters were not professionally trained nurses, but teachers in the various Catholic teachers in the various schools and convents.'

#### FATHER FRASER'S CHINA MISSION FUND

Dear Friends,-I came to Canada to seek vocations for the Chinese Missions which are greatly in need of priests. In my parish alone there are three cities and a thousand villages to be evangelized and only two priests. Since I arrived in Car number of youths have expressed their desire to study for the Chinese mission but there are no funds to educate them. I appeal to your charity to assist in founding burses for the education of these and others who desire to become missionaries in China. Five thousand dollars will found a burse. The interest on this amount will support a student. When mission another will be taken in and so on forever. All imbued with the Catholic spirit of propagating the

J. M. FRASER.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR "What manner of people ought you to be in holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of the Lord?" (2 Pet, iii, 11, 12.)

To day, my dear brethren, we pass another milestone on the way of life. We can count how many we have passed; God alone can tell how many more or how few we have to pass by before the end. We cannot help it, but the ending help it, but the ending of each year makes us think of the ending of our life. How many lives have ended this last twelve months which a year this last twelve months which a year ago had no more appearance of being near the end than our own had! How many of those lives were suddently ended without time to put their souls in order! If they had dently ended without time to put their souls in order! If they had only known a year ago they would have acted so differently. Let us, then, my dear brethren, be wise in time, and do now what we shall have wished to have done when we come in the source of the Khine, and without time to put they had only known a year ago they would have to see there, and had reached the goal which used to be spoken of as a grim jest in the dugouts near ypres and on the Somme, when it seemed easier time, and do now what we shall have wished to have done when we come wished to have done when we come

ly, I am afraid that we shall all have o own, in that retrospect stand out our sine, our offences, negligences, and infidelities. To some, even mortal sins will loom out like giants in the past. Their glamour has gone, their enticement, the joy and pleasure we thought we should get from them, and now, with a dull, aching regret, we wonder why we ever com-mitted them. And to others their venial sins and imperfections, count-less as the Egyptian plague of flies, rise up. What utter carelessness and worldly-mindedness must have been ours! Lost in such numbers. can we tell how near to mortal sin many of them may have been Even to the very best enough sinfulness rises up to cause the keenest regret, and forces the humiliating confession that we are but unprofitable servants.

Sorrow for the past sin is our first duty to-day—not mere general sor-row, but sorrow for that especially, which we see now has been a peril, and perhaps caused ruin to us this

And in looking back we see a crowd, we may call it, of quite different things. And what are these? God's graces and blessings and favours this last twelve months. But how they vary! Yes, my brethren, some are received with grateful thanks, and treasured and made good use of. And those are the beautiful ones we see amongst them-bright. spotless, and heavenly as they came from God's loving hand. And the others, torn, stained, as if dragged through the mire and trampled on, beautiful, costly robes of grace, how is it that they have come to Look at them, and you will remember them. Those are the mission graces that you cast aside; those are confraternity blessings, which you forfeited by infidelty to the regulations; those are for morning's Mass and Sunday Benedictions; and those most costly ones were for the Holy Communions that you might have made, that you knew our Blessed Lord wanted you to make, and you would not.

God's merciful graces of the past twelve menths, what gratitude they call for, and what an earnest resolution that this year, with God's help there will be no wasted ones, neglect-ed ones, despised ones by us!

The view of our sins and of God's graces impre s one thought upon our minds-the necessity of doing better this coming year. The past may fill some hearts with fear; unless we strive we may be quite certain that the next year will be worse still. year they have ever spent, if this were to be their final year on earth, would they not wish it to be better still? Surely no one would be content to Surely no one would be content to say, "I stake my claim to heaven on this last year." We could all find plenty to improve on if we knew for sure that it was our last. Is it not nough, my dear bretbren, not to know but what it may be our last? Then let us be in earnest lest it happen to

There are two grave mistakes, one or the other of which is frequently made. Delay, putting amendment off to another year, is the first great danger. It makes so little of God's warning; it is most insulting to His Divine Majesty. "What manner of people ought you to be in holy conpeople ought you to be in holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of the Lord"? Delaying is such a callous offence. Our Blessed Lord does not want death to overtake us in our sins; He has warned us that at the hour we think not the Son of man will come. And yet men delay Man have always done it. St. Peter says the same thing: "The Lord dealeth patiently for your sake, not willing that any should perish, but that all should return to penance. But the day of the Lord shall come as a thief." (2 Pet. iii. 9, 10)

The second mistake is to think that we can make the desired improvement of ourselves by our own powers When we have found year follow year and no improvement, but per haps steadily growing worse, and yet we had seemed to try, it was all this mistake trusting to ourselves.

The wise thing to do is humbly to pray to God to give us the goodwill to start, and the power to go on and accomplish. We know what we need from the review of our sins and of

FIVE MINUTE SERMON Year well, and may we at the end, please God, be able to look back and see that we have made good use of these graces—the goodwill to start, the power and energy to accomplish

#### COLOGNE

The British Army of Occupation entered Cologne on Friday, Dec. 6. British cavalry rode to the swing bridge, which replaced the old bridge of boats and posted sentries.

Philip Gibbs, in a dispatch to the

New York Times from Cologne on Dec. 7, said:
"I walked on the bridge this

morning, and, leaning ever it, looked down on the waters of the Rhine, river—and this was so to many thou-sands of Britishers three years ago.

We shall wish that we had looked lack and taken a serious review of how the last year will stand the test of God's judgment. Most prominent to day would have seemed a fantasly, I am afraid that we shall all have were the Hussars with their sentries keeping guard, and down below the bridges on the quayside some of the British men were cleaning their machine guns in the centre of a German crowd, and in the streets were some of their armored cars, at

which the people of Cologne stared from tramcars and sidewalks." Mr. Gibbs, on asking the sentry what the Germans who spoke to him said, was told that one German remarked: "So you have wound up as the 'Watch on the Rhine?"

From outside Cologne before the British entry Mr. Gibbs sent a dis-patch which said that the Burgomaster of Cologne had sent word that he desired the British to enter sooner than had been planned be-cause of the disorder of sailors after the retiring of the Germans to the

west.
"Every man of high or low estate doffs his hat when he meets a British officer," wrote Mr. Gibbs, "and if one stops to make inquiry of the German civilians, many of whom were German officers until a week ago, they answer with the utmost

politeness.
"Defeat and revolution with which beteat and revolution with which they are threatened and fear of worse things that may happen have made the German people painfully anxious to abide by the rules of occupation and get on the right side of those who now have the power of life and leath over them. This fear and tremendous relief that bloodshed had tremendous relief that bloodshed had finished, and perhaps also the hope of a new era of liberty released from Prussian militarism, has changed amazingly the attitude of these people of the Rhineland toward the English. There is no more Gott strafe England.' Again and again during the last few days I have heard German people say, 'Thank God the English have come,' and I believe they say that with sincerity."

The Rathaus' or Town Hall, which was in the hands of the revelution

was in the hands of the revolution-ists before the British entered, is in the old section of Cologne. It stands on the substructure of a Roman stronghold, some remains of the arches of which are visible in the cellar. At Cologne the famous cathedral overshadows everything, the best view of which is had by crossing the Cathedral Bridge. The cathedral was begun in 1248 and completed in 1880. It is said originally to have been a shrine for the relics of the Magi. The foundation stone for the cathedral was laid by Conrad of Hochstaden, but the work progressed slowly because of quarthe next year will be worse some Even at the very best, suppose some citizens. Enthusiasm for the building of that the last has been the best fifteenth century and all hope of see-influence completed was abaning the building completed was aban. doned. The uncompleted structure became dilapidated and in 1796 the French took possession of it. A hundred years later the national spirit of the people caused work again to be begun on it and it was finally carried to completion.

colony of the Ubit, a German tribe that was forced to take to the left it is purely instinctive. And it is one bank of the Rhine by Agrippa in 38 B. C. Here Nero was born to Julia Agrippina, daughter of Germanicus, married to Claudius Casar. Agrippina almost rebuilt the entire city and established a colony of Roman veterans there under the name of Colonia Agrippina, That accounts for the origin of the name of Cologne, Koln to the Germans.

An important settlement in ancient history; it is said to have been the scene of a wooden bridge built by Julius Cæsar, and in 308 A. D. it was replaced by one of stone by Constantine.

Cologne was taken from Rome by the Franks in 462 A. D. and fro there both Clovis and Pepin ascended the throne of France. It was an nexed to the empire four hundred years later. During the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries the city was a scene of great struggles between the nobles and the guilds, but by the beginning of the sixteenth century the differences were settled and Cologne became prosperous. Sub-sequently a decline set in. The French under General Jourdan captured the city in 1794 and incorpor.

government may destroy a whole ated it with France by the treaty of Campo Formio. In 1814 it was held eradicated. Faultfinding is the essenby the Russians, and the following year it was ceded back to Prussia,

and then it began to revive again.

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God's graces, used and abused. Both the goodwill and the accomplishing come frem God. Let us ask these graces so that we may start the New and the accomplishing come frem God. Let us ask these graces so that we may start the New and the accomplishing come frem God. Let us ask these graces so that we may start the New coices of a happy home.—Spalding-

and destroying it depends mostly our successful development. So in the end it appears that faultfinding is essentially one of our most construc-tive activities. One of our worst faults is the hypocritical practice of finding fault with faultfinding.—F. H. Young in Providence Journal.

1918-TIME'S LAMENT-1919

And must I die?—and will you thrust me from you? Will change you lure till changeless death o'ercome you?

Shall newness win with every change of raiment,
And proven worth go begging for a claimant?-You

loved me once!—Recall our spring of wooing,— heavens sang and earth was blossoms strewing,—

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FAULTFINDING

A FORM OF CRITICISM THAT

OFTEN PRODUCES GOOD

RESULTS

admit that faultfinding can be con-

structive, or that it is anything but a

selfish and deplorable indulgence that accomplishes nothing but the mental and spiritual discomfort of those that hear it. And yet it is

probable that the majority of people find fault with conditions with more

or less regularity. How many are there who each night are able to say, without stretching or distorting the

gress and betterment. We have con-

we get nowhere. The man who is never self-critical is bound to deterior-

ate, and if he is not discriminatingly critical in his attitude, he is sure to

develop into a weak worm bruised by

of critics and faultfinders. The two

words are by no means synonymous,

although there is a tendency to con-

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destructive, or at least it is aimed at destruction, but that is almost invari-

tricacies of character development. People have to find the faults in

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many heels.

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"I have been conscious only

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Toronto, Ont.

HEALTH SOAP

And vows of sweeter breath ne'er sped to heaven,
Nor souls were yet in fonder bondage weave a blessing, Each hurt of life with heaven's hope

caressing :-I laughed with you and sang and danced your pleasure; I wept with you and sorrows bore

in measure;
I dreamed your dreams and built your rainbow bridges, I climbed with you life's far and

rugged ridges;
And strove to lead your falt'ring footsteps higher, My love's embrace to God should lift you nigher.

So went my life. Can love be more and greater? But I must die. Lament for me comes later.

I see her come, who takes my place

with smiling. Her beauty's bloom your senses fresh beguiling.
Ah, love her well! And wisely love and better;

That wayward heart, let once it own love's fetter.
It tires, though present good be God's best making,
It strays so far, when wings of fancy

taking.

How much of life to barenness is wasted,
What sweetness spurned, when One determined editorial optimist emarked the other day: "We don't scarce the cup was tasted?
Alas, I die! A prayer my love's last One determined editorial optimist remarked the other day: "We don't want to believe that there is any such thing as constructive faultfinding." That shows a fairly popular point of view. Their is a disinclination to

Give love to her in faith that knows no swerving,
The bride that comes with New
Year's waking splendor, And clasps your hand and smiles on

-FLAVIAN LARBES, O. F. M.

#### CHAGRIN, RANCOR OR THREAT?

There are those who would have us believe that bigotry is dead, that the War has leveled the antagonism of the good in life today and have found fault with nothing"? to Catholicity, and that the fraterniz-The truth of the matter is that faultfinding is a perfectly rational ing of camp and fighting companionship has brought us a new and and common-sense procedure and that it is of vital importance to probetter era of religious toleration.
Unfortunately, however, the signs and the facts do not conduce to such stantly to exercise the critical faculty with regard to our own conduct, or

a conviction.

Recently Cincinnati had a War Chest Drive. In the Christian Stan-dard of that city appeared an editorial reference to the work, which is not without its lesson, nor without direct bearing on after-the war anti-Catholic animosity. Here is the

There is much to be said in behalf statement: The Catholic Church, in particular, will stand out in the open as a political organization which, during the entire length of the War, left no fuse them. Criticism is really nothing more or less than appraisal, which takes merit into account as stone unturned to advance Papal in terests. The sentiment against the preponderance of faults or merits. greater vigor than ever before in By this process some idea of inherent our country's history. And among the charges to be preferred against the Catholic Church after the War the Catholic Church after the War will be her peculiar participation in finally carried to completion.

The site of Cologne once housed a colony of the Ubit, a German tribe that was forced to take to the colony of the colony of the colony of the Ubit, and the colony of

of the most beneficent instincts that the reasoning human animal has been endowed with for the very reason that it is protective. Without

been endowed with for the very reason that it is protective. Without it the race might have been choked to death by its growing insidious evils ages ago. Progress has been that the Catholic youth of the country is ages ago. Progress has been that the Catholic youth of the country is ages ago. Progress has been that the Catholic youth of the country is agont that the Catholic youth of the country is agont that the Catholic youth of the decrease of the catholic youth of the decrease of the catholic youth of the country is agont you have a set of the catholic youth of the decrease of the catholic youth of the country is agont you have a set of the catholic youth yo possible not only because of the vastly outnumbered any of the dephilosophers who discerned the good nominations, but made up almost half possible not only because of the philosophers who discerned the good in life and set their faces toward it, but because of the equally wise men who devoted themselves to finding fault with existing conditions and raising a clamor over what ought to be eliminated.

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Faultfinding, of course, is wholly Papal interests that the Vatican restructive, or at least it is aimed at mained unmovably neutral, seeking only the end of the war? Was it to advance Papal interest that the Roman Hierarchy by every possible means supported to the utmost the American government in every war undertak-ing? Was it to advance Papal interests that the Catholic clergy and laity showed equal loyalty? Was it to ad-vance Papal interests that the Knights of Columbus but had everything free themselves before they can hope to spet very far, and unless they are relentlessly alers to the faults in for soldiers without distinction conditions they are in danger of starying to death. Faults in national a time desist? creed until conniving made them for

Strange participations, these indeed of a political organization. But not eradicated. Faultfinding is the essential of successful agriculture. The weeds must be destroyed before good crops can be expected.

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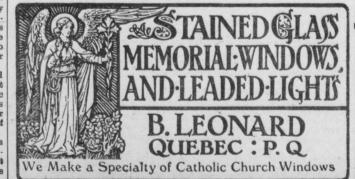
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#### CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

NEW YEAR'S RESOLVE

In field or forest, at the desk or In roaring market place, or tranquil

Let me but find it in my heart to say, When vagrant wishes beckon me astray, "This is my work; my blessing, not

my doom;
Of all who live, I am the only one by This work can best be done, in the

Then shall I see it not too great, nor

To suit my spirit and to prove my Then shall I cheerful greet the labor-

right way.'

ing hours, And cheerful turp, when the long At eventide, to play and love and

Because I know for me my work is Columbian.

-Dr. HENRY VAN DYKE RESOLUTIONS

I've had my New Year resolutions ere this, and have broken some of them. But I've always felt the better for having made them. 'Twas to my sorrow I didn't live up to my own lutions. I shouldn't have done so They were a sort of guidep to me during my year. The trouble with me was I often didn't watch my step, and took the wrong road.

It's the little things of life that count, and those are what our reso lutions should touch on. For a man addicted to drink to make a big sweeping New Year resolution that his hand shall know the glass no more-such a resolution might not accomplish much. But if the same individual resolved to stay away from the boon companions who led him to the bar, and practically made him drink, that resolution might land him safely on the road to suc-cess. He might then raise his eyes to see his good aagel, "thumbs down," smiling victory over his foe, alcohol.

I made the mistake in my early youth of forming too many resolves at the New Year—so many of them that it confused me to remember the As a result, I didn't keep any of them very long. Now I make a few, and make them strong, and make them to stay, and shey help help more than I can let you know.

But our resolves in the beginning, shortly after their birth, are necessarily weak, and unwise is he or she who putteth too much strain upon said resolves. 'Tis better to baptize them by sprinkling than by immer-sion. One had got to be watchful until the resolves change from strangers at the gate to friends at

Yes. New Year resolutions onght are stimulants to prod on our sluggish nature. They are balance bars which help us to Blondin it over the rushing daily duties of even the busiest life. In the morning we ought to take a few minutes to renew those resolutions. In the night we ought to examine them to find if possible, a flaw, and if so, to repent and resolve anew. But re-

" Every day is a fresh beginning, Every morn is the world made new; You who are weary of sorrow and

Here is a beaut ful hope for you-A hope for me and a hope for you."

Take heart with the New Year, and begin again. Resolve !- Will W.

#### TAKING STOCK

Now, in the last days of 1918, is a good time for every young man to sure he would know Him when He position-down the alley. That was take stock of himself, his spiritual condition; his progress in business, his station in society. Let him take a quarter of an hour to examine his Let him ask himself

and answer these questions:

1. Am I a better man, pleasanter to deal with, less selfish, more considerate than I was this time last

less of a hog?
3. Have I made any growth in

holiness, in self-denial, in control of the flesh, in regulation of the imagin-

4 Do I go oftener to Holy Com-

Do I read any books regularly that tell me of God and Heaven and the life eternal?

Have I learned anything that makes me more useful in business? 7. Am I making more friends and keeping them?
8. Do I cultivate my old acquaint-

ances and pay all my social debts?
9. Am I in every way better off now than I was twelve months ago? If not, why not? What can I do to make more of myself? What resolutions do I now make for the new

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tively. Dare to do right ; fear to do wrong. Endure trials patiently. Fight life's battles bravely, man-

Hold integrity sacred. Injure not another's reputation

nor business. Join hands only with the virtuous Keep your mind from evil thoughts Lie not for any consideration. Make few acquaintances. Never try to appear what you

Observe good manners. Pay your debts promptly

estion not the veracity of a Respect the counsel of your Sacrifice money rather than prin-

ciple.

Touch not, taste not intoxicating drinks. Use your leisure time for self im-

provement. Venture not upon the threshold of wrong. Watch carefully over your pas-

'Xtend to overyone a kindly salu-Yield not to discouragement. Zealously labor for the right. And success is certain. - Catholic

#### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

HAPPY NEW YEAR Say it with a bounding heart, Happy New Year !

Bright-winged birds will skyward Happy New Year ! Daily mercies wait for you, Sweet flowers, fresh with morning

dew; Hopeful be, and prue, and true; Happy New Year!

Say it with a loving heart Happy New Year!
Joy to other lives impart,

Happy New Year! Keep a bright smile always near, Let the voice ring out good cheer: Let the helpful hand appear : Happy New Year !

Say it with a grateful heart, Happy New Year! Never will God's love depart, Happy New Year! Has "Our Father" been your Guide Freely every need supplied ?

Still will He be close beside, Happy New Year !

THE LEAST OF THESE Not long ago there lived in the loved and honored by all his neigh-bors, who called him "Father Mar-tin." One Christmas Eve, Father Martin, who had been reading the same way take your of the three Wiss Men who false gods brought their gifts to the Infant Jesus, said to himself:

Christmas Day and the Savior were days. No; I condemn your venera-

He arose and took from a shelf two little shoes. "Here is what I would give Him; my finest work! on the table and gazed hopeless!

How pleased His mother would be! out of the window. This Mr. Blab But what am I thinking of," he continued, smiling, "does the Savior

need my poor shop and my shoes? But that night Father Martin had a dream. He thought that the voice of Jesus Himself, said to him, "Martin, you have wished to see Me. Watch the street tomorrow from morning until evening, for I shall pass your window. But you must try your best to recognize Me, for I shall not make Myself known to

When he awoke the next morning, Father Martin, convinced that what he had dreamed would surely take place, hastened to put his shop in

The first person he saw was a poor street sweeper who was trying to warm himself—for it was bitter

cold. "Poor man !" said Martin to him-Am I more of a gentleman and to be urged to accept the steaming

ting him home for three months. I am sick and haven't a sou."

a cup of milk for the little one. Come, warm yourself, and let me take

And the old man brought the shoes which he had looked at the evening

mured. Well, I did hope. But He

After supper he fell asleep in his chair. Suddenly the room seemed full of the people whom he had aided during the day, and each one asked of him in turn, "Have you

not seen Me ?"
"But who are you?" cried the shoemaker to all these visions.
Then the little Child pointed to
the Bible on the table, and His rosy
finger showed the old, man this pass-

"I was hungry and ye gave Me to eat; I was thirety and ye gave Me drink; I was a stranger and ye took Me in. . . . Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it un to one of the least of these my breth-ren, ye have done it unto me."—From the French of Coppee,

#### FATHER TIM CASEY

REFLECTIONS OF PROTESTANT BEFORE THE CRIB

C. D. McEnniry C. S.S. R. 'This afternoon, Mr. Blaberfield,' began Father Cassy, "I shall briefly explain the Catuolic doctrine on the veneration of images. Crucifixes, pictures and statues of the Blessed

Virgin Mary and-" Why does your Church," broke in Mr. Blaberfield irascibly," in the clear noonday light of this cultured age, still cling to such mediaeval

'I fear you misunderstand us, Mr. Blaberfield; we Catholics venerate images, not on account of what they are in themselves, but on account of what they represent. An example will make my meaning clear. Patriotic Americans weave garlands about Washington's picture February 22, not because they have any regard for the particular square piece of canvas or for the dried paint that covers it, but because that picture represents a man whom they love and admire. Venerating thus the visible likeness of the now invisible Washington they feel that they grow to know him better and love him more. It is thus that Cath-olics venerate the images of Christ

and His Saints. "And furthermore," continued the priest, "we know that Christ and His Saints, though themselves invisible, can still see us, and that they are pleased to see us honor their images, just as your absent friend would be pleased to learn that you fondly cherish bis portrait. Your repugnance for his doctrine is likely children. traceable to the oftrepeated calumny that Catholics adore images in the

"Oh, Father Casey, no one, except sus, said to himself:

'If only tomorrow were the first lieves that moss-covered lie nowacoming to this world tonight! how I tion of images, not because I suswould serve and adore Him! I know very well what I would give him." tion of images, not because I suspect you of idolatry, but because I consider the practice useless and consider the practice useless and

silly.
Father Casey tapped impatiently field was to marry a love-sick girl of the parish, and he was coming, with a very bad grace, to take the six prescribed instructions in the Catholic religion so that he would know what he was doing when he signed the contract to allow his wife and children to practice that religion. Though intelligent and well informed on every other question, he was stubbornly unreasonable regarding every point of Catholic belief or That was why Father Casey, in sheer despair, tapped impatiently on the table and looked

he had dreamed would surely take place, hastened to put his shop in order, lighted his fire, drank his scoffee, and then seated himself at the window to watch the passerby. He had often seen the picture of Jesus in the churches, so he felt pre he would know Him when He position—down the alley. That was hopelessly cut of the window.

was and I've been expecting state and any mother brought it in from the kitchen. I used to it in from the kitchen. I used to it in from the kitchen. I used to imagine that there were little Christing!' said the old man. "You must eat some bread while you are getting warm. No? Well take, that steam, and I always took good are getting warm. The little are care to blow it off my share lest I casey. "You heard all that in "And another thing you must adthe baby. Why! You haven't put his shoes on."

"He hasn't any," sighed the poor best of all I remember the big fire-place and Santa Claus who I thought "Fader, I was asleep while came in there. I used to spend a you were preaching," said honest man. great deal of time speculating about if wait a minute. I have a pair him and wondering whether he

"And what," queried Father Casey, who noted that all the Christmas things you have been telling us?"

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again. But the church seemed more empty and gloomy Christmas than at other times, possibly because our own home was unusually bright and pleasant, and I was anxious to have the service over so that I could

" And what are your early recollections of the Infant Saviour and of the Angels that announced His birth, and of the shepherds and kings that came to visit Him ?"

My recollections of all that are hazy enough. Of course the minister would preach about it, and, after we got home, father would read a chapter of the Bible about it, but I never seemed to grasp the meaning of the whole thing. It was many years later before I understood precisely what Christmas meant."

"What a pity," mused Father Casey, " that you were not taught in your tenderest years the sublime and beautiful truths commemorated by the feast of Christmas! You had a vivid imagination. It would have helped to impress those truths so deeply upon your childish mind that your whole after life would have been more spiritual-more super

natural. I dare say you are right," re turned the other, "and I believe that nearly all children have a very vivid imagination and do a great deal of day dreaming just as I did. But as for teaching them the Christmas story in their tenderest years-it can't be done. Such truths as the can't be done. Such truths as the human birth of the Son of God are too difficult; you can't teach them to

The priest did not answer, but he that Catholics adore images in the smiled and looked at Mr. Blaberfield, same way that pagans adore their as much as to say, "Can't

Then he threw up the sash, put his head out of the window, and shouted: Gerard, come in here."

Jerry " Flynn, for that was the e well molded snowball he was just aiming at the Milligan cat, tipped Father, ran up the steps, and burst into the room

Gerald, what's Christmas?" asked Father Casey bluntly without wasting any time over a preface. Our Lord's birthday," promptly

sponded the ready "Jerry Which birthday was yesterday?" His 1918th birthday. And didn't Our Lord exist before

His birthday 1918 years ago?" Oh, yes, Fader, but He was up in

"Jerry" was thawing out in more senses than one. He dispatched a turned and walked down the aisle. A scouting party through his pockets car had just stopped at the corner,

cause our first parents committed eral men about his own age, and he 'riginal sin. So our Lord came down found himself envying them at the heaven and took a body like thought that the have given him inspiration, for he any little baby, and He was born in their minds scenes from their own brightened like a flash, closed the a stable, and that made Christmas. early childhood like those he had just Cathechism and threw it on the table and turning to his companion, said: stable, and Our Lord's Mother put his foot outside the door, the priest and the feast?"

state of the manger full of straw, and the manger full of straw full of str "Mr. Blaberfield, yesterday was Him in the manger full of straw, and wheeled and faced him. Foor man! Said Markin to himself. "He must be very cold. Suppose I offer him a cup of coffee."

He tapped on the window and called to the man, who did not have

Mr. Blaberfield, yesterday was

Christmas; what are your recollections of the feast?"

It looked for a moment as though

Mr. Blaberfield would meet this un
It was at night, and lots of angels Martin saw a young woman, misera-ably clothed, carrying a baby. She ground, he softened.

And say their prayers, and the Wise Kings saw a big star over the stable

that steam, and I always book good will done, Gerard I cried ranger care to blow it off my share lest I Casey. "You heard all that in should swallow some of them. But my Christmas sermon yesterday, did

"Jerry," "I urged the priest,

which he had looked at the evening before, and put them on the calld's feet. They fitted perfectly. The young woman went away full of gratitude, and Father Martin went back to his post.

Hour after hour passed by, and although many people passed the window, the Master did not come.

When it was waster did not come.

About the doors and windows and waster did not come.

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About the Christmas thengs you have been telling us?

"Fader, nobocy; I alus knowed them."

"There you are," said Father Casey, after "Jerry" had left, with his depleted treasury somewhat replenished; you say that the truths of faith cannot be taught to a child.

"Jerry" as they call him, is only nine their goodness is imperfect or of a spurious kind. In proportion as a many vasr old. and he is more at home When it grew dark, the old man sadly began to prepare his humble icious.

When it grew dark, the old man sadly began to prepare his humble wonder whether they would grow it supper. "It was a dream," he murthey were fastened to the trees forty-five."

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Father Maturin.

"Father Casey," said Mr. Blaberfield with genuine admiration, it's astounding! How do you Catholics

do it ?" "Come and I will show you," say ing which the priest linked arms with his companion and led him to the church. Though it was mid-afternoon and there was to be no service, the building was by no means empty. Several persons were there and all in more or less close proximity to a beautiful "Crib of Bethlehem" which told to the eye in the most vivid language every detail of the Christmas story. A group of the little parish school girls, so prim and dainty in their new holiday dresses, were praying devoutly and drinking in the beauty of the Divine Child and His gentle Mother. Then there were three boys about "Jerry's" age, perhaps the very ones with which he had been engaged in the recent artillery duel on the street, for a snowball, which had lodged between the shoulder blades of one of the three, was slowly melting and trinkling down the back of his coat. They knelt, crowding up as near the crib as possible and clasping their dirty hands on the very feet of good St. Joseph. After a prayer, which let us hope, was as fervent as it was brief, there followed some animated whispering with sundry pointings at the Infant, the Wise Kings (especially the black one), the donkey, the ox, and the sheep. One look at these earnest, boyish faces was sufficent to convince the Protestant that the Christmas story was as real and familiar to them as if they had taken part in it themselves. After their theological discussion had fluished to the apparent satisfaction of all concerned, and frequent cita-tions of what "Sister said," there was another short prayer, a nonde script sign of the Cross, a genufica-

and they were out on the street to join the belligerents. When the patter of their feet had died away, Father Casey, by a gesture, told his companion to listen to the low sweet voice of a young mother who knelta shortdistance in front of them explaining the meaning of the crib to her child. The child, a sturdy little fellow of three or four, was standing on the kneeling bench beside her with his plump chin in his hands. which he listened The interest with to his mother's simple explanation and the eagerness with which he ask ed question after question, without "Go ahead, Gerard; tell us the whole story. This gentleman wants to hear it."

Father Casey and his companion for a needed handkerchief; the search proving fruitless he requisitioned a ing from their day's work, had alight coat sleeve and began:

"We couldn't any of us get to heaven unless Our Lord died for us,
Blaberfield noticed among them sev-

It was at night, and lots of angels were singing around, and they woke your intellect, and spoke in dry lifeafter watching in vain for an hour

After watching in vain for an Martin saw a young would, ably clothed, carrying a baby. She was so pale and thin that the heart of the poor cobbler was touched, and he called to her. "You don't look very well," he said.

"I am going to the hospital," replied the woman. "I hope they will take me in with my child. My husband is at sea, and I've been expectaged by the college of white steam as my mother brought."

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"I am going to the hospital," replied the woman. "I hope they will take me in with my child. My husband is at sea, and I've been expectaged by the collections,"—he and they came too. The Blessad Virgin and St. Joseph," continued 'Jerry'—not intellect alone, but intellect, heart, and imagination—she spack so all three and thus reaches the wouldn't make a fire. But it wouldn't a been no use, 'cause there are describing they couldn't make a fire. But it wouldn't a been no use, 'cause the Catholic Churcu taugut 'Jerry'—not intellect alone, but intellect, heart, and imagination—she spack so all three and thus reaches they couldn't make a fire. But it wouldn't a been no use, 'cause there are distant past), "were awful sorry ligious pomp and ceremony, statues, pictures, and symbols, which the wouldn't a been no use, 'cause there are the catholic Churcu taugut 'Jerry'—not intellect alone, but intellect, heart, and imagination—she spack so all three and thus reaches the wouldn't make a fire. But it wouldn't a been no use, 'cause there are the catholic Churcu taugut 'Jerry'—not intellect alone, but intellect, heart, and imagination—she spack so all three and thus reaches the wouldn't all the who'e may are a stouch the was locking it intellect, heart, and imaginati condemns, do not appear so useless

"And another thing you must admit, Mr. Blaberfield, if you accept the logic of facts, is this: Protest-antism is too young and inexperienced to teach that wise old mother, the Catholic Church, how to bring up children. It is like a woman who has just stupidly overlain and smothered her only child coming to lecture the mother of a dozen husky

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No candle is there and no fire in that rude hut, and her little One shivers in the cold. But Mary wraps Him in swaddling clothes and before she lays Him in the manger, holds Him to her loving breast. For if He Him to her loving breast. For if is God, is she not His Mother? falls asleep, soothed to rest by the sound of her voice, comforted by the caress of her gentle hands.
With unconcerned eyes the beasts near the manger look on. Soon our forefathers in faith will kneel before the sleeping Child, to adore Him as their God, their Saviour. Soon the song of the Angels, with its glorious promise of peace to men of good will, will announce the coming of the King. But now all is silence, darkness. Masterful Rome, ruling from sea to sea, with Greece, fallen yet regnant through her philosophy and art, the sensuous Orient, rich in the luxury of gold and perfumes, the dark stern countries of the North, even His own people, knew nothing of the stable at Bethlehem. Few were thinking of this Gift of God fewer would have sought It in a stable on a bleak hillside. But God gave His Gift to a heedless world

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#### THE CASE OF IRELAND

the only persons in this country who want to see justice done in Ireland at this time, when the rights of on the prayers of his little compa-triots will deepen, if possible, the estimation in which his brethren in the faith hold him. Father Lock-quell, a Canadian chaplain from the in the history of the world. Supreme archdiocese of Quebec, who lodged Court Justice Wesley O. Howard, at for some days last spring in General a mass meeting called in Troy, N. Y., Foch's residence, and had the happi on Dec. 17, to advocate the freedom ness of giving Holy Communion to the General and his wife, relates the of the seas Ireland could never be following incident: "During the dark hours of spring the English line was completely broken. This was a insist upon this, the second of his setback, that could easily have developed into a disaster. Foch betook even the Germans are to be accorded

means the right to determine their own form of government. I hope he has gone to Europe determined to champion that basic principle. We expect the President to stand up as stoutly when the Celtic people de-mand their liberty as he does when the conquered peoples plead for free-

dom.
"'Self determination' must in-Sail-determination must include Ireland. Are the Slavs of central Europe, and the Tartar bordes of Russia, and the swarthy tribes of Syria to be included in 'self determination' and the Irish excluded? Are the Czechs and Slavs, the Lapps and Finns and the Magyars and Poles to have liberty and the Irish to en-

dure oppression? Did we Americans fight, and did the Irish fight, to 'make the world safe for democracy' every where—ex-cept in Ireland? Are the brave, proud, intrepid, high spirited, talent ed, civilized inhabitants of the Emer-ald Isle to be singled out as a subject

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Florack asked. Anything at all to prepare me for

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> What do you think happened About three or four days after, the same week, a knock comes to the door and a big, burly colonel appears —the same man—and says: Father, I have been thinking over that little trouble between you and me a few days ago. I think there must be something in that religion of yours

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