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#### CHANGES

Mourn, O rejoicing heart! The hours are flying ; Each one some treasure takes, Each one some blossom breaks, And leaves it dying; The chill dark night draws near, Thy sun will soon depart, And leave thee sighing ; Then mourn, rejoicing heart.

The hours are flying! Rejoice, O grieving heart! The hours fly fast; With each some sorrow dies, With each some shadow flies

Until at last

The red dawn in the east Bids weary night depart, And pain is past. Rejoice then, grieving heart, The hours fly fast! -ADELAIDE A. PROCTER.

#### EMPEROR'S FUNERAL

KINGS, PRINCES, HIGH OFFICERS AND FOREIGN ENVOYS FILL ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL

By Cyril Brown. Special Cable to The New York Times.

Vienna, Nov. 30.—Paradoxically, gorgeous and severely simple was the funeral of Emperor Francis Joseph, which I witnessed this afternoon in St. Stephen's Cathedral, crammed in every nook and corner with a brilliant congregation of Kings, Crown Princes, Archdukes, diplomats, prelates, statesmen and other personages.

The sombre interior of the venerable fane, dimly lighted only by giant tapers burning at the main altar, candles carried by priests, and a patch of daylight filtering through the open main portal, through which the imperial coffin was borne, was shrouded in acres of black cloth, thickly studded with placards bearing the bright gold and scarlet Hapsburg coat of arms, with the black superscripture, "Franciscus Josephus

Immediately in front of the main altar a simple bier had been improvised, and on hard, low benches, immediately to the left of it the royal mourners, arriving by twos and es, took their places. In the center of the front row was the very young new Emperor Charles, wearing the simple field gray uniform of Austrian Field Marshal, and at his right the girlish Empress Zita, a slender figure, heavily veiled. To the left and right of the imperial couple were King Ferdinand of Bul-garia and King Ludwig of Bavaria, Ferdinand's portly bulk in lavish gala Hussar uniform of white, heavly gold laced jacket and red breeches, the gray bent Bavarian King in a le Field Marshal's great coat. On the same royal mourners' bench noted dapper German Crown Prince William, fresh from the front, but having exchanged his field clothes for the dark blue, red and gold parade uniform of the Austrian Hussars; the King of Saxony and the middle aged Crown Prince of Turkey, in

khaki and fancy fez. The benches behind were crowded by practically all the remaining rulers or Princes of States of the German federation, including the Kaiser's son in law, Duke Ernest August of Brunswick, and the young Basilica, a special Mass was sung on Crown Prince of Saxony, whom I had net at the Somme front last August.

November 29th for the dead soldiers of Canada, Cardinal Begin was in the On the opposite side of the bier was archepiscopal chair. There was a blazing with color, mostly in bright blue Hussar coats with rich beaver collars, rich gold cordage about their necks, and crimson breeches, contrasting against the crêpe-draped women members of the royal family.

The benches at the foot of the bier were occupied by the Diplomatic Corps, including the purple-robed Papal Nuncio, Ambassador Penfield, ters extraordinary and neutral royal visitors in parade uniforms, including the Crown Prince of Sweden and "Our men perhaps did not know Prince Waldemar of Denmark. In the usual seats of the clergy down tions of diplomacy, but they knew up high military personages and digblack knee breeches and Hungarian Next to him was the new Prime Minister Von Koerber. Across the aisle was Baron Burlan, and near him the former Foreign Minister, Count Berchtold, in Dragoon's uniform, while up and down the solid line were the rest of the Cabinet members, the highest court officials, high Turkish, Bulgarian, and Ger-man military personages hung with flashing orders, and a score of Austrian Generals carrying cocked hats prodigally plumed with emerald

This was the setting of the memorin entirely from a centre gallery seat near the Bulgarian Crown Prince.

Promptly at 3 o'clock a slow proession of the Princes of the Church. Arhebishops and Bishops in full of rich gold and silver embroidered vestments and white mitres, with a long retinue of high clergy, entered and lined up from door to altar on both sides of the main aisle in front of a field gray infantry guard, as the head of the sake."—Toronto Daily News.

funeral procession, a daylight replica of Monday's nocturnal pomp, which for an hour had been circling through the main Vienna streets for the benefit of the populace, paused at the portal and the mammoth funeral car drew up.

Black-liveried Court servants lifted out the coffin. They were met at the door by the Cardinal Archduke Dr. Piffl and priests bearing lighted tapers, burning censers, and a tall cross of gold. Preceded by a double file of Austrian and Hungarian halberdiers, moving slowly, while an invisible choir chanted the Miserere, Imperial coffin of black velvet, richly laid and edged with gold, was borne up the aisle on the shoulders of faithful retainers. It was followed by a double file of Austrian and Hungarian bodyguards with flashing sabres and horsehair plumes, the mitred Bishops and clergy with folded hands falling in line as it passed. The Miserere, chanted with no organ or other instrumental accompanient, seemed only to intensify the silence of the congregation of kings and princes, statesmen, generals, and diplomats, standing rigid as the cardinal has been as ket was borne past and deposited on the altar, the high clergy flocking the altar, the high clergy flocking sympathy with the idea of universal military training in America has military training in America has diplomats, standing rigid as the cas-

Brevity and austere simplicity marked this last service over the day he gave approval of the plan, Emperor's body—a few Latin prayers saying among other things: "This by the Cardinal Archbishop, a few training makes at man stronger, responses by the clergy, while Kings broader. It makes him more patriand Princes and veiled royal women otic, more fit physically, morally, knelt about the flowerless bier, a socially and intellectually. It makes short Gregorian chant intoned by the him feel that there is something out male choir, all lasting not above there in the nation which demands fifteen minutes.

raised to the shoulders of the bearers, equal footing and teaches them they and the procession started for the cathedral door again, preceded by pikemen, fantastically garbed Hungarian halberdiers with golden knee-boots, and all the rest of the pageantry-a more impressive train this time, for Emperor Charles and

Then followed the King of Bulgaria, the King of Saxony, the German Crown Prince, the Grand Duke of Baden, Dukes Philip Albrecht and Robert of Württemberg, and a long train of other German Princes; the Crown Prince Gustavus of Sweden, Prince Ibrahim Hilmi, representative of the deposed Khédive of Egypt, the Infant Fernando of Spain, all the Austrian Archdukes, all the diplo mats, many Generals, including the Austrian Chief of Staff, Conrad von Hoetzendorff, then the statesmen and

other personages. From St. Stephen's the procession walked through the streets for four blocks to the Church of the Capuchins, where, with strict observance of the ancient Spanish ceremonial, Francis Joseph was laid to rest in the crypt, the vault bearing the num-

#### ELOQUENT SERMON OF FRENCH ABBE

In the Roman Catholic Cathedral solid array of Austrian Archdukes, large delegation of some of the most important clergymen and prelates of the arch-diocese, and among those in the congregation were His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Prime Minister of the Province, the chief justice of the Superior Court, the District Officer Commanding and a large number of other prominent

citizens. The sermon was preached by the the special Ambassadors and Minis- Abbe Camille Roy from the text, "I will rejoice in the Lord in the land of the living." He said in part tions of diplomacy, but they both sides of the chancel were lined | that war had been brutally unchained, that treaties had been torn up, that nitaries of the Church. Heading Belgium was plundered and in agony, them was Count Tiza, costumed as a that France was torn and invaded Magyar magnate in small black cape, that England herself had been sought out beyond the surging frontier of the seas and attacked. They knew that altars had been destroyed, cathedrals profaned, that old men, women and children had been brutal ly attacked, and that a flood of bar-barians had spread themselves in tumultuous waves over the fields of beautiful France, their mother country. They knew that these two nations, to which our political and national life was bound had need of the aid of their far-scattered sons, that they had to fight for sacred interests in a war of endurance. where it was necessary constantly to able scene which I was able to sweep renew their energies. Therefore, without asking whether or not they were constrained by the laws to go, they answered the more powerful appeal of their consciences. They did the free act of devotion. They have fallen. But they live still They live not only in the immortality of their souls, but in the immortality of their sacrifice. "Blessed are they," said Christ Himself, "Blessed are they who suffer for righteousness'

# MILITARY TRAINING

#### CARDINAL GIBBONS ACCEPTS PLACE ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 23.—Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, has agreed to identify himself actively with the Universal Military Training League. Word in confirmation of this was received today by Frank G. Logan, chairman of the executive committee of the League, from Howard H. Gross, its president, who wired as follows om Washington: "Cardinal Gibbons accepts member-

ship on advisory committee and is very enthusiastic. He believes that

all churches will help."

Aid from all church organizations is being asked by the officials of the Universal Mllitary Training League. That Cardinal Gibbons is willing to serve on the advisory committee, however, was heard at League head quarters with satisfaction. It was believed that he will enlist the aid of many others and help the cause of military training among the laymen

occasion of his eighty-second birthhis loyalty and service. It places the Then at a signal the coffin was rich man and the poor man on an owe an equal allegiance."-Catholic

The Vatican was the scene of an interesting ceremony recently when action throughout the country. His Excellency Jagoro Miura, Envoy Father Peter, through his dut oldest of reigning monarchs, the venerable King of Bavaria, slightly behind at their right. to His Holiness an autograph letter prison for criminal acts. from the Emperor, thanking him for the autograph which Pope Benedict nt by Monsignor Petrelli, Apostolic occasion of His Majesty's coronation. The Japanese Envoy was in full dip- cared for his future. uniform and was received being seated in the throne room and surrounded by the noble court.

The Envoy spoke the few words necessary to explain his mission in home be etablished whereby the the language of diplomacy, French, and His Holiness, who speaks and placed in positions, remaining French as well as he speaks Italian under the guidance of the priest, who Excellency to accompany him into those meriting it, and thus be better his private library, where they able to secure future success. remained some time in private conversation. The customary visit to the Cardinal Secretary of State fol-lowed and was returned by His Order of St. Gregory the Great .-Philadelphia Standard and Times.

#### FAITH IN GOD STILL ABIDES

On All Saints' Day a special corespondent of The London Times with the French army wrote from omewhere in France," in part as follows:

We are apt in England-or we were-to consider ourselves a religious nation as compared with the French. The war, I think, has taught us better. Any of us, certainly, who has wandered into a French church or cathedral—at Rheims, at Amiens, at Nancy-where you will-and has seen French vomen and French officers and private soldiers kneeling; side ide before or after a battle on the flag-stones in front of the altar, any Englishmen who had visited, on the des Morts, the infinitely pathetic enclosures where row upon row of crosses mark the last restingplace of the dead soldiers of France. must know that the faith of France and the bond between her and our own country are alive as probably they have never been before in her whole history. "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."

FAITH AND PATIENCE

And there are the living-a far firmer bulwark, to my mind, against all the doubts suggested by the horrors of the battlefield than even these outward and visible signs of the common faith in the resurrection of the dead, which, after all, might be His due honor on Christmas Day. nothing more than a mere credulous delusion. For the lives of the living cannot be a delusion. And never, I at the same time lived lives so unselfish, so patient, so self-sacrificing, so brave, so pure, so far removed old ideas of the swash-buckling and sometimes brutal professional soldier of popular fancy, as is to be seen, to-day, in the lives their infant sons and daughters that

of the French and English armies. the Divine Child is the source of all Britain's history. Lloyd George has To a certain degree, no doubt, the the happiness of Christmas. They same thing may be said—thank God for it—of the armies of the enemy.

They, too, are fighting under the imfact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the fact which the fact which the fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the modern world prefers individual leader is the supreme fact which the supr pression that they are battling in defence of their homes and families, as we know, Christmas has long been and their very existence as a nation. tending to become merely a day of ity. The old order changeth, giving But we know—we know—that theirs is a vain and dreadful delusion, and of presents often degenerates into a impulse of British democracy fulthey must know, or they will some shrewd business practice, or into a day, that not the most sacred of thinly disguised imposition against causes—least of all the most sacred which "spugs" indignantly protest. of causes—could justify the crimes One of our modern pagans has of which so many of them have been written a book in praise of "St. guilty before God and man. With Friend' with the object of robbing our men, French and English, it is December twenty-fifth of its Chrisdifferent. If only you people in tian character; many a "Christmas England could see them as they are card" nowadays has about it nothing in the trenches no, a thousand times no—your faith would not be shaken, even by the untellable horrors of the modern battlefield. "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." And the inevitable conclusion carried away from the battlefields of France, in Santa Claus" only, Our Divine Lord's spite of all the horrible suffering and aste and destruction, is that never quite overlooked. All the more need in the history of the world have so many men lived such noble and keep the public in mind that Christsimple and self-sacrificing lives as the present armies of England and day of "the World's Ransom, Blessed a Lord and Master. The Precursor France. If, as George Meredith said, the principal part of faith is patience, then nowhere so much as in

#### FRIAR PLANS NEW START IN LIFE FOR EX-CONVICTS

France is faith to be found.

ILLINOIS APPROVES SUGGESTION OF FRANCISCAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT

The State of Illinois has accepted the plans made by the Rev. Peter Trumbley, O. F. M., for the ameliora-tion of conditions for discharged convicts of the State prison. Much interest is taken in the venture, for Much upon its success may depend similar

Father Peter, through his duties as chaplain of the Jolies Penitentiary, discovered that the average convict was received in audience, and handed returned sooner or later to the State exhaustive research he learned that in most cases this situation ensued because the discharged convict Delegate to the Philippines on the received no encouragement; rather that he was an outcast and no one

The State empowered Father Peter with full honors, the Holy Father to visit prisons throughout the country, investigate conditions and report on his findings. This resulted in the acceptance of his suggestion that a exconvicts might be housed, educated and Spanish, replied in the same after surveillance of a year or two language, afterwards inviting His could issue a recommendation for

In many places during his tour of investigation Father Peter delivered lectures, his discourse on Human Side of Prison Life" at the Eminence in the afternoon. His Catholic University of America espe-Holiness has bestowed on the Jap-enese Envoy the Grand Cross of the tion. — Philadelphia Standard and

#### EXIT SANTA CLAUS?

that instead greater emphasis be laid his aptitude for waiting until the on the fact that every Christmas gift | strategic moment has passed beyond which comes to young and old, though the givers may not realize it, is inspired by the world's desire to celebrate in this appropriate way the Birthday of Our Divine Saviour, His gift to us. As the only Santa Claus in existence, therefore, is the Christ Child; let all our little ones be management. And in the whole taught as early in life as possible circle Asquith is the real statesman. that it is He who brings their presents, and that it is His spirit And it would be easier for some of which gives the Christmas season all the peace, joyfulness and good feeling that time out of mind has characterized it. For Christmas is preemina religious feast. The very word shows by its derivation that the Feast of the Nativity is, in a behind the scenes or read the crytic special sense, the day of Christ's signs, are ready to follow the Mass. Moreover all the religious impetuous Welshman, because he services held that day even by those Christ is really the Son of God are nevertheless a sort of acknowledg. be in the way. ment of His Divinity. Nay, the mo nomage to Our Lord, for His Birthday marks the high, central point of all chronology. As for Santa Claus, though he is identified European countries with St. Nicholas radical measures of social of Myra, on whose feast, December 6, presents are secretly given to children, he has become in this country a highly mythical creature of the nursery who robs the Christ Child of

The substitution of the Child reality for the Santa Claus fable will do away, moreover, with believe, have so many ordinary men the necessity of little boys and girls sadly abandoning when they grow older their belief in a benevolent, reindeer driving, chimney-descending old gentleman, who fills good children's stockings with gifts.

connection with the festival being then, that Catholics at least should mas is nothing less than the Birth-Mary's Son."-America.

## IN BRITAIN

Whether yesterday, or next week, or next year, the passing of Asquith and the coming of Lloyd George seemed for months inevitable. And the change is significant in a sense far deeper and more radical than the surface shows. It means more than sweeping changes in the adminis-trative offices that have to do with carrying out the plans of the war's campaign. It signifies also — and this is the radical thing-a social transformation in Britain which goes to the very roots of the whole fabric of British life and thought and institutions. In a very real and very penetrating sense the old British order changeth, giving place to the new.

True beyond all question, the permanent officials in the War Office and in the Admiralty and in the Foreign Office had become a bit stoggy. And the clamor of the British people for more push and more power—the push and the power that not only do things, but are seen to be doing them—was the disturbing spark. But these imme diate and surface things were only the occasion, not the cause.

The efficient cause of this changing in the British order lay far back of the war, back in the decade which marked, to all the world, the chang ing of Britain and of the British mind from the old aristocratic ideal of life to the new spirit and ideal of modern democracy. The nation that, without conscription, yielded more than 4.000,000 of fit men for the defence of British freedom at the war fronts will not go back, neither now nor when the war is over, to the remnants of the old order when an aristocracy held sway, whether the residue of the old aristocracy of blood or the more

A correspondent pleads in another column of this issue for the abolition of the Santa Claus myth and process of the santa Claus myth and p recall, still have their minds stayed on Asquith as the one man in the whole British situation able to hold together the divergent forces and make substantial progress at this Blessed Mother's priceless Christmas | time of crisis. Those people have confidence in real statesmanship more than in skillful administrative

The alternative is Lloyd George. the steadier Liberals to follow his lead were he delivered from the backing of men of the Northcliffe type and of the Curzon temper. But notwithstanding that handicap, the common people, who may not see cares little for traditions and sects that no longer believe that ceremonies, and drives ahead with out too much concern for what may

And they will tell you, the men violent atheists, whenever they who are very close to the British write a date, unconsciously pay situation, that Lloyd George, the situation, that Lloyd George, the genuine democrat, will not repeat the fatal reaction of Joseph Chamber-lain: that, after the war, he will take up again and make effective the industrial reform and of political enfranchisement which fired his soul in the great days of his aggressive leadership of the new Liberalism and that with him and his first colleague, Lord Derby-a Peer with the vision and the spirit of the new democracy-the problems of Home Rule and Disestablishment Temperance and Suffrage will find

their radical solution. The cause, however, suddenness. under one or under another, will

fills itself in many ways. - The

#### ADVENT

The approach of the great feast of Christmas is heralded by the season of Advent. The voice of John the Baptist is again crying out from the wilderness—"Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight His paths." The sublime personality of Christ must needs overshadow the wonderful forerunner of the Messias to such an extent that few of us appreciate St. John the Baptist as Christ evidently did. Jesus said of him that there was none greater among the sons of men. None less worthy could fittingly be the herald of such of the Most High was sent enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: to cemeteries and on the battlefields of THE CHANGING ORDER direct our feet into the way of

If we did but give more heed to the voice of John the Baptist, Christmas would not come upon us, as it does upon many, merely as a day of feasting and merriment. Assuredly, no such herald would have been sent if the Heavenly Father did not know, better than we do, the sort of preparation that His wayward children needed for the coming of His Son. Feasting may be a symbol of Christian joy, and it is, undoubtedly, an appropriate symbol of such joy in the hearts of the innocent. But to the surfeited glutton and the sensual worldling it is only one more vain attempt at wooing pleasure. That fickle mistress of their hearts smiles only for the passing hour and fawns upon her victims for a price that grows increasingly burdens If Christmas means only what it does to the votaries of pleasure, it brings no message of peace on earth

or good will to such men. Christmas fills with bursting expectancy the hearts of wholesome children. It is anticipated with a longing that may not be always selfexplanatory, but it is very real and very constant. It is not given to us to share in such joyful expectation unless we "become as little children." Our whole being needs to be changed. Mental as well as physical auto-intoxication is characteristic of our indulgent age and generation. Never did any people stand more in need of prayer and fasting. And never did any Christian people have less realization of their need of

The ancient fathers measured professions by deeds. They measured the love of God by the contempt of what was not God. They measured adherence to God by abstinence from the things of earth. They did not believe that the soul which thirsted after the living God "as the hart assertive and arrogant newly come panteth after the fountains of living

> the Baptist how to prepare the paths. Our hearts clogged with of learning in the United States. worldliness and pride must be purified. The buried instincts of our last week of the John B. Murphy vholesome childhood must be revived. We must pray that God "take away the stony hearts out of (our) flesh and give (us) a heart of flesh. That (we) may walk in (His) commandments and keep (His) judgments and do them; and that (we) may be (His) people and (He) may be (our) God."—The Missionary.

#### HISTORY AND PROPHECY

When Winston Churchill expresses the opinion that the war will make for a deeper religious feeling, he is expressing a thought that is more a art of history than prophecy.

religion is not a mystery. The sorrows of war, overwhelming in their number and falling upon millions, turn them to God for con-solation. It has always been so and Both the gold and the jewels were will be so in the future. Sorrow is the handmaid of religion. When people are happy they are not inclined to meditate upon those things that make for the development of religious life. Out of the depths of misery nations like indi- be melted, with hundreds of other is one of the greatest scourges, the madness and enthusiasm which send all set in symbolic style, indicating is one of the greatest scourges, the But in these changing times men out to slay their fellow men leaders may change with startling will soon turn into a realization of the uses of the ciborium. its horrors, to penance and contri-tion. It is only in the face of death and jewels will be engraved on the

#### CATHOLIC NOTES

In the Archdiocese of Cardiff Wales are now 20, 00 Catholics with num-erous churches and chapels.

In Buffalo has been organized a Catholic Young Men's Association. Its quarters contain a library of more than 15,000 volumes.

Of the missions founded by Father Junipero Serra in California 4 are destroyed and 20 are in a fair state of preservation.

At Nazareth in the Holy Land, the Franciscan Fathers have given their new convent and church the name of Our Lady of America.

Right Rev. Theophile Meerschaert, D D., Bishop of Oklahoma has been appointed an assistant at the Pontifical Throne by the Pope. The Belgian canonesses of St.

Augustine have opened 26 schools in the Philippines during the last 6 years, and all are prospering.

The Catholic Church Extension Society, Chicago, has erected nearly 1,200 chapels in the Catholic world building about three every week.

Eighteen of the African mission-aries, known as the White Fathers, have been killed in the war, and 3 have died of exhaustion under the flags of the Allies.

St. Bernard founded in his lifetime, 163 monasteries in Europe. When he died in 1115 at the age of sixtythree years the Cistercian monasteries numbered 349.

Rev. Aurelio Palmieri assistant at Holy Rosary Church, Lawrence Mass., has been appointed director of the Slavic department of the Congressional Library in Washington.

Rev. John E. Flood has been appointed superintendent of the parish schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He succeeds Mgr. Mc-Devitt who is now Bishop of Harris-

Miss Mary Warmack and Miss Emeline Matthews are the first colored girls of Indianapolis to enter a convent. They have gone to Baltiore to enter the novitiate of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. The United Holy Name Societies

of Philadelphia have, acting on the suggestion of the archbishop, organ-ized a Big Brother movement to aid boys and young men who are or have been brought before the courts for transgressions against the law. October 2 witnessed the opening of

St. Joseph's Day College for the first Catholic institution of its kind in Brooklyn. The event marks a magnificent contribution to the cause of Catholic education and inaugurates an era of opportunity for the young ladies of the diocese of Long Island.

The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception continues to interest the Catholic women of the United States, and up to the present time over \$60,000 has been received for its erection, which was collected mostly in small sums coming from all sections of the United States.

The historic bronze chandelier of St. Remi, an early twelfth century gem of the collection in the archepiscopal palace at Rheims, France, which was believed to have been destroyed in the bombardment of the

It is the Nazarite who knows how to lead us to the Nazarene. His tions in secular colleges and univervoice, now as ever, cries in the sities, prepared by the Newman Club wilderness and few there are who of the University of California shows pay heed to it. If we are, however, that there are 61 associations organto find Christ, we must learn from ized to safeguard the spiritual welfare of the Catholic students in of the Lord and to make straight His attendance at secular institutions

> Memorial Association, the first step was taken toward a \$500,000 memorial to Dr. Murphy. Dr. W. A. Evans, one of the incorporators, said: cost of the memorial will be \$500,000. Provision will be made for mainten Whatever form the memoriai ance. may take, it will be of lasting and practical service to surgery and mankind. It is fitting that such a memorial should be erected in Chicago to Dr. Murphy, because Chicago is one of the greatest surgical centers in the world, and it is largely because of the life work of Dr. Murphy."

Msgr. William T. Russell, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Washington, History needs no prophet to teach its D. C., displayed to his congregation the most magnificent ciborium, per The reason for the revival of haps in the United States. To the The smallest part, this ciborium pure gold and rare jewels, numbering 350. Of these 185 are large white contributed by the parishioners, being in almost every instance family money consideration, were given to viduals look up to God. Because war gold treasures, and used in the makthe sacred rites of the church and The entire value

#### MOONDYNE JOE

BOOK FIFTH

THE VALLEY OF THE VASSE

VI.—CONTINUED They passed cottages bowered in

flowers, and ringed by tall hedgerows composed wholly of gorgeous gera-The strangers who looked on these changing revelations of loveliness sat silent, and almost tearful. Kven those long accustomed to Australian scenery were amazed at the beauty of the valley.

Mr Wyville and Mr. Sheridan had ridden rapidly on before the others, and stood uncovered and host-like on the verandah of the house where the drive ended.

Alice Walmsley sat in the foremost carriage, and was the first to alight, with Sheridan's hand holding hers. Their eyes met as she stepped to his His lips formed one short word, of which only her eye and ear were conscious,-

Home! Exclamations of wonder came from all the party at the peerless beauty of their surroundings. The house was wholly built of bright red mahogany beams, perfectly fitted, with rich woodcarving of sandalwood and jamwood on angle, cornice, and capital. It was very low, only one story high for the most part, though there were a number of sleepingrooms raised to a second story. From the verandah looking seaward, every part of the wooded valley was visible, and the winding silver of the rivers glanced deliciously through the trees. Beyond, lay the level blue water of the Indian Ocean, stretching away to the cream-colored horizon.

The house within doors was a wonder of richness, taste and fort. Everything was of wood highly finished with polish and carving, and the colors were combined of various woods. Soft rugs from India and Persia lay on halls and rooms. Books, pictures, statuary, rare bric à brac, everything that vast wealth and cultivated taste could command or desire, was to be found in this splendid residence.

Almost in silence, the strangers passed through the countless rooms. each differing from the others, and each complete. Mr. Wyville led the larger party of guests through the He had not before seen it place. He had not belove seen himself; but he was wholly familiar with the plans, which, indeed were largely his own.

But it will have an owner now,' he said, "who will better enjoy its restfulness, and take closer interest in its people.'

But you should rest, too, Mr. Wyville," said Mrs. Little; the Colony is now settled with your excellent law."

There is much to be done yet," he said, shaking his head, with the old grave smile. "I have not even old grave smile.

time to wait one day."

There was a general look of

astonishment. Why, Mr. Wyville, surely you will not leave this lovely place

"I must leave to-night," he said; "I am very sorry, but it is impera-

Then, not waiting for further comment, he took them out to the stables and village-like out - houses. There was no regular garden: the valley itself was garden and farm and forest in one.

Alice Walmsley had lingered behind the others, in a quiet and dim little room, looking away out to sea. Contentment filled her soul like low music. She wished to be alone. She had sat only a few minutes when she heard a step beside her. She did not look up; she knew whose hand was round her cheek and standing over her. They did not say a word; but remained still for a long, long time. Then he bent over her, turning her face to his. She raised her arms, and he took her to his breast and lips in the fulness

of happiness and love. hen they left the dim little room, which was ever after to be the dearest to them in their rich home, they saw the sombre robes of Sister Cecilia as she sat alone on the verandah.

Where shall the school be, Sister?" asked Sheridan; 'have you selected your site ?

She shall build it on the choicest spot that can be found," said Alice, seating herself beside Sister Cecilia. Dictation already!" laughed

Sheridan, at which Alice blushed, and sent him away. Toward evening, there stood on the verandah, having quietly with-drawn from the guests, Mr. Wyville,

and Hamerton. Wyville meant quietly to leave, without disturbing the party. "I am sorry beyond expression," said Sheridan, holding his hand;

your presence was our chief pleas-Can you not even stay with us It is impossible!" answered Mr.

Wyvi'le, with a look of affectionate response; "the work yet before me spoke. will not bear delay. Good-bye. God bless you-and yours !"

He walked rapidly away, his horse having been led by Ben Lodge before

him to the entrance. Good-bye, Sheridan!" said Hamerton, suddenly seizing his friend's

I'm going, too." What? You-Stop! Don't try to prevent me. I can't let him go alone. Go in to your people, and say nothing till "O n

to-morrow. Good-bye, my dear fel-

That night the steamer returned to Fremantle, having on board Mr. Wyville and Hamerton.

VII. THE CONVICT'S PASS

On Mr. Wyville's return from the Vasse, he set himself with tireless will to the complete organization of the Penal Law. Not content with writing copious rules for the guidance of warders, he proposed to visit all the districts in the Colony, and personally instruct the chief officers of depots, from whom the system would pass directly to their subordinates.

For many days Mr. Hamerton saw little of him, and the time was heavy on his hands. He intended to pur chase land in the Colony, and bring some of his old farmers from England to settle on it.

One day, he went to the prison at Fremantle, and waited for Mr. Wyville in his office. As he sat there, by a window that looked over a wide stretch of sandy scrub, he noticed that though the sky clear and the heat intense, a heavy cloud like dense vapor hung over all the lowland. He remembered that for a few days past he had observed the smoky sultriness of the atmosphere, but had concluded that it was the natural oppression of the season.

"That vapor looks like smoke," he said to the convict clerk in the office; 'wh atis it ?'

"It is smoke, sir," said the man. "This is the year for the bush fires." Just then Mr. Wyville entered, and their meeting was cordial. Mr. Wyville, who looked tired, said he had only an hour's writing to do, after which he would ride to Perth. He asked Hamerton to wait, and handed him some late English papers to pass the time.

Hamerton soon tired of his reading and having laid aside the paper, his eyes rested on Mr. Wyville, who was ntently occupied, bending over his desk. Hamerton almost started with surprise at the change he observed in his appearance—a change that easily apparent when the face was animated in conversation. When they sailed from England, Mr. Wyville's hair was as black as a raven; but now, even across room, Hamerton could see that it streaked with white. The was features, too had grown thin, like those of a person who had suffered in sickness.

But, when the hour had passe and he raised his head and looked smilingly at Hamerton, it was the same striking face, and the same grand presence as of old. Still, Hamerton could not forget the change he had observed.

'Come," he said, unable to conceal an unusual affectionate earnestness. let us ride to Perth and rest thereyou need rest."

Why, I never felt better," answered Mr. Wyville, lightly; "and rest is rust to me. I never rest unless Is

You will soon be ill if this continue. Do you think so?" and as he

strange light in his eye.

vourself lately. You are in danger of breaking down-so you ought to rest. Hamerton was puzzled to see him

Death passes some people down.

you know; and I am one of the-fortunate." Hamerton did not like the tone nor the mood. He had never seen him

so before. He determined to hurry their departure. He walked out of the office and waited in the prison few moments.

district; a native runner from there says the bush is burning for a hundred miles in that direction. "Are lives lost in these fires? A hundred miles of flame is hard to

picture in the mind." Yes, some unlucky travellers and wood cutters are surrounded at times; and the destruction of lower

beyond computation. Does not the fire leave the desert behind?" "For a season only; but it also leaves the earth clear for a new growth. The roots are not destroyed;

and when the rain comes they burst forth with increased beauty for the fertilizing passage of the flame." By this time they were riding slowly toward Perth. The road was with tall mahoganies, and the coolness was refreshing. Hamerton seized the opportunity of bring-

ing up a subject that lay upon his "You gave me, sir," he said, "some documents in London which you wished me to keep until our arrival here. Shall I not return them

to-morrow?" Mr. Wyville rode on without answering. He had heard; but the question had come unexpectedly. Hamerton remained silent until he

'Do not return them yet," he said at length; "when we get back from our ride to the Vasse, then give

'When shall we start ?" "In ten days. By that time my work will be fairly done; and the

rest you spoke of may not come 'Shall we ride to Sheridan's settle-

"O no; we go inland, to the head the papers, by the way, in case anything should happen to me—the sickness alone, on our return from the you fear, for instance—belong to one Vasse." whom we may see before our return.

In such a case, on breaking the outer envelope, you would find his name But I may say now else you might be surprised hereafter, that he is a native bushman."

'A native! Would he understand?" "Yes; he would understand per-ctly. He is my heir—heirs gener fectly. ally understand."

He was smiling as he spoke, evidently enjoying Hamerton's astonish-

ment. "Seriously, the package you hold contains my will. It is registered in London, and it bequeaths a certain section of land in the Vasse Mountains to the native chief Temana-roa, and his heirs for ever, as the lawyers say. We may see the chief on our ride."

package ?' "Because he is a bushman, and might be wronged. With two influential persons, like you and Sheri-dan, to support his title, there would be no question raised. You see I compel you to be my executor."

"Is he not the grandfather of Koro, of whom she often spoke to me."
"Yes," said Mr. Wyville, smiling, and also of Tepairu. This property will descend to them.'

'Are they with the chief now?" "No: by this time they have reached Mr. Sheridan's happy valley, where it is probable they remain. You see, it is possible to step from the bush into civilization; but it is not quite so pleasant to step back into the bush-especially girls. Ngarra-jil, you observed, had no second thought on the subject; he was a spearman again the moment he landed. The ride to Perth was pleasantly

passed in conversation; and, on their arrival, they ordered dinner to be served on the cool verandah. While waiting there, a roughlooking man approached and touched

his hat to Mr. Wyville. "Be you the Comptroller General?"

'Yes.' Well, sir, here, you see my ticket, and here's my full discharge. I want to leave the colony; and I want to pass to King George's Sound, where I can find a ship going to Melbourne.'

Mr. Wyville examined the papers they were all right. The man had a right to the pass. He rose to enter the hotel to write it, holding the documents in his hand. 'You're not going to keep them

papers, sir, be you?" asked the man, in evident alarm.
"No," said Mr. Wyville, looking closely at him; "but if I give you a

pass you do not need them." "Well, I'd rather keep them, sir: I'd rather keep them, even if I don't get the pass."

Well, you shall have them," said Mr. Wyville, rather surprised at the fellow's manner. He entered the than they credited him with, he appre-

hotel and wrote the pass.
"But, as the hand wrote, the mind turned over the man's words, dwellasked the question, Hamerton saw a ing on the last expression, that he would rather have his ticket-of-leave I think you have overtaxed than take a pass from the colony without it; yet, in any other country, it was a proof of shame, not a safeguard. The man did not look stupid, though his words were so. shake his head sadly.

"No, no, I am too strong to break

As Mr. Wyville finished writing, he raised his head and saw Ngarra jil watching him as usual. He raised his finger slightly-Ngarra-jil was beside him.

A few words in the native tongue spoken in a low tone, sent Ngarra-jil back to his bench, where he sat like ebony figure till he saw Mr. Wyville return to the verandah. He yard. Mr. Wyville joined him in a then rose and went out by another

'If thought this smoke was only a sultry air," Hamerton said; "where does it come from?"

Mr. Wyville called the ex convict this narrow strip of land, the long, slender feet of a hill toward the north stretched out to separate her sister like some folks dat I could name's stretched out.

Mr. Wyville called the ex convict this narrow strip of land, the long, back on my own people foh 'ceptions, stretched out to separate her sister like some folks dat I could name's done." words to him, and gave him his papers and the pass. The man and west. clumsily thanked him and went off.

Hamerton. "I suppose you know it from his papers. He was strangely tion, for he was one of the unthinkrestless while you were writing his

Mr. Wyville did not answer, but he took hold of Hamerton's arm, and life, birds, animals, and reptiles, is pointed to a corner of the street where at the moment the man was passing under a lamp, walking hurriedly. Following him closely and silently strode a tall native with

Ngarra-jil ?" said Hamerton. Mr. Wyville smiled and nodded. "I thought it just as well to know where the man passed the night," he

said. A few minutes later, Ngarra-jil came to the verandah, and spoke in his own language to Mr. Wyville, who was much disturbed by the message. He wrote a letter, and

sent it instantly to the post-office. "The callous wretch!" he said, unusually moved. He had just earned that the man had straight to Draper, by whom he had been hired to get the pass. Draper's purpose was plain. He intended to eave the colony, and desert again his most unfortunate wife, with whose money he could return com-

fortably to England. 'What will you do with the miscreant ?" asked Hamerton.

"Nothing, but take the pass from "But he is a free man. Can you interfere with his movements?'

"No man is allowed to desert his wife, stealing her property. He can have a pass by asking; but he dare not come here for it. And yet, I fear we go inland, to the head mountain range Those If no change for the better appear, I shall hasten his departure,

TO BE CONTINUED

THE WATERS OF CONTRADICTION

BY ANNA C. MINOGUE Author of "Cardome," "Borrowed From the Night' CHAPTER I

One of Lucy's earliest recollections was of the old log house in the hollow where fat Aunt Jenny and her tall, thin spouse, Uncle Major, lived. thin spouse, Uncle Major, lived. Through the green vale a brook, coming she knew not whence, going she dreamed not whither, flowed sometimes with mimic haste as if creation depended upon its reaching its destination at a certian hour, but oftener with such a leisure that. Then why not give him the bending over it, Lucy wondered if it moved at all.

" Pet de chip basket I give yoh dis mawnin' on it, Lil'l Miss, an' find out foh yohse'f if de wattah ain't a run said Uncle Major, who stood nin,' by her side, tall and gaunt in his blue military cloak; and she wondered why, when she refused to trust her wonderful gift to the brook, the old man should chuckle as if highly

I suppose it pleased him to think I am fond of the little basket he made for me. Negroes are certainly strange people," she communed, as she climbed the hill, beyond the crest

of which was her own new home.

It was these low hills that had determined James Frazier in his choice of —— County as his future home, for a Scotchman's love for the land he had never seen burned fervently in his breast. He had profited scmewhat, with many another dweller in the North, by the war between the States in which he had taken no part; and hearing that good farms in Kentucky were being thrown upon the market, he had bade a glad farewell to the uncongenial life in a manufacturing town and hastened south-

Fate, in the person of an Irish peddler, directed him to Stanton Hall, as the Kentucky descendant of an English gentleman had named his estate; and when his eyes were lifted to the hills, he knew he had reached the land of the heart's desire. had not the means, even if he had the wish, to purchase the entire plantation, but the sad survivor of the fortunes of Stanton Hall was glad former times their own mistress household linen as required especial enough to accommodate him with an acreage suited to his purse.

She took the precaution, however, the money of the stranger was sorely needed, his presence was wholly undesired. The new land owner appeared to divine the feeling existing against him, which was shared, more or less, by the remnant of the old families in the neighborhood, and Possessed of a finer feeling ciated the cause of their sentiment, and owning a larger philosophy, he left it to time to adjust their new relationship. He had what he longed for, a home among the hills, and he

could afford to wait for other things. On the tract which they had sold to him stood the foundation of Stanton Hall, a lowly log house built by the first adventurous bearer of the keered foh me eval sense she cum to rected her mother, who had been name, who had penetrated the frontier fast on the heels of Boone and me yit, ef it warn't foh dem Yanks. become Mr. Frazier's wife. his hardy companions. True to the trait of brute and human to take the dat done foh us dis time, foh she way offering the least resistance to doan come hyah no mo' since denature, he had planted his stakes in since Mistah Frazier bought de place. this spot of cleared land in the forest 'Tain't huh'rn no mo', an' ole Mis' and the canebrakes, watered by the nevah was one to go prowlin' silvery stream. Greener than any grass his eyes had seen, familiar as ain't stractin' from Mis Frazier's old woman, and as such you owe her they were with the fertile pastures goodness, when I hole up foh ole the respect of appearing before her loor.

Mr. Wyville called the ex convict

of Virginia, was that which covered this narrow strip of land, the long, mong de Yanks, an' I air't gwian besides all this, my child, she loves

Why here there grew no cane, why "That's an ugly customer," said here no towering oak tree reared its ing men; but the few Indians who made friends . with the pale-face intruders rather than leave the land they loved, seeing the new house shook their heads and muttered strange words, which the negro serv ants whom the white man had dragged with him from their peaceful home in Virginia, hearing and not understanding, had interpreted as a warning or a curse.

On the green feet of the hill the first Kentucky Stanton built his log house and reared his family of manly sons and lovely daughters. If more misfortune and greater befell him than he was accustomed to seeing meted out to others in the country he had abandoned, he attributed it to the changed conditions of his life and would have scoffed at the idea that any occult powers were directing natural calamities toward him in increased measure. ever, on coming into the paternal heritage, sought another location for the brick house he built at an expend iture that held him half his life in debt, and the old house was left in charge of the negro who had helped his master to hew the logs and set them in their places. When he, too, started on the Lone Trail, one of his numerous descendants was assigned the house, and the custom had obtained throughout the years, until the surrender of General Lee annihilated all the usages of the people.

But around their ruins sentiment lingered, and in the bitter years that followed none of the dwellers in Stanton Hall dreamed of ejecting Aunt Jenny, the lineal descendants of the Virginia negroes, from the old home, even though her husband had proven a traitor to his own by joining the Federal army.

With the sale of that portion of the plantation which included the log house between the hills, naturally both its tenants and hereditary owners expected changes to follow, and Mrs Stanton, no less than Aunt Jenny, felt a pang as she anticipated the edestruction of the home of the pioneers. But Mr. Frazier set the fears of the black woman at rest by assuring her that the home was hers while she should live. As soon as his back was turned she hobbled down the long white path which for generations had united the log house

intelligence to her mistress. be disturbed, Aunt Jenny," said Mrs. Stanton, concealing her surprise under the iciness that had stood her good service in these tragic days. It is more than we had reason to expect from a Yankee."

with the Hall, to convey the glad

Aunt Jenny has shared the general contempt, not to say hatred, entertained for the stranger, but one day, as Mr. Frazier was crossing the hollow on his way from the field beyond, he heard moans as of pain coming from the log house. To stop and inquire the cause was a natural prompting, and finding the old man sick with a severe cold, and Aunt-Jenny in throes of rheumatism, his next impulse was to hasten home and acquaint his wife with her con-

dition. His tale of human suffering sent that good lady on a mission of relief. It was the first time she had met the negroes, for, following the example of their former mistress, they had avoided her. She was well enough pleased that they had done so, since having a horror of war and regard-ing the negro as the cause of the terrible conflict.which had staggered the civilized world, her antipathy toward the race was intense. her humanity was far deeper, and, as she entered the low door and beheld the aged pair alone and suffering, her eyes overflowed with tears and

her voice throbbed with sympathy. exclaimed, as she hastily put down replenish the slowly dying fire. Every day, for the weeks they remained ill, Mrs. Frazier visited used to do; and when they were again well, it was difficult to say whether their gratitude to Mrs.

-Uncle Major professed there was mind to be answered, and the great house under the cherry tree : kindness of the Yankee became powerful weapon, henceforth, with down to Aunt Jenny's for the which to combat his wife's bitter things." reproaches against him, because of forebore thrusting himself upon their his affiliation with the enemy of his

'She's shore a mighty good woman, Mis' Frazier is," admitted Aunt Jenny, as she hobbled around the floor, no longer bare and cold, for friend had their generous new covered it with a rag-carpet. "An' I ain't gwian to say nothin' gainst huh, though she is a lata, mo' while I lib. But I ain't gwian day. "She is only a nigger.

"A negro you mean, Lucy," corde Hall, an' she'd be'n a-kerrin 'foh 'Tain't huh fault dat it warn't she

Naturally she closed the argument, for Uncle Major firmly subscribed to black, shall you despise the gift the truth expressed by the poet, that a man, and more especially a woman, convinced against his or her will, is older than you, and the years have of the same opinion still. When, however, through the untiring effort of Mr. Frazier, who, with his wife, had grown attached to the old couple, Uncle Major was granted a pension from the Government, you; and that thing, Lucy, is this which he had served by adding to its | we never can tell where payroll if not to its defense, Aunt need the friendship which, in our Jenny was effectually and forever silenced. The blue military cloak carded. Life is all before you, dear which she had only tolerated on her and it may be that that old man and husband because she had nothing so woman, poor though they be and of warm with which to replace it, no an inferior race, may one day prove longer aroused her ire; and she the only friends who could serve you herself listening, without at that particular time indignation, to the stories of wartimes, with which he was wont to so solemnly, and she opened her entertain the colored children who blue eyes in astonishment. It gave

occasionally visited them. yoh own people an' fite foh de Yanks, I'se mighty glad dey's got honah 'nough to mek it up to yoh somehow." was all she said, for however greatly she might change in her mind, she was too shrewd a woman to admit it to him. opinion of his infidelity to his people had given her the whip-hand since he had rejoined her at the close of the war, a position that, hitherto, had not been hers. Now that he had acquired the fortune of that it was more important than ever maintained.

be less harsh with the old man. good people err this way occ think he's done anything wondahful ception, it may be. Perhaps watches an' rings an' sech like artless way, "and make all the foolishness. Now he gibs me evah people—all the good people nice."

cent of de money when it comes tryin' to mek up foh de feelin' I have in me dat he done bring disgrace on de fambly by fi'tin wif de Yanks. An' he did, chile, he did!

"Lor! if ole Marse wer libin' he'd a-shot Majoh de fust sight hed k'otched of him. I lubed my ole Marse nex' best to my ole Mis' I lub my ole man bettaher'n bofe of 'em. So you ondahstan' sence I knowed how he'd took de disgrace Majoh brung on de fambly, I war mighty glad ole Marse war dead, foh de war broke out. Lor', chile ! many a long night I lay awake, thinkin' 'ud a-be-come of my ole mar "I am pleased to hear you will not if Marse war a-libin' when he jined wif de Lincum men.

"Marse always seemed to have s'picion 'gainst Majoh dat he warn't quite right, an' when I tole Marse war gwian to git married, he said I'd done bettah an' took some of de othah boys dan him. But Lor'! I idy what Marse meant tell Majoh lit off wif de bluecoats an lef' me hyah, all by myse'f. An' yit, honey I don't know if he war to blame so much, as de Injuns. Mebbe if we hadn't be'n a-libin' in dis house, it wouldn't a-happened.

"What's de house got to do wif Uncle Majoh turnin' Yank, Aunt Jenny?" asked the girl; but Aunt Jenny's mouth closed like a steel trap, and her curious relative saw that the secret, if secret there were, was safe behind those set lips.

Next to the money which they had been the means of securing for the old negro couple, the greatest blessing the coming of the Frazier's had brought them, was the occasional presence of Lucy, their daughter and only child. "Lil'l Miss" they called her, and a love, surpassing even that they had bestowed upon the children of their mistress, they lavished upon her. Like a ray of sunshine in an old forest, she flitted into the log house many times during the week. for Mrs. Frazier had come to look upon the negroes as her special charge. Too old to be of any assist-"Oh, you poor creatures!" she ance to her in the house, Aunt Jenny still retained her ability to her basket of food and medicine to turn out fine laundry work, and having noticed the desire for inde pendence in the old woman, Mrs. Trazier regularly sent her such them and ministered to them, as in articles of wearing apparel and pains in making up. And Lucy's work it was to fetch these home every Saturday evening. Often in to locate him on a tract farthest removed from her dwelling, for, while was greater. was stilled by the dust of death. Lucy seemed again to hear her no question of this nature in his mother calling to her in the play

"Come, Lucy! It is time to go

Not a very willing little girl always responded to the command. for it meant, besides leaving the unfinished play, the washing of hands and face, the combing of hair and the donning of a white apron of which she must take care "I don't see, mother, why I must

dress up just to go down to Aunt Jenny's," she complained, as she sub-

taken from the But she calls herself a nigger mother," persisted the child.

"But that is no reason why you should do likewise, and only impolite little children call people names, said the mother. "And though she is a negro, as you say, she is a nice God is love. Say that the hand that offers you this priceless treasure is because of the color of the giver Do not do that ever, Lucy! taught her much that you have yet to learn, that you must learn for yourself. There is one thing she yourself. knows that you can take from her without waiting for time to teach

Lucy's mother rarely spoke to her such a preternaturally wise look to "Well, since yoh had to go 'gainst ho wn people an' fite foh de laughed, the while she set a kiss on each suddenly drooped eyelid. TO BE CONTINUED

> It is not God's way that great blessings should descend without the sacrifice first of great sufferings.-No one knows just how heavy is

> the burden that another may be

bearing-ill health, silently endured, \$8 a month pension, she recognized mental depression, home troubles uncongenial employment, that that position should be sacredly | breaking discouragements and disappointments - the list is endless. "Yoh's got to tek 'em down a peg Do not add to it the heartless jest or or two," she confided to a young niece, who repeatedly urged her to unwelcome attention. Even very "Lor, chile! ef I war to let on dat I ally, through lack of tact and perby gittin' dat money, dah'd be no remember the prayer of the child standin' dat ole nigger. Fust thing who asked God to make all the bad you'd know he'd be buyin' hisse'f people good, and then added in her watches an' rings an' sech like artless way, "and make all the good

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#### THE GREAT LESSON

Since early June the work along the Bering beach and up in Anvil Gulch had been going on actively. Rich pay streaks had been stripped and the output of gold promised to run into the millions. But the season was wearing on; October was passing quickly; and the thin sheets of ice, appearing ominously by night on sluice box and rifle, told the placer miners that the season was at an end. Forthwith thousands of those sturdy men laid down their picks and shovels, gathered their summer 'clean-up" of gold dust and nuggets, and then flocked into Nome, some to catch the first steamers for Seattle. others to remain "inside" for the

coming long winter. Meanwhile the lighters along the beach had begun to carry men and money across to the big black hulks at rest and waiting out in the Bering, and when, in the closing days of October, the last steamer raised anchor and sailed away, laden with hundreds of miners destined for the "outside world," other hundreds stood on the beach and kept their eyes fixed on it as it veered slowly southward. They watched the huge vessel growing smaller and smaller they watched the curling clouds of black smoke rising from its funnels, until it had disappeared beyond the horizon; then, overpowered with a quickened sense of solitude, they turned on their heels and silently retired to their cabins, planted here and there along the beach, where the sighing of the Bering waves only intensified this first feeling of 'loneli-

The departure of the last boat from Nome was an event in the early years of the camp; it made the miners vividly conscious of their isolation. They were nearly three thousand miles from Seattle, the Mecca of gold hunters, and the long Arctic winter was ahead of them. All this meant for them complete seclusion, without the hope of hearing from outside civilization till far into the winter. Not till February, four months later, would the dog-teams bring the first mail of the season down the Yukon from White Horse and Dawson a couple of thousand miles away.

And yet there was one of those men on whom isolation did not heavily-Carl Swamberg, a Swede, who had struck it fairly rich 1, below Discovery, in Anvil With no desire for the society mining season built himself a cabin from the main camp under a bluff overhanging the gulch, and there he began to live out alone the long, dreary months of an Alaskan winter. He rarely came to Nome, and then only to renew his supply of canned food and tobacco.

Swamberg was a bit of a bigot, a fact that did not make him popular with the other miners. Without caring a fig for any form of religion, he had brought to Alaska his antipathy to Catholics, an aftermath of his activities in some A. P. A. movement or other in California. He revealed the yellow streak the day he refused to throw a couple of salmon to Father Dalton's famished team while the missionary was caught in a blizzard in Anvil Gulch.

the occasion for venting his spleen zon and growing daily stronger, was favorable, he continued: "It iss began to melt the limitless fields of was favorable, he continued: "It iss began to melt the limitless fields of not enough to haf you Catholic snow; the minute crystals, held range. Tell him dot I am still unter not enough to haf you Catholic show; the minute crystais, near priests prowling oop here; I hear that you haf brought nuns to dis that you haf brought nuns to disconstant low temperature, dissolved the tres in Nome, and dot they haf been in keeping glain the sweeping glains. The nuneteenth century discovery the care ov the goot Catholic Seestor "Anglican Catholicity" is quite ters in Nome, and dot they haf been in keeping with the sweeping glains.

arrived to open a miners' hospital in less millions of crystals, stealing its Tell him dot I vas a fool. Dot's all." was welcome thousands of poor men of all creeds and to those who had so often need of out. Nature wrought havoc with the the Sisters' services, but it was news snow while the sun shone, but the muttered curses.

country vor?" he asked Jim Keliner, hitched up their dog-teams and become the Swede's neighbor for the

What have they come here for !" the foolish question than at the tone with which it was asked. Suddenly gaging the mental twist in the man standing before him, he blurted out in a burst of indignation. have come to this country to care for blithering idiots like you, to be sure! Those Sisthers would thry to cure even you if they found ye half frozen on the thrail, ve pie-faced Scandinavian freak !"

The Swede was about to add to his remarks when the Irishman, now thoroughly aroused, stopped him.

"If ye says another word agin' those," he continued, menacingly, "I'll D'ye understand me ?" They'll get noddings from me vor

their hospeetal, anyhow," added Swamberg, bitterly. 'Wa t till they ask ye, ye yellah-

haired limb of a kangaroo. Keliher had mined for gold in

knock your block off. D'ye understhand me?'

the decks for action.

Of course, the Swede understood there was a threat of finality in Keli- to the claims along Sinook range her's words that was unmistakable

ready to complete the task with his fists. then to turn the Swede's long and drove him as quickly as possible operation the latter did not seem to

already begun, and the whole camp had settled down for the period of hibernation. As the weeks went by the days grew shorter until only a few hours of twilight remained around midday. The winter solstice returning consciousness. In the had arrived, and, as Nome is only five degrees or so south of the Circle, the sun at Christmas barely showed its face above the horizon, and then disappeared again. An intense white him, sprang from his bed in a fit of silence brooded over the camp, a delirium. He grasped the terrified kies" or the occasional jingle of bells as teams and sleds passed rapidly over the trails carrying supplies to the miners who were getting Winter out their winter dumps. mining on the Bering coast is undertaken by the men who want to make their "stake" quickly and then get out of that wretched land forever. Sooner than stay idle for eight months, they dig through the frozen ground, haul thousands of cubic yards of pay-dirt to the surface, then utilize the melting snow in the springtime to separate the gold from the silt.

been idle, either. Owing to their somewhat unexpected arrival in Nome before the close of navigation, little had been done for their reception. There was no hospital ready to receive them; no lodging but a messroom belonging to one of the commercial companies. However, they rented a two-story house in the center of the camp and fitted it out as best they could. Later in the season they began to visit the claims in the outskirts and begged for alms to help them to complete their work. The Alaskan miners were generous they opened their leathern pokes and gladdened the hearts of the devoted nuns with many an ounce of golddust. Even on the creeks where the claims had not panned out well no one refused them the miner's mite no one but Carl Swamberg.

It was a bitterly cold afternoon when Sister Rosalie and her companion, both wrapped in fur parkeks and quite unprepared for the still colder reception that awaited them, knocked at the Swede's cabin under bluff in Anvil Gulch. The master himself appeared.

"Vhat do you vant?" he inquired, savagely. "A little help to buy beds and

things for our hospital," replied Sister Rosalie, meekly. "Noddings vor you here. Go avay," he retorted, and then closed

the door. Christmas in that far Northland came and went, leaving behind it a severe spell of blizzard and cold weather. Mercury went down below zero, and, excepting at rare intervals, remained below during the greater part of the two following months. But there were compensations. The northern lights danced nightly in the to say. "infinite meadows of heaven" with a joyousness all their own, and helped

the miners to wait in patience while the days began to lengthen. "I haf no grub for dose togs of yours," he growled. And then, as several hours longer above the horicamp too. Dot iss sure the latest rapidly, giving the Alaskan miners ews."

That was, in fact the very latest ews. A band of heroic Sisters had represented by the lordly orb overhead, those counts who had nursed me back to life.

The latest rapidly, giving the Massaal Blacks my heart iss changed, and that I can never forget. Defying, as it were, the lordly orb overhead, those counts who had nursed me back to life. glowed and scintillated like a vast field of diamonds, and then went out. Nature wrought havoc with the which had warped the mind of that Carl Swamberg received with cold nights froze the surface hard again, and the miners, profiting by the season of strong snow crusts who had built his cabin under the carried provisions to their claims for same bluff in Anvil Gulch and had miles around the camp, in preparation for the approaching summer's

work No one was busier than Swamberg. exclaimed Keliher. The big Irish His claim lay in the gulch just miner was taken by surprise less at beyond the Sinook range, and his success had been so encouraging during the previous season that he intended in the coming one to turn over more pay dirt than ever. He had made several safe journeys to below Discovery, but as happened too often to others in Northwestern Alaska, the glare of the brilliant March sun proved too much for his eyes. Snow-blindness, the bane of the miners in the springtime on the Bering coast, came upon him in its most intense form and left him helpless one day with his team midway between Nome and Sinook. To make matters worse, a slight fall be afther seein' that you'll be the of snow, followed by a heavy wind, first to go to the Sisthers for repairs. had blotted out the trail, and the Swede, not yet a fullfledged "sour dough," instead of trusting to the instinct of his dogs, as he should have done, to see him safely over the road to Anvil Gulch, urged them slightly to the left. Unable any longer to discern his way, owing to Western Australia, and evoking the his swollen eyelids, in an unlucky marsupial was a favorite pastime of moment he fell over the side of his, especially when angry. He was steep hill. His fall was broken by a quite excited, and was clearing projecting ledge, but, while this decks for action. "It ye say another word agin' it did not prevent him from rolling those Sisthers," he went on, "I'll to the bottom of the ravine, where he lay unconscious and bleeding profusely.

Happily the various trails leading were busy in those days; men and and compelling. The big Celt had teams were active going to and fro, laid down the law to Swamberg with and Swamberg was quickly dis-

his tongue, and he was now quite | covered. With their usual charity, to complete the task with his a couple of them rushed to his lie even threatened there and assistance, laid him on a sled and pointed nose into a corkscrew—an the Sisters' hospital at Nome. The doctor pronounced it a case of brain take kindly to, for he quietly slipped off to his cabin under the bluff. concussion: he was as yet unable to determine the extent of the interior The long Alaskan winter had injuries or whether they were serious

It was Sister Rosalie who was early morning there was a convulsmovement of the whole body the injured man opened his blood-shot eyes, and, seeing a Sister near silence that was broken only by the dismal howling of the Eskimo" huskies" or the occasional jingle of human effort she succeeded in elud ing the hold of the wild Swede and called for help.

It was all the work of an instant, but these sudden movements had a singular effect on Swamberg; he fell to the floor unconscious, breathing heavily and pale as death. The unhappy man was forced back to bed again, where he lay for days only vaguely aware of what was going on around him. Intermittent spells of rage and calm came and went, and it was only after ten days of devoted watchfulness on the part of Sister Rosalie that she had the satisfaction Meanwhile the Sisters had not of seeing her patient resuming a

Swamberg improved gradually as the days ran on, but it took the unhappy man a much longer time to realize how narrowly he had escaped from death. At first, more preoccupied with his own ill fortune than with the circumstances in which he now found himself, his selfish nature continually asserted itself; he bewailed his ill luck and the loss of the precious time that was slipping But every one remarked that the big Swede was thawing out. The unremitting care of his gentle nurse and her ready response to every whim of his had a marked effect o his attitude toward her and the other nuns. His eyes were gradually open-ing to the real situation. Sister Rosalie's charity and vigilant care had softened his stony heart. Many times a day he thanked her for all she had done for him, and he promised that he would reward her generously when the first is the usurper. clean up" was made on No. 1 below

Discovery on Anvil Gulch. avay last Christmas from my cabin, vasn't it ?" he asked her one day.

you just go to sleep, sir!" was the only reply he got.

The climax in the Swede's mental evolution arrived the afternoon that Sister Rosalie came to his bedside, with pen and paper in hand, and told him that the last winter mail was leaving for the "outside" early the following day. Perhaps he would like to send a word to the friends in the States, to tell them how he was getting along. She would write the letter if he would only tell her what

Swamberg reflected a moment. kind moders to me Tell them dot The evident sincerity of these

Swamberg had disappeared; his mental evolution was quite complete, while his physical condition went on apice. The Swede continued to improve; he was soon in a condition to leave the hospital, and in the early days of May, when the sun was pouring down its rays and sending torrents of melted snow into the Bering Sea, the big miner VIII. returned to his cabin, under the bluff in Anvil Gulch, to learn that during his absence Jim Keliher, his Irish neighbor, had kept a watchful eye on his property, and had even fed and evidence of human brotherhood is common in Alaska, but the practical illustration in his own case overpowered the poor Swede. He had hardly returned to his cabin and

called on Keliher. I haf to thank you vor yhat you haf done for my togs during my stay at the hospeetal."

That's nothin', me buck !" replied the Irish miner, holding out his hand. found in any or all branches of I'm glad to see you well again."
"Yes, I am vell again, and I haf

eester Rosalie, in the hospeetal."
The mention of the Sisters by the wede suddenly roused the anger of Keliher, who was not yet aware of

wamberg's change of heart. "See here, me man," broke in the irreconcilable Celt, "do ye remember the lickin' I promised ye a couple of months ago if ye ever insulted those Sisthers again?' It's still waitin' for ye. D'ye hear, ye consarned-

"Yes, I hear very vell; dot's all ofer. I vas a fool; I knows better

The Swede had learned his lesson. Magazine.

#### HENRY EMBARRASSES THEM

The writer of the pageant that is being produced as a part of the enter-tainment for the triennial conclave of the Episcopalians in St. Louis is having a hard time answeringembarraseing questions about Henry VIII. No Anglican or Episcopalian is proud named to take care of the patient. of Henry and they are using every She passed that anxious first night effort in an endeavor to prove that the old rascal had nothing to do with the foundation of the Anglican Church.

The pageant author solemnly and seriously informs us that the separation of England from Rome was not brought about by the infatuation of Henry VIII. with Anne Boleyn. He says that it was due to the forces which were making for the use of the English tongue instead of Latin and that were producing a strong national feeling which naturally brought about ecclesiastical nationalism. It would be interesting to learn from the gentleman what national feeling brought about the continuation of the marital escapades of King Henry and the other domestic infelicities of His Majesty. One of his various consorts did not speak English. If the separation from Rome was due to the forces which were making forthe use of the English tongue, it is singularly strange that Henry did not put a stop to the use of Latin as an ecclesiastical language. equally strange that he ordered Masses said for the repose of his miserable soul. Above all, it would be interesting to learn why Henry ever appealed to the Pope to have his

marriage with Catherine annulled. We sympathize with the awkward position of our Anglican and Episco palian brothers. It is to their credit that they are trying to repudiate any association with the bloodiest tyrant that ever sat on a throne since the days of Nero. Unfortunately they cannot change facts or destroy his torical evidence. - Intermountain Catholic.

#### A PROTESTANT SECT

High Church Episcopalians will encounter an insurmountable difficulty in trying to convince the great body of Anglicans that they alone are genuine Catholics, while Rome

It is rather embarrassing for them to be called upon to render an intel-"You vas the Seester dot I sent ligent answer to the many objections against their Catholicity. They con sider that the mere assertion of their "Here's your medicine and then position should be adequate and con vincing. They contend for the gen-uinity of their hierarchy in spite of the declarations of the Holy See to the contrary.

Their contention cannot but pro voke ridicule and laughter. Their discoveries following the blighting days of the Reformation can hardly be said to rest on solid grounds. Surely England under Edward, Elizabeth or James was most hostile to Catholicity. It is very easy to trace the origin of Anglicanism.

Long centuries after Luther's revolt against constituted -authority and established religion a light flashes out "Yes, Seester," he replied, meekly, of the darkness. We are informed you vill write a letter vor me. that Catholicity and Roman Cathol-Write to the chief ov my lodge in San Francisco—I vill gif you his are asked to believe that Catholicity icity are quite different in kind. We mountainside and vas nearly killed, and that Rome was usurper of that proud title.

The nineteenth century discovery tells us (and Anglicans must believe history) that Catholicity was the child of the Cenacle of Jerusalem that Peter, Prince of the Apostles came to Rome and founded his see while the other Apostles went forth to preach the Gospel and convert the

But Anglicans tell us that England received her Catholicity from the East. They do not explain why England remained faithful for many cen turies. Nor do they attempt to relieve public curiosity by exposing the reasons for the abrupt breach that occurred in the days of Henry

facts of history are open to any who will take the trouble to examine them. They shatter the claims of modern discoverers and prove beyond question the futility of his dogs daily, leaving them in the pink of condition. This kindness Catholics" and "Catholics."

There is but one Catholic Church, and that is the one founded by Christ Himself. It is the Church that has come down through ages from the beginning pure and undefiled as it learned how things stood when he left the lips of its Author. It is the Church that proves its claim to unity, sanctity, catholicity, and apostolicity Surely Anglicanism will not be foolhardy enough to believe that any of these essential qualities are to be

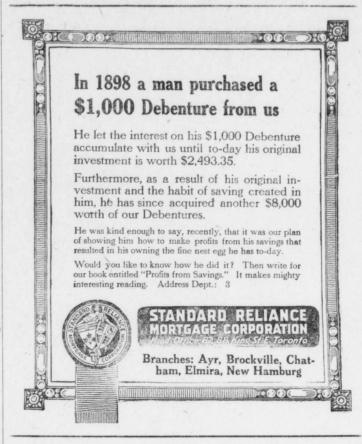
Protestantism. Division, dissension, heresy and coom to speak to you aboud the schism have racked the very founda-Seesters, and ezpecially about dot tions of Protestantism since Martin Luther broke with Rome. Essentials have been thrown to the winds Dogmas are ridiculed. No infallible teacher interprets, no authentic guide directs. Each one is sufficient unto himself.

A dilemma faces the Anglicans of to-day. They must admit either that they did or did not break with Rome. If the former, they are in no sense Catholics. If the latter, they are caught in the meshes of history. either case, their condition is deplorable and cannot be covered over by idle assertions, because intelligent men expect reasonable proofs even in -E. J. Devise, S. J., in Extension this twentieth century. — Boston

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PROTESTANT MARRIAGES

A newspaper report of a sermon on mixed marriages contracted before Protestant ministers created a painful sensation in the city of London is no reason to doubt that the reporter, and the paper he represented, were perfectly honest in the matter, neither is there any doubt that the sermon as reported led to gross misunderstanding of Catholic doctrine as to Protestant marriages.

A flaring two-column headline proclaimed that "Marriage is Illegal if Solemnized by the Protestant

And in the text we find the following:

"The Church has decided," continued the preacher, "that the Archbishop of Canterbury has not the power to administer this sacrament. Marriage by the Anglican Church or other denomination of the Protestant Church is no marriage at all in the sight of God.'

From this and other unqualified statements Protestants naturally inferred that the Church regards the marriage of Protestants as no marriage at all. It would be hard to conceive of a more offensive pronounce ment or one more diametrically opposed to Catholic teaching.

The preacher, Father Richards, doubtless having in mind the object of his sermon, and that he had said, as reported a half-column farther on, "I am making this statement for Catholics," failed to see how the report, whose substantial accuracy he acknowledged, would mislead the

general reader. That it did so mislead is beyond question, and that the Advertiser so understood its own report is evident two witnesses. from the way it introduced the comments of several Protestant minis- ter of the sacrament but the official ductory paragraph

in which he claimed for the Roman of God, was given to Protestant ministers in the city to-day."

the conclusion drawn from the sermon as reported.

others :

of the Roman Catholic Church.'

civil contract, and as a sacrament.

marry, the State restricts to compara- expressly excludes all others: register the consent to marriage. This is necessary in order to have of engagement and marriage." legal record and proof of marriage. If no such restriction were enforced there would be a chaotic condition of things with regard to legal marriage.

regard to marriage.

good reasons the Church legislates whereof he speaks. Nevertheless is interesting to note how the Cathofor Catholics with regard to marriage without claiming any exceptional lic Church which has been, in the as a sacrament. She, also, restricts facilities for knowing the Protestant best sense of the word, the greatest i agents: M. J. Hagarty, Vincent S. I Miss Sara Hanley, Resident agents: M. Temere decree of 1908 limits that the sainth, Halifax; Miss Bride Saunders, mith, Halifax; Miss Br bishop (or Ordinary,) or to a priest or Shermatoon.

I marriage notices cannot be in the usual condensed form
conts.

Grant description of the law is beyond question of the law is beyond question. delegated by either of these. The natural and necessary in the one case the civil law; that is no sacramental and indissoluble. marriage which defies the laws of the

A papal decree is generally known and quoted by the first two or three words of the decree. Ne Temere may be translated by "Lest rashly." during the past week. While there The frequent newspaper references to rash and even bigamous marriages, and the occasional amendment of the civil law in consequence, point to the wisdom of the Ne Temere decree.

account. The ordinary minister of Protestant or Catholic, Jew or pagen happy exceptions. may validly administer this sacradoing what Christ ordained.

decree itself.

Ordinary of the diocese, nor a priest delegated by either, can be had, and condition of affairs has already lasted for a month, marriage can be entered into validly and licitly by the formal declaration of consent by the contracting parties in presence of The priest, then, is not the minis-

ters the next day. This is the intro- witness of the consent to marriage. The Catholic Church certainly does "An opportunity to comment upon | not recognize the Archbishop of Canthe sermon of Rev. Father Richards, terbury as an official witness to Catholic marriage. Nor does she so perform marriage, valid in the sight recognize every Catholic priest. The marriage of two Catholics before a Catholic priest not duly The occasion, then, is one for authorized to marry them is no marstating the plain teaching of the riage in the eyes of the Church. Church which in no sense justifies, And in the default of a duly authorindeed unequivocally contradicts, ized priest, the marriage of Catholics, as provided in the article quoted above, is validly contracted before Before doing so it is a pleasure to other competent witnesses. It is filling of a particular vacancy when note one of the ministerial com- lawful in such cases for the couple ments which stands out in rather to go to an official of the civil States, for some time past, the perstriking contrast with some of the Government authorized to witness manent rectors and diocesan conmarriage contracts; in fact it may sultors, also, had by canonical right a be the only way to legitimize their sure that sermon does not fairly marriage in the eyes of the civil law.

The principal result of the new method seems to us to be that Rome place or nearby who is entitled to will have at all times a list, revised In common with others he was witness marriage contracts except a or confirmed every two years, of quite evidently misled into believing clergyman of some non-Catholic re- those priests throughout the whole that the sermon branded Protestant ligion, the parties in question may go country whom the bishops after the marriages as invalid; yet, in spite of to such a minister in order that most mature consideration and provocation and opportunity Dr. their marriage may be lawful before exhaustive inquiry and consultation, Flanders refrains from attacking the the civil law. But persons thus consider qualified for and worthy Catholic Church, and speaks with forced to go to a minister must not of the episcopal office. This gives the charity, moderation and restraint allow him to use the religious cere- the Holy See a much wider range of To understand the marriage legis. It is necessary of the Church it is necessary of the Government official would use. The bishops when making the actual clearly a decided change of opinion with mere material weapons but with into our ears that Knox was the very lence of the mob. He found himself to remember that marriage must be The civil official or the non-Catholic selection for a particular vacant see. as to the relative strategic value of the spiritual armor that befits a solution of patriotism; that in denounced to the magistrates as a considered under two aspects, as a clergyman do not "administer" the For Canadians the interest in this the Eastern and Western fronts.

authority to receive, witness and or unbaptized if they contract mar- made for Canada naturally suggests than lost. It is significant that Visriage among themselves, are nowhere bound to observe the Catholic form

Therefore non-Catholic marriages are in no way affected by the marriage legislation of the Catholic

marriage presumably he knows formulas, rather than of realities, it months ago. to a few the authority to receive and mind on the subject, we do not hesi- democratizing force in the history witness consent to marriage. The tate to express our belief that Pro- of civilization, while conserving Ne Temere decree of 1908 limits that testants in this country when they intact its divine authority seeks new are not only valid but sacramental ters of great importance in church marriages even though they may not government. think of marriage as a sacrament. on the subject is evident. What is Moreover, the Church on receiving married converts from Protestantism cannot be arbitrary and useless in the other. That is no legal marriage and invariable practice is to accept declared war against Austria. This rule the parish priest accedes to this his fellow-being who faces him from him for him for

the marriage legislation of the attacked by Russo-Rumanian armies ble that our people should be well Church affects Protestants. And from the North and General Serrail's informed as to the military situation, that is the case of a mixed marriage. great composite army from the South so as to be ready to do their part as Since the promulgation of the Ne would be speedily crushed; Turkey intelligent and conscientious citizens. Temere decree when even one of the isolated from her Germanic allies It is fitting that they should be enparties is a Catholic the marriage to forced to a separate peace; the cenbe valid must conform to the law of tral empires deprived of the rethe Church. Before that time such sources in men and supplies of the in defence of the flag or to give of of John Knox, their "great Re. supply them with the much needed of John Knox, their "great Re. supply them with the much needed of John Knox, their "great Re. supply them with the much needed of John Knox, their "great Re. supply them with the much needed of John Knox, their "great Re. supply them with the much needed of John Knox, their "great Re. supply them with the much needed of John Knox, their "great Re. supply them with the much needed of John Knox, their "great Re. supply them with the much needed of John Knox, their "great Re. supply them with the much needed of John Knox, their "great Re. supply them with the much needed of John Knox, their "great Re. supply them with the much needed of the great Re. supply them with the much needed of the great Re. supply them with the much needed of the great Re. supply them with the much needed of the great Re. supply them with the much needed of the great Re. supply them with the much needed of the great Re. supply them with the much needed of the great Re. supply them with the much needed of the great Re. supply them with the much needed of the great Re. supply them with the much needed of the great Re. supply the gr marriages even if contracted before Balkans, and pressed on all sides their time and money to the cause. a Protestant minister, though illicit, could only sustain a last desperate It sometimes happens, however his influence upon the religious and port." Can be be called a true were valid.

With regard to the question of table end in sight. sideration must here be taken into the Catholic Church regards them with every mark of disfavor. Sinmost of the sacraments is the priest; cere Protestants, also, recognize that and rapid campaign of the War, have example of this, we heard a promition of the sacraments is the priest; cere Protestants, also, recognize that and rapid campaign of the War, have of Holy Order and Confirmation the the most intimate human association occupied nearly one-half of Rumania. nent speaker from the city of revelations of the past half-century Knox's vaunted bravery has been bishop. Yet every Catholic child, on earth is necessarily marred by captured its capital and are driving Toronto, commenting on the text they should continue to adhere to a theme to conjure audiences with instructed in the Catechism, knows division on a matter so vitally impor- deeper into the territory that "He that loseth his life shall find it," the manifest fables with which a so long that it seems almost a pity that the minister of the sacrament of tant as religion. And this remains remains." And to-day (Dec 9th) the urge upon the young man to enlist, vicious tradition has so long to disillusionize them. "Reformed" Baptism may be a layman or woman; true as a general rule in spite of Russian military organ, the Russky to offer his life for his country, not associated his name is simply inex- history has it that the Regent

of union, becomes a source of further not only gain the initiative, threaten etherial heaven, but in this world by with which the fawning sycophants A brave saying, were it true, and a ment if only he have the intention of should draw closer the sacred bond rich supplies of Rumania, would he Who, then, is the minister of the division and unhappiness. What Saloniki, but endanger the whole enriching the life of the nation. Of the sixteenth century or his wonderful tribute to the spirit of the sacrament of Matrimony? Whatever should be a signal blessing is some- Russian front in the inevitable spring Now this sounds very much like Presbyterian eulogists of a later departed! But, is ittrue? Was Knox controversy there may have been in times turned into something like a drive.

sacrament of Matrimony; the party knows that for him or her the organized Parliamentary opposition of the supernatural, of the existence Dr. Bruce Taylor type continue to especially distinguish the Scotland ministers of this sacrament are the laws of the Church are binding under topples like a house of cards. The of that very lieaven we are all laud him as "all on fire for God;" of the pre-Reformation age? It man and woman themselves who pain of invalidity of the marriage. French Chamber of Deputies con- striving to obtain. We must not "the creator of the common people;" should not de difficult to determine contract marriage. And this is The Protestant about to marry a cludes its ninth secret session. forget that materialism and agnostic- and the "founder of a new vital whether it is so. There is one clearly indicated by the Ne Temere Catholic knows this also, or should Russia has just issued what is appar- ism is not confined to Germany power." know it. He knows, further, that ently an ultimatum to her Allies- alone, but that many of our uni-Catholic marriage fulfils every sovereign possession of Constan. versities in this country are hotbeds "If it should happen in any district requirement of the civil law and is, tinople and the Dardanelles as the that neither the pastor nor the therefore, a legal and valid marriage. price of staying until ultimate vic. country is inoculated with its poison. It seems, then, no great hardship tory is achieved. lic, in any case, knows the binding would be reached on the Western occasion. This is, in our opinion, memorating the past glories of peril as well as the "glory" of his force of the law of the Church, and front. The long-sustained, despertible reason why the results are often their country. Their orators have fellow-conspirators?

#### SELECTING AMERICAN BISHOPS

The Consistorial decree, published elsewhere in this issue, is a somethe one to fill a vacant bishopric.

Hitherto the bishops of an ecclesiastical province met to consider the it actually occurred. In the United voice in the matter.

monies of his church, but only the choice while not depriving it of the

may be voluntarily influenced, more board. country. The concluding sentence The capacity of the Entente in this

In this country, while all clergymen | Church. They are always and every- which states that the new method | respect outmeasures that of the Teuand some State officials may legally where valid marriages unless invaliand some State omenias may regard, where is a further dated by something other than Cath- Apostolic See" would seem to indimen a greatly prolonged War, and Quite recently the Chairman of the subjugation of the northern Kingcate that its extension to Canada, imperatively demand the mobiliza- Toronto Board of Education was dom to the English Crown. Knox restriction as to place. It is some place of and even its continuance in the tion of all our available resources if severely criticized by a section of the knew this and connived at it. cient to note the lact without going into the details of the well-known an English univerity and a convert United States, may depend largely our efforts are to be crowned with press because he dared to say that Earlier in his career he had had the into the details of the well known restrictions which the State imposes from Anglicanism. When he speaks on the results of actual experience. restrictions which the State and officials with of the Protestant attitude, and espe- In an age when democracy is avert ultimate defeat. Stalemate did not hate. We condemn the Ger- ill-advised denunciation of female cially the Anglican attitude, toward largely a matter of forms and seems less probable than it did six mans for their "hymn of hate" and rule, directed primarily against his

THE WAR which disregards the prescriptions of their Protestant marriage as valid we were confidently told, and with request, and not unfrequently lends the appearance of sound reason, was his presence to the occasion. This There is just one case in which the beginning of the end. Bulgaria is right and proper; for it is desira-

the imperative necessity of obeying ate assault on Verdun, utterly reck- so meagre. Motives of revenge, of acclaimed it; their poets have sung it under pain of nullity of the mar- less of the cost in men and munitions, hate, of the uncertain glory of of it, and their soldiers have mainriage. Nothing can be gained by showed that the military genius of having one's name inscribed in the tained it on many a hard-fought in Knox's life when he had the attempting to soften this hard truth. Germany, then in the ascendant. list of our country's heroes will not field both in the old days and in the opportunity of showing whether or agreed that the decision must induce young men to sacrifice their new. In the battles of the present no he posessed the courage of the be sought in the West. There lives. They would be fools if they War that honorable distinction has true patriot, or the steadfastness of the East the War would be lost or supernatural motives, and must look seems to occur to our Presbyterian effort was made by the people of what radical departure in the method command of German strategy as that finds its echo not in the hearts glorious manifestations of the spirit of submitting the names of those Chief of the General Staff, supplant- of Catholics alone, but in the hearts of patriotism of which the nation stretched clutches of the new Queen amongst whom Rome usually chose ing Falkenhayn, a Western man. of all believing people. The Protestant boast, and those which they Knox, we are told, was surprised to

gone conclusion.

of which the civil power must take the parties' consent to marriage. is in many respects in very similar difficulties of successful Entente While Article X1. includes all Cath- conditions with regard to Rome as Balkan operations since the oppor-America." The question as to of Serbia and Montenegro. Now "Non-Catholics, whether baptized whether a similar provision may be Greece is apparently lost, or worse ity of conditions Canadian Bishops Foreign Secretary is thrown over-

#### SOME SIDELIGHTS ON RECRUITING

Recruiting meetings are still being held throughout the country, in order to raise the quota of men promised by the Government. It is customary in many places to hold these meetings on Sunday evenings, in some public hall, after the close true it is "The bravest are the in the forefront cringing to Elizabeth of church services. The pastors of the various congregations are invited tenderest; the loving are the daring.

The ideal soldier hates the German attempt to recover lost ground. He by the military authorities to urge One hundred days ago Rumania upon their people to attend. As a

understanding a very important con- mixed marriages it is well known that "In that hundred days," says the that are a denial not alone of Catho- age. We are willing to concede treason to his own Government and military expert of the N. Y. Times, lic doctrine but of the fundamental them some excuse for this for the basest sort of betrayal of his "the Teutons in the most brilliant truths of Christianity. To give an three hundred years following upon lawful Sovereign? Invalid, points out that if the enemy in order that he should find it again plicable. For we venture to assert Morton, standing at Knox's open Often the coming of children which is allowed to support himself on the —and we are quoting his very words without qualification of any sort grave, said of him: "Here lies he This is the situation when the by a lady who claimed to be a basis in fact or will stand the test of Morton proclaimed him to be, and tory of theological opinion. The When for sufficient reason a mixed apparently impregnable Coalition Theosophist. It is a denial of the honest investigation. And yet St. were there gathered together in him priest is not the minister of the marriage is allowed the Catholic Government in England without immortality of the soul, it is a denial Andrew's Day orators of the Rev. all those heroic qualities which

seemed to be no doubt as to that; offered them at this price. Christian suffered no diminution as the blood. the martyr. Following upon the but Germany changed her mind. patriotism must be founded upon re- soaked soil of France and Flanders de th of Mary of England and the Hindenburg, who always held that in ligion, upon not merely natural but so eloquently testifies. But it never accession of Elizabeth a vigorous won, was called to take supreme for an eternal reward. This is a truth friends that the greatest and most Scotland to throw off the yoke of the England and France still adhering tant mother who demands that she most vigorously proclaim in the find the friends of the Protestant to the belief that the West was to be must be permitted to pray for the fervid Scottish way, relate to the old opinions unresolved upon the great the decisive theatre of operations repose of the soul of her soldier days when Scotland was Catholic— question as to whether it was their carried on the brilliant and inspiring boy, also demands that the sacri- the days of Wallace and Bruce and duty openly to separate from the offensive on the Somme. Here they fice of his life shall receive its the heroic men of Moray, who from Catholic Church. Tumult broke out

was always an Eastern man; that he fairly. We are told of the righteous- aggressor. It was not until the sinstrenuously advocated for purely ness of our cause, that we are fight ister figure of Knox stalked across make use of them, and he applied military reasons a supreme effort ing God's battle, that we are fighting the land that that dauntless spirit himself with that capacity for foul when Serbia was invaded; that Ser- for the maintenance of Christianity, suffered any diminution. bia was sacrificed for political reasons. that it is our duty to slay this hydra-It has been said also that Sir Edward | headed monster of State Absolutism, Carson agreed with him, and left the of pride, of tyranny, of hate and tues claimed for Knox by his undis-Cabinet in disgust when they were infidelity. This is true; but in the criminating admirers, viz: patriot- desired effect, however, and this overborne. If so, the inclusion of name of all that is good let us not ism, bravery and godliness. It may "brave man" found it necessary to Sir Edward in the Cabinet is a fore- hope to succeed unless we are armed not be amiss to examine briefly in appeal to the Queen Regent whom The change of Government in battles. Let us send our young title to any or all of them. For browbeat and intimidate, to protect England now seems to indicate very Davids forth to meet this Goliath, not three centuries it has been dinned the reformed preachers from the vio-As a contract having consequences merely the legal official witnesses of enhanced by the fact that Canada indicates the tremendously increased God, which is the foundation of done nothing else, the fact that, as indicates the tremendously increased God, which is the foundation of done nothing else, the fact that, as indicates the tremendously increased indicates the tremendously increased God, which is the foundation of done nothing else, the fact that, as Where subject to cree, Section 3 of the same Article While people have a natural right to itself. For the reason of the similar- count Grey, the erstwhile idolized prayer." We cannot defeat pride by facts, and the facts of history are did not return to Scotland until all that characterizes some recruiting speeches and many of our patriotic decree though it has no force in this on the resources of the belligerents. songs is not in keeping with the ser-

Lastly, let there be put into that beth of England and her minister, then we hate more bitterly ourselves. own lawful sovereign, Queen Mary. We heard a mother, who had three This proceeding on Knox's part was sons in the trenches, remark when a greater crime in the English she learned that several thousand Queen's eyes than even the Reformer's It is not from heroic mothers or from the Lords of the Congregation came boys." ing for a just cause. THE GLEANER.

NOTES AND COMMENTS THE MANNER in which Presbyter-

-in some far off, dim, uncertain, whatsoever, that no single attribute who never feared the face of man!" sentiments we have heard expressed time have clothed him, has any really the dauntless spirit that

out-Verduned Verdun; and alas, reward beyond the fitful applause generation to generation, against in Edinburgh and Glasgow and it learned the lesson that Verduntaught of this ungrateful and forgetful world. almost overwhelming odds, main- became apparent to the Reformation It is time that we put aside cant tained the integrity and independ-It has been said that Lloyd George and hypocrisy and faced the issue ence of their country against every

. THERE ARE three paramount virwith the weapons of the Lord God of the light of modern research his he had previously endeavored to sling first of all the rock of faith in upon love of God, and that had he Now, if ever, would have been the of prayerful humility. This is the ment in freeing Scotland from the been mainly instrumental in creating. warning message that was sent only domination of a foreign power, viz, But not so. Opportunely for him cannot hope to win this war unless Tomes of panegyric, however, count Geneva, and without further ado he you have recourse to God in humble for nothing in presence of concrete accepted it and departed. And he

Germans had been taken prisoners Calvinism, detestable as that was to-"I hope they will be kind to the poor her. And she never forgave Knox That is the Christian spirit. for it. But as events progressed and brave soldiers who have spent to realize more and more that the months in the trenches that we hear success of their foul plot depended such unChristian sentiments. How upon English support, Knox is found tenderest; the loving are the daring." and eating his words in the vain crimes and is keen to win the wrote to Cecil begging his intervictory, but he bears no malice to cession with Elizabeth, and declarperhaps believes that he too is fight. wretched heart that only the testimony of his clean conscience prevented him from sinking in despair. The upshot was that he was dispatched to Berwick as the envoy of the Lords, and there we find him undertaking that the Congregation provided that the English would former" and the nature and effect of funds for their "comfortable supand dying defensive with the inevi- that at these meetings our people national life of their country remains patriot who thus accepted pay from are obliged to listen to statements one of the insoluble problems of the his country's traditional foe for

question can be submitted and the IF THERE IS any one quality upon truth arrived at: Did Knox stand particularly pride themselves it is events left his precious carcass tem-The one thing at these meetings their patriotism. It is the theme of porarily in danger, and did he, like from any point of view for the Pro- We have been often and dogmatic- that must strike the man of faith is every Scottish gathering on St. the brave man we are asked to testant to agree to this. The Catho- ally told that the decision of the War the materialistic atmosphere of the Andrew's Day, or any festival com-

> THERE WERE at least two occasions ures were necessary to head this off. Consequently Knox was employed to and abusive language with which his name is inseparably associated.

VIOLENT LANGUAGE had not the danger was over. This is the apostle who is emphatically declared "to THROUGHOUT THE whole course of have never feared the face of man.

is compelled very reluctantly to disarmed before von Mackensen is tions than those of the new laws. acknowledge that "judging with all in a position to come to their aid. It is astonishing what a number of Will the new British government men and women who enjoyed their charity, it must be admitted, that whilst his writings at this season measures to meet the grave danger had all the impassioned zeal, his confronting the Allies in the Levant? conduct betrayed some want of the ardent courage of the martyr." Knox could show wonderful bravery when it was a question of browbeating a lonely and defenceless woman in the person of his Sovereign. But can he truthfully be called a brave man who twice in his life when danger threatened withdrew to Geneva and there tarried until the the major campaigns of the war. storm had subsided?

FINALLY, KNOX in the estimation of his disciples, wears the aureole of "godliness." Space forbids following him through all the acts of his career. But modern historians who have thrown aside the false traditions of three centuries and gone back to the original sources of information, have dissipated that impression. We have no need here to repeat the tales against his personal character which none of his biographers have attempted to explain away. To Catholics it is sufficient that he, a consecrated priest vowed to a life of celebacy violated that yow and dragged another down with him, and that in his old age he had the further indecency to espouse a child of sixteen. But men of any religious persussion may well be asked if he truthfully can be called a good, far less a "godly" man, who conspired with others for the murder of Cardinal Beaton, one of the truest patriots that Scotland ever knew, and when the wicked deed was accomplished gloated with fiendish glee and foul iest over the crime. This is but one of many cruel deeds chargeable to his account, but it is sufficient to condemn him in the eyes of every. normal, right - thinking person. Strange it is, and most incom prehensible that despite the indubitable evidence of history his name is still acclaimed as the "areat Reformer" and the "maker of modern Scotland." The maker of the dark side of modern Scotland which Dr. Bruce Taylor dilated upon he undoubtedly was. That, however, life is now in London to an old but intensifies the mystery.

SOME FURTHER remarks as to the condition of Scotland during Knox's time, and of the dark years which followed, must stand over until next

#### ON THE BATTLE LINE

THE BALKAN MENACE

The report that the Government of Greece has been offered help by Germany and Austria if it is decided to declare war on the Allies in retaliation for the blockade of Greek ports begun vesterday is not to be hoats in the numerous sheltered and land-locked harbors of Greece. With from Roumania the Germans could probably make the Aegean so unsafe for the transports and war vessels of the Allies as to compel the abandonment of the Macedonian campaign. The feeding, supplying and reinforc ing of Sarrail's army of over half a million men by water would become well-nigh impossible were every gulf and strait and winding channel to offer shelter for a lurking submar-

The menace to Suez Canal traffic would be almost as great as to Sarrail's army were the Germans to secure a number of naval bases in Greek waters. For a time a year ago, when Austrian and German submarines were obtaining secret supplies of oil fuel from Greek sources they cut traffic through the canal down to small dimensions. With Greece as an open ally the Germans could concentrate most of their submarines in Eastern Mediterranean The Suez Canal is only two Corinth, and through it comes the into Great Britain from Australia, materials from much of that trade would have to take the long route by the Cape of Good Hope and the West African I was able to deposit him at his

It would seem essential, therefore, great task. whence the interior of Albania can | those who really wanted a drink. The Greek readily.

It is astonishing what a number of be bold enough to take effective With Mr. Balfour as Foreign Secretary the prospect is none too bright. Vet immediate and decisive action is essential to the continuance of the Macedonian campaign and the protection of the immense traffic of the Suez Canal. The developments of the past few weeks may necessary for the western Allies to pour great armies into the Balkans, wage there next season one of

#### IN ROUMANIA

The German reports regarding the situation in Roumania state that the pursuit of the garrison of Bucharest ontinues. The remnant of the Roumanian troops that made such gallant fight in the retreat from Orsova has been forced to capitulate after an eastward march as far as the Berlin states that 8,000 River Alt. men laid down their arms and surrendered 26 guns. On other parts of the front von Falkenhayn's army took 10,000 prisoners. The main Roumanian army is reported to be still intact. The Rusky Invalid, the military organ of the Petrograd War Office, says the Germans, must not be allowed to settle down in winter positions in Central Roumania and on the lower reaches of the Danube. The article is regarded as foreshadowing operations on a great scale to prevent the Germans from fortifying positions between the Danube and the Carpathians, from which they would hurl themselves in the spring against the Russian main the wooded Carpathians and in the Trotus Valley the Russians continue their attacks. definite success has yet been obtained.-Globe, Dec. 9.

#### T. P. O'CONNOR'S LETTER

LONDON GIVEN TO FRIVOLOUS AMUSEMENTS

DEPRESSION NEVERTHELESS BENEATH UNDERLYING ALL A UNIVERSAL AND FIERCE DETERMINATION TO WIN THE WAR Special Cable to the CATHOLIC RECORD

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London Dec. 9.— I will put down carefully and dispassionately what Londoner; it may be a useful record to others and to myself of what war means to the ordinary citizen. first sight one might well believe that war made no difference whatever to London. The streets are full; the shops are full—some of them, like Selfridge's for instanceare doing bigger business than ever. What is more extraordinary, the streets are crowded every night; and finally, the hotels haven't a room to and starved lives before, and cheap spare.

cially at nights. The Zeppelin raids made no impression on generally. London is a little like the Chinese Empire—it is so big, that when you touch one part of its stroke could be delivered against the Allies than to secure submarine bases for the German material and the rest of the body. London goes bases for the German materials and symbolic of the time, is the characteristic and the char bases for the German undersea on in its stodgy, impenetrable, easy way. At the same time, the limita tions and precautions which the ample protection and plenty of oil Zepps have necessitated, do make nights in London rather depressing and very inconvenient sometimes. You pass through streets that are mournfully and sometimes even perilously dark; there are many more street car and taxi accidents than there were. It is difficult for those with short sight to detect always the end of the footpath. I have met the difficulty, like many other London citizens, by getting a small electric torch : I have found it very useful, and indeed I don't know how I could have got home one night without it. That was a night of the biggest and densest fog we have had for several years in London. I was dining at the Westminster Palace Hotel — the new abode of National Liberal Club, and John Bath Club, had promised to dine with me. But an hour passed and there was no sign of Dillon; I tried laughs. When a somewhat excite-to telephone to him and he to me; able member of Parliament probut we both failed. When it came steaming from Athens or to the time to go on, though I had only to go to the end of Victoria greater part of the food imported Street, I should have found it reat Britain from Australia, impossible to do so without my vast quantities of raw little electric torch, I had also to pilot Joe Devlin to Ashly Gardens Greece under Germany's control close by; he has no sense of locality

The sumptuary laws, if I may so that the grave situation in Greece call them, have really made little for the front. The young soldier be faced at once and dealt with vigor- difference. It is true that you can rarely passes through the streets in ously. If King Constantine is preparing to join hands with the Gereland of the utmost moment, it has been on to his arm with evident adoration of the utmost moment, it has been on to his arm with evident adoration of the utmost moment, it has been deemed expedient to lay down a new nans and use his army to break the and after 9:30 at night; but man tion. What is quite as significant is lines of the Allies in Southern accustoms himself easily to changed Albania a peaceful blockade of the conditions; and this difficulty is met ports of Greece will not stay his by ordering the drinks in time. The hand. For their own self-preserva- only occasion on which I suffered tion the Allies must at once effect from this particular regulation was ively occupy the territory lying when I sat down to a dinner at midbetween Greece and the armies of night in Edinburgh after a visit to a the Central powers. That will be a big meeting in Glasgow with the It will involve the trans- French members of Parliament; and portation of 200,000 men or more to then the private flask of some mem-Avlona, Saloniki and other ports bers of the company compensated

A good many people have imposed

glass of wine or Scotch and soda before the war, have never touched alcohol in any shape since the war. Rufus Isaacs — Lord Reading the Lord Chief Justice—has not touched wine since the war began; nor Lord Robert Cecil, the assistant of Lord Grey at the Foreign Office; nor Dr. Macnamara, the Secretary to the Admiralty; nor Lloyd George who, though not a teetotaler, is almost one. The other day when Lord Shaughnessy lunched with him at the Walton Heath Golf Club, he

called for horse's neck the new drink which has been created since the war. It is ginger beer and lemon: I have not tried it, but it seems to be relished by its devotees. Champagne is drunk rather more rarely indeed sentiment is so strong on that point, that it is drunk rather shamefacedly, sometimes even furtively. I have seen a few men who still have champagne from a pewter pot, usually given only to the more modest beer.

satisfied. The dinners, it is true, are a little shorter; but this is simply a continuation of the tendency towards the disappearance of the Early Victorian stodgy meals which had begun years before the war. All that can be said as yet is that the war has furthered and accelerated that approach to the Simpler Life which had already begun to be fashionable among sane and temperate people in all classes. The love of all Englishmen for ath letic sports has helped to create for two generations at least a great desire to be always fit; and fitness is incompatible with over self-indul-

Of course I have been speaking only of the middle classes. the poor there is a good deal of stress and in Dublin where wages are bad and have remained bad, the big rise in the price of potatoes has caused widespread hardship. The Government are taking strong measures to alleviate this and other difficulties, as has been seen by the recent appointment of a Food dictator. But here again the stress is not co-extensive with the working classes. Wages are very high in some of the munitions works: women who used to be idle and penniless are now working and earning; with result that families which received but a pittance before the war, are now receiving large incomes. I heard down in Birmingham the other war had as its entire income just £1 a week, were now, through their different members receiving such good wages able to take a motor trip to Plymouth in Southern England, and to spend £65 in a single week.

Many industries are doing a roar-ing trade, especially the small jewelin their lives are giving themselves enjoyments unknown to their dark -sometimes even dear jewelry But on the other hand, there are a good many inconveniences—espe is also got, especially by the women, which accounts for the good business of the big drapers.

Another sign of the times, as I have said, is the full attendance of theatres; and as characteristic and ter of the performances. They are for the most part of the lightest and most frivolous character; the revue has been so completely transferred to London that people forget it was, but a short time ago, almost confined to Paris. The lighter the piece the more frivolous-I might almost say the more inane-the more popular it is. This, of course, can be no surprise to students of human psychology. Death and widespread disaster have always driven men and women to license and laughter. Manzoni's story of the plague in and Boccaccio's Decam eron and De Foe's History of the Plague in London, are the immortal masterpieces which prove this fact

It is perhaps this feeling also detriment of ecclesiastical discipline which accounts for a singularly changed attitude of society towards the frailties of men and women. The phrase "The unmarried wife" Dillon, who lives in London at the has passed actually into the official language of the War Office; and when the words are used, nobody posed a great subscription for the war babies, people did not protest because they did not sympathize found that the figures were not so high as Mr. Ronald McNeill-he was the member—set forth. Everybody seems to have joined in a conspiracy to get young people to marry as quickly as they can; the papers teem with accounts of weddingsaccompanied often by the statement that the young soldier had to leave that questions are discussed openly in the press, at public meetings, in the presence of perfectly respectable and well ordered women, as to which British puritanism and prudery held in pre-war days the gospel of compulsory and blind silence. The disvitals of the nation-which would no more be mentioned than the hanging of a relation in pre war days, now figure in the daily papers; Royalists will have to be entirely on themselves much severer restrictand at last there may be a real na

tional attempt to stamp them out-

as of course there could be contemporary life in London and maturely considered all the circum-England generally today, no shade stances sanctioned and ordained the amid the dazzling lights of crowded shops, restaurants and a very saturnalia of frivolous amusement? Cong There is, of course; and the shade law becomes deeper as the war goes on. To give a truly faithful record of what England feels at this hour, I should put two apparently conflicting | next year 1917, and thereafter every feelings into actual combination, and feelings into actual combination, and two years, at the same time, the I might even say, absorption. There Bishops all and several shall indicate is, and more than any time since the war began, a deep feeling of depression. Since the beginning of the alterius, whom they each cons sion. Since the beginning of the alterius, whom they each consider great push in July in spite of its worthy and suited for the episcopal steady and practically uninterrupted progress—the people, and especially the parents of England, have realized the gigantic size of the sacrifices which the nation will have to make. It is not only the first born that is claimed by the Moloch of today; it is the second; the third; often the hankering for France's most entire family. Homes in every class fascinating production, drink their of life have been wiped out so far as candidate they will also indicate his their male members are concerned. have not stopped, that indeed it Thus honor and appetite were equally might even be said, they are only beginning on this enlarged scale. If anybody could have said that England did not realize the war in the early days, nobody can say that now.

But in combination and in absorption with this feeling, is the other namely, that there is no choice for England but to go right on whatever the cost. Now or never represents the universal and fierce feeling outside the infinitesimal and intensely unpopular section of the crank ifists. Never have I been more impressed with the inflexible strength when it is put in the crucible, of the English character, than when I have ken to the parents who have lost children. "You lost a son in the war," I said to the famous scientist, Sir Oliver Lodge, President of the Birmingham University, when he took the chair for me at an Armenian "Yes," he said—not one meeting. word more. And there I had to leave

### IMPORTANT DECREE

NEW METHOD OF SELECTING BISHOPS IN THE UNITED STATES ORDAINED BY THE CONSISTORIAL CONGREGATION

From Rome The method prevailing in the United States of America for propos day that a family which before the ing candidates for the episcopal ministry, known as that of the term although it has gradually been improved by the repeated efforts of the Baltimore Council and by the provisions made by the Holy See, eems no longer to answer fully to the present needs of the Church.

For as things stand at present lers. The working people in possession of good money for the first time terna can be proposed the diocesan consultors and permanent rectors must first meet, and after them the bishops of the province: and in the case of the selection of a Metropolitan, it is the custom to hear also the various Metropolitans. In a matter of such great importance such precautions are most prudent; but order to carry them out a considerable period of time is necessary.

But as the question is finally to be submitted to that Church "to which by reason of its more powerful principality all the churches must come," according to the famous phrase of St. Irenaeus, further delay and slowness occurs in making provision for an episcopal see, the very fundamental law of the Church re quiring it. For the Supreme Pontiff can give his verdict only after having examined the matter, dispelled any doubt that may exist, and very fre quently after having sought fresh informations. This requires always and everywhere a suitable period of time and cannot be at all avoided in the case of the far distant and wide spread republic of the United States

Owing to these causes the vacancy of dioceses is unduly prolonged, to the hurt of the faithful, and the

and of the condition of the dioceses. Moreover it does not seem wise that the matter, than which hardly other in the Church can be regarded as more important, should be treated in a hurried manner and only under the spur and impulse of necessity; while on the other hand, seeing that the vacancy of dioceses is certain to occur, even though the time of its occurrence is uncertain it would be better to provide for it in with the object, but because it was due season, and to present to the Apostolic See, at least generically, in anticipation the names of those whom the bishops consider to be worthy and suited for the pastoral charge.

Wherefore, to obviate these and other not unimportant inconven iences to which reference has been made on other occasions, and to pro ceed more satisfactorily and with great tranquility of mind in a subject and more suitable method for pro posing to the Apostolic See candi dates for the episcopal office, in accordance with what has already been introduced with profit else-

The several bishops of the United States of America were first consulted eases which have been eating sil-ently and secretly into the very ascertained that the great majority of them were in favour of the new people with profit and edification. discipline, and that some of them the Supreme Pontiff, on the advice of tue Most Eminent Fathers of this following method:

Sacred Congregation, and as far as s of course there could be.

Is there then in this picture of Lord Pope Benedict XV., having publication and promulgation by the present decree of the S. Consistorial Congregation of this new method or approved, shall be submitted to the according to the articles for proposing candidates for

the Episcopal office. Towards the beginning of Lent at the same time the to the Metropolitan the names of

of another diocese or even another province from being proposed. But t is required sub gravi that a person proposed be known personally and by long-continued relations to the person who proposes him. Together with the name of the

age, birthplace, present residence It is shown, too, that the sacrifices and the principal office held by him. Both Archbishops and Bishops, before deciding on whom they shall

propose, shall ask in the manner prescribed below, the diocesan consultors and permanent rectors indicate some priest whom they consider before the Lord worthy and of the Christian flock committed to him in a diocese.

But (a) this interpellation of the consultors and parish-priests is to be made to them not assembled of destroying any epistolary correspondence that may take place on the matter.

The Bishops shall not reveal to anybody the advice they have had, becomes vacant, reserves to himself except perhaps at the meeting of to ask timely counsel from the

Bishops, of which later.
3. The Bishops may also interrogate other prudent men even of the regular clergy both for the proposal a candidate and for obtaining information concerning his qualifications; but observing rigorously the that diocese; still it will be lawful, rules given above under (a) and (b) of (4) The advice obtained in both

ases mentioned in Articles 2 and 3, the Bishops may but are not bound to follow, and they shall have to render account to God alone in this and tranquil diocese, or for one, of

besides the Archbishop make known ized and created; whether for a the name or names they propose diocese situated in a mild climate according to Article 1.

5. The Archbishop after receiving kind, and the like. from the suffragans the names of the he shall draw up a list of them in alphabetical order, making no mention of the persons proposing them the different suffragans so the necessary investigations cerning the qualifications of those special nature has whom they do not know personally ing to Article 14. and with certain knowledge.

The investigations are to be conducted with the utmost secrecy, as has been said above in article 3. The Bishops may conceal the reason of their investigations and prudently hide it. Should they fear that the thing is likely to become public inquiries.

After Easter, on a day and at a place to be appointed by the Archpishop, all the Bishops of the province are to come together with their most secret Archives of the Holy Metropolitan for the selection of Office, but to be destroyed after a ince are to come together with their those who are to be proposed to the vear, or even before should there be Holy See for the Episcopal ministry. They are to meet without external

formalities, as if for a friendly congress, so as not to attract attention, especially from newspapers and periodicals, or stimulate curiosity.

At the meeting, after having invoked the Divine assistance. everyone including the Archbishop shall swear with his hand on the Holy Gospels to observe secrecy so that the bond binding all may be the more sacred; and the rules for making the selection shall be read.

Then one of the Bishops present shall be chosen as Secretary

10. After this, an orderly discussion shall take place so that from among all the names presented the more worthy and suitable shall be selected. The importance of the matter urgently requires that the discussion be carried on and all things done as it in the very presence of Christ and under His direction, to the exclusion of all human considerations, with discretion and charity for the supreme good of the Church, and exclusively in view of the Divine glory and of the salvation of souls. The known piety and the religious spirit of all Prelates certainly require that the subject be treated in this way.

11. The candidates should be of mature but not advanced prudence in conducting affairs which has been proved in the ministerial occupations they have held; of perfectly sound doctrine in a degree out of the common, joined with due devo-tion to the Apostolic See; and above all things distinguished for their good lives and their piety.

Attention also is to be paid to the capacity of the candidate in the administration of property, to the state of his personal affairs, to his natural disposition and to his health. In a word it is to be seen whether he possess those qualities which are required in an excellent pastor so that he may be able to rule God's

12. When discussion has been proposed certain emendations which closed by the Archbishop, the scrutiny is to be made according to the

opinion of the bishops as revealed by the discussion, are recognized for one reason or another as persons to be excluded from the list proposed, are not to be voted on : the others, even those most highly

(b) The scrutiny is to be made by secret ballot for each one, beginning with the first of the candidates in alphabetical order.

(c) All the Bishons, including the Metropolitan himself, shall be given for each candidate three balls or pebbles, one black, one white, and the third of some different colour. The first shall be the token of approinistry.

There is nothing to hinder priests bation, the second of disapprobation, and the third of abstention from voting, whatever the cause.

Each Prelate, beginning with the Archbishop shalldrop into an urn suitably provided the ball which before God, under a grave obligation of conscience, he believes to be the just one for the priest who is being voted on; the other two balls shall be put into another urn similarly provided for the purpose.

e) When all have voted, the Archbishop with the assistance of the Secretary Bishop shall count before all the number of balls, black and white, and write down the result.

13. The voting on all having been concluded, it shall be open to the fitted beyond others to have the care Bishops, if they like, or if anyone among them asks for it, that of the who have been approved with full votes or with an equal number of votes, the one to be preferred shall be decided by a fresh scrutiny. together in a body, but separately to each, and enjoining on each sub name of the candidate they respect the obligation of secrecy and ively prefer, and put them in the urn an amnesty for all Sinn Fein and these shall be examined as is decreed above in Article II, e.

14. Although Our Most Holy Lord when a diocese or archdiocese to ask timely counsel from the Bishops and Archbishops either through the Most Reverend Delegate Apostolic or otherwise, so that he may select the person who seems to dom's well; be most fitted, among those that have been approved, for governing nay it will be well, for the Bishops at their meeting to furnish some indications, at least of a generic kind, for which particular dioceses they consider the candidate best suited for example, for a small, organized greater importance, or for one in To absolutely no other person which many things have to be organand in the plain, or one of a different

The Secretary Bishop shall candidates shall add his own; and during the discussion carefully note down the opinions on the various matters expressed by the different Prelates; what was the conclusion and this list he shall transmit to arrived at in the discussion; and finally the result of the first scrutiny, they may be enabled to make and of the second if a second has been held, and whatever else of a special nature has been said, accord-

16. Before the Bishops separate. the report drawn up by the Reverend Secretary concerning the names proposed, the qualifications of the candidates, the votes they have obtained, shall be read for approval.

17. A copy of the acts, signed by the Archbishop, the Secretary Bishop are to abstain from further and the other bishops present, shall be sent in the safest way possible to this Congregation by the Apostolic Delegate. The acts themselves shall be kept by the Archbishop in the

danger of the violation of secrecy 18. It shall also be lawful for the Bishops, both on the occasion of the proposal of a candidate or on the vacancy of a See, especially one of greater importance to send letters to this Sacred Congregation, or to Our Most Holy Lord himself, making known their mind concerning the qualifications of candidates either in themselves or in relation to the provision to be made for the See in question.

These presents to be valid all things to the contrary even those calling for special mention notwithstanding. and during the will of the Apostolic

Given at Rome, July 25th 1916. C. CARD. DE LAI, Episc. Sabinen; Secretary. THOMAS BOGGIANI, Archiep. Edessen.

Assessor.

#### PASS IT ON

"The Catholic newspaper agent's visit to a town or a parish is a good deal like an examination of conscience—it discovers the things 'that ain't.' Of all the faults (is it putting it too strongly to say sins?) of omission, that of neglect on the part of an enormous number of Catholics to inform and fortify themselves by means of their own press s among the most glaring and the east pardonable," "Never in the history of this World. country have our people been so

(a) Those who, in the unanimous prosperous as they are at this moment. Many of them occupy positions of business and social i portance. They have comfortable homes, spend large sums of money in entertaining, and give their children expensive educations. Their library tables are loaded with the newest sellers,' but the Catholic paper is, alas, conspicuous only too often by its absence. And yet the Catholic paper is an integral part of a truly Catholic home.'

#### T. M. KETTLE'S POLITICAL TESTAMENT

Had I lived I had meant to call my next book on the relations of Ireland and England "The Two Fools: A Tragedy of Errors." all the folly of England and all the folly of Ireland to produce the situation in which our unhappy country is now involved.

I have mixed much with Englishmen and with Protestant Ulstermen, and I know that there is no real or abiding reason for the gulfs, salter than the sea, that now dismember the natural alliance of both of them with us Irish Nationalists. It needs only a *Fiat Lux* of a kind very easily apassed to replace the unnatural by the natural.

In the name, and by the seal, of the blood given in the last two years I ask for Colonial Home Rule for Ire land, a thing essential in itself, an essential as a prologue to the recon struction of the Empire. Ulster will

And I ask for the immediate withdrawal of martial law in Ireland, and prisoners. If this war has taught us anything it is that great things can be done only in a great way

In the Field, Sept. 3rd, 1916.

GOD'S SCHOLAR

dom's well;
He is of love the eternal fountainhead, The truth, with which the highest

thought is wed;
With Him pure faith and hope must ever dwell.

He is the infinite beaut, whose sweet spell Gives charm and life to what is seem

ing dead; He is the balm, when the sore heart has bled, And the sole hope, when tolls death's

fatal knell. Be taught of Him, if thou wouldst

truly know; Love Him, if thou wouldst love the perfect best; Seek Him, if thou wouldst see fair beauty glow ;

Him follow, if thou hopest to find rest: To Him bear all the burthen of thy

And ask through good and ill, to be His guest
-John Lancaster Spalding

He who is growing in devotion to the Mother of God is growing in all good things.—Father Faber.

#### FATHER FRASER'S CHINESE MISSION

Taichowfu, China, Dec. 11, 1915.

Dear Readers of CATHOLIC RECORD : It may be a little surprise to you to learn that it takes \$100 a week to keep my mission going, I am glad when I see that amount contributed in the RECORD, but when it is less I am sad to see my little reserve sur diminished and the catastrophs arriving when I must close my chapels, discharge my catechists and reduce my expenses to the few dollars coming in weekly. I beseech you to make one more supreme effor? during 1916 to keep this mission on its feet. You will be surprised to learn what a great deal I am doing with \$100 a week—keeping mysels and curate, 30 catechists, 7 chapels, and free schools, 8 churches different cities with caretakers supporting two big catechumenates of men, women and children during eir preparation for baptism and building a church every year.

Yours gratefully in Jesus and M J. M. Frase		
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Angus O'Handley, Bara-		
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Alonzo Fotter, Zurich	1	00
Ig. G. Schmidt and family	1	00
Annie D. Griswold, Ottawa	1	00
Angus Macdonald, Bristol		60

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By REV. N. M. REDMONI

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MEANS TO "MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD "

"He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaias." John i, 23.)

The sacred words of the prophet of old with which the hallowed voice of St. John made the wilderness ring, reminds us of the work that becomes us in this holy season. Whatever may be one's spiritual condition, by far the best means "to make straight the way of the Lord" is a sacramental confession, having all the requisite conditions of true peni-We owe our best service to God. In this sacrament we are enabled to perceive the extent of our unfaithfulness. Hence, when the gravely sinful, but truly penitent, behold the dark picture of the past, they earnestly resolve on a life of grace for the future; when the tepid, truly penitent, behold their sloth of the past, they resolve to be fervent in the future; and when the good behold the contrast between what they have been, and what they should have been, they resolve to be better in the future. This resolution, which is the soul of true repentance, is the effect of divine grace, Church. and the influx of the justifying grace of the sacrament gives it a sacra mental character. But the sacrament of penance ends not with this. It has yet to be completed in the life of the penitent. Satisfaction to God has yet to come. In its strict sacra-mental sense, this is the penance enjoined by the priest. In its wider sense it embraces all other spiritual means appropriate to this, or any other holy season. Only those, how ever, whatever may be our spiritual standing before God, who are contrite and who confess during Advent, will make the best and most fruitful use of these means. By contrition and confession we are stimulated with a hearty desire, strengthened by sacramental grace, to satisfy God's justice "by worthy fruits of repent nce." The view which we get in the sacrament of the dark side of the past, teaches us the necessity of the satisfaction which should be made in the future. The truly penitent sensibly deem their whole future lives too short in which to make satisfaction to God. The justice of God is as great as His mercy. His mercy has never failed to proportion divine succor to the ordinary needs of each, neither will His justice ever fail to exact a proportion between sin and satisfaction. The terms of this proportion are shrouded in mystery. The truly wise, therefore, are those who dedicate their whole lives to works of satisfaction. They walk in the footsteps of their models of the past, who marked their lives with daily works of satisfaction, which bespoke their latent determination to be on the safe side, when justice would sift their lives. But to descend to particulars, let us see what be the works of our life-

long satisfaction. All, who have a feeling sense of the injustice which they have been guilty of toward God by the commisgion of mortal or venial sin, will not fail to recognize, that, after they fail to recognize, that, after they have reached the happy point in their lives, in which, under the their lives, of God's grove they influence of God's grace, they resolve to lead better lives, that it is both reasonable and practical that they faithfully discharge all their duties as Christians. Sin, as we suppose, they have renounced. But if any affection for it remain, they should be prompt in stamping it out. Occasions of sin, they should dread and avoid, even though they be as dear to them as the right hand is to man. The observance of the commandments of God and the precepts of the Church must be the practice of their lives. Trials they ought to receive as coming from God for their spiritual betterment. The discharge of the duties of their respective states in life, should be exact and conscientious. All ought to be done in a spirit of true Christian penance. Many, indeed, start out determined to fully comply with all these duties, but alas, not a few fail for want of that which we have yet to consider.

When we resolve on attaining an end, we ought also to lay hold of the means requisite to do so. Those who have failed in the present instance have fully verified this axiom. Determined on the end, they have neglected the means. The practice of the Christian duties to which we have adverted, supposes by the way of means, a regular and uniform devotion. As the duties adverted to, are essential in the service of God and the salvation of our souls, a regular and uniform devotion is of indispensable obliga-tion. Through this channel must flow into our souls the graces, without which it will be impossible for us to execute our resolutions in the practice of those essential Christian duties. You may ask, what is meant by this regular and uniform devo tion? We cannot enter into all its details. The chief branches of it are devout morning and evening prayer. Oh, that we had language sufficiently strong to emphasize the importance of this branch! It is woeful that it is made light of by so many. A conscientious observance of Sunday and holy-days. Comment is unnecessary regarding the importance of this branch. To have for a daily companion some good book. Oh, what go den half hours are these spent in sweet converse with such a book! Finally, to frequently refort-

Oh, dear people, happy will it be for us, if in this manner we make the present Advent memorable as Christian lives. Thus we earnest will faithfully comply with the request of St. John in the holy words

the ecstasy of the common delight. (1his shows that the Reformation) of Isaias: "Make straight the way of the Lord."

#### TEMPERANCE

TOTAL ABSTINENCE OFFICERS

I note with interest that the officers' mess of the American Legion in the Canadian army, otherwise known as the 97th battalion, is made up solely of total abstainers colonel, Rev. C. Seymour Bullock, He says: sometime Unitarian minister in There i Ottawa, holds the contingent resignation of every officer, operative automatically if that officer takes to drink or immorality. Every man in the whole battalion of 1,200 American citizen, and four is (an other battalions are now forming. The badge is a maple leaf bearing the arms of George Washington. It is to be remembered that during the Civil War 48,000 Canadians crossed the line to fight in the Union army, of whom 18,000 died in service.

—Presbyter Ignotus, in the Living

KEEPING OUT THE CAUSE

Nederland, the new boom town of Colorado, made famous and prosperous by the wealth that tungsten mining has been turning out, is the first of the Western boom towns to be without a saloon. And the Denver Catholic Register remarks:

'No matter whether one likes prohibition or not, he must agree that it is an excellent thing for Nederland. Imported intoxicants are common enough there, and drunken men are anything but rare, but the saloon is absent, and the murders that would inevitably result from such establish. ments in the high tensioned boom city have not been occurring. Ned-erland is one of the most interesting spots in America at the present time, and will undoubtedly have 50,000 to 10,000 tourist visitors this summer.'

#### PROBABLY HAD RIGHT IDEA

A traveler entered an inn where a Quaker sat by the fire. Lifting a pair of green spectacles and rubbing his eyes, which looked very inflamed the newcomer, in one breath, called for some brandy and made a grievous complaint about his eyes.

"They are getting weaker and weaker." he said. "And now even the spectacles appear to do no good." The Quaker looked first at him and then at the brandy.

"I tell thee, my friend, what I think," said he. "If thou wouldst wear thy spectacles over thy mouth for a few months, thine eyes would get well again."—St. Paul Bulletin.

#### SOME BRITISH TESTIMONIES

"Alcohol produces progressive paralysis of judgment, and this begins with the first glass."--H. Lander

Brunton. "Health will always be injured even by small doses of alcohol."-H.

"Alcohol even in small quantities

the most painful and uauge maladies which have come under my notice (during more than twenty notice (during have been as well as those which every medical man has to treat, to the ordinary and daily use of fermented drinks taken in the quantity which is conventionally deemed moderate." — Sir Henry Thompson.

"Alcohol is a poison. In chemistry and physiology, this is its proper place. Many readers may receive this dogmatic assertion, therefore, with a 'Pooh, pooh! Fanati and folly! We know better!' me support the assertion therefore with authority. 'The sedative action of alcohol on the brain,' says Christianson—and we know no higher authority either as regards poisons than the article of the materia medica—' constitutes it a powerful narcotic poison." — The late Professor Miller, Edinburgh University.—St. Paul Bulletin.

#### REFORMATION WAS INTRO-DUCED BY FORCE

Froude (in "History of England," Vol. iv, p. 207.) Describing the manner in which the English people rejoiced when Catholicity was restored to them

under Queen Mary, Froude writes: "The glad news spread like lightning through London, and the pent-up hearts of the citizens poured themselves out in a torrent of exul-tation. Above the human cries, the long-silent church bells clashed again into life; first began St. Paul's, where happy chance had saved them from destruction; then, one by one, eyery peal, which had been spared, caught up the sound, and through the summer evening, and the sum mer night, and all the next day, the metal tongues from tower and steeple gave voice to England's gladness. The lords, surrounded by the shouting multitude, walked in state to St. Paul's, where the choir again sang a Te Deum, and the unused organ rolled out once more its mighty volume of music. As they came out again at the close of

FIVE MINUTE SERMON | ify ourselves by the grace of the sac- at the crossways. The citizens were spreading tables in the streets, which their wives were loading with fattest cappons; there was free feasting for all comers, and social the season of our conversion to truly jealousies and religious batreds were forgotten for the moment in

(This shows that the Reformation had been inflicted on the people by force.)—Our Sunday Visitor.

#### WHAT CATHOLIC EDUCATION DOES

unappreciative Catholics who do not properly value the parish school will profit by reading the opin ion of the editor of a New England publication devoted to education.

There is one Church which makes religion an essential in education, and that is the Catholic Church, in which the mothers teach their faith to the infants at the breast in their lullaby songs, and whose brotherhoodspriests and sisterhoods and nuns imprint their religion on souls as indelibly as the diamond marks the hardest glass. They ingrain their human hearts plastic to the touch. Are they wrong, are they stupid, are they ignorant that they found parish schools, convents, colleges, in which religion is taught? Not if a man be worth Church is to sanctify and save souls that they found parish schools, convents, colleges, in which religion is more than a dog, or the human soul, with eternity for duration, is of more value than the span of animal existence for a day. If they are right, then we are wrong. If our Puritan In many die fathers were wise, then we are foolish; looking upon it as a mere speculative question, with their policy they will increase: with ours, we will

The writer then makes this fore-

We are no prophet, but it does seem to us that Catholics, retaining their religious teaching and we our heathen schools, will gaze upon cathedral crosses all over New England when our meeting-houses will be turned into barns. Let them go on teaching their religion to the children, and let us go on educating our children in schools without a recognition of God and without the reading of the Bible, and they will plant corn and train grapevines on the unknown graves of the Plymouth Pilgrims and of the Puritans of Mass-achusetts Bay, and none will dispute their right of possession. We say this without expressing our own hopes or fears but as inevitable from the fact that whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

#### ACCESSIONS TO THE "ONE FOLD"

The publishers of the Official Cath olic Directory are making a special effort to obtain from the diocesan chanceries reliable statistics regard ing the number of converts annually received into the Church in the United States. Sixty-nine dioceses with a Catholic population of 8,082,-At the 900, reported 19,009 converts. same ratio, the remaining 32 dioceses with a Catholic population of 8,481,500 should show a larger number, making a total of approximately 39,000. This is a matter of so much importance-as an evidence of the healthy growth of the Church and "I have no hesitation in attributing a very large proportion of some of the vital appeal which her teaching makes to the non-Catholic world the accurate information we have out it. We all know in a general way that no inconsiderable accessions to the ranks of the Church, through conversions, are made every year; but how great these accessions are we have no means of knowing with any degree of definitiveness, be cause no concerted effort has been made throughout the country to gather reliable data on this point.

The Apostolic Mission House in Washington has tried for several years to secure information from its imagination play on the domain of infallibility. number of converts to Catholicity. It places the average yearly number of those who enter the "one fold" at about 40,000. An estimate made by the editor of the Catholic Convert places the number of converts received into the Church in the United States during the year 1915 between 40,000 and 45,000. The pastors of parishes who are actively engaged in the work of the ministry on the firing line and who are brought into immediate and personal contact with those outside the Church, do not hesitate to say that this number falls far short of the reality. They judge from the number of converts each year in their own and the neighboring parishes.

For many reasons it would be interesting to know just how many non-Catholics are received into the Church annually in this country. It would be invaluable as an indication of the "pulling power," so to speak, of Catholicism and a measure of the spiritual attraction which it has for the average Protestant. It would stimulate to greater effort the priests and people who are now striving, with more or less success to place the claims of the Church, as a religious organization, more clearly before the non-Catholic world; and it would be an incentive to others to co-operate with them and add their mite to the work now being done along these lines.

Every Catholic is, or ought to be, a an apostle, or "one sent," to those who do not worship before his altar.
This is especially true of the intelligent Catholic who cannot dissociate himself from the work of evangeliza-

# APPLES, ORANGES, FIGS AND PRUNES

### Are The Four Fruits Used in Making "Fruit-a-tives

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tion which is the essential feature of the divine charter given Church when the Saviour said to the and that she cannot do unless they are brought under her immediate jurisdiction by submission to her

In many dioceses throughout the country the Bishop, on his confirmation tour, keeps a record of the number of converts in the classes presented to him for confirmation. Wherever confirmation is given each year this will show the yearly accessions to the True Fold in the territory from which the class is drawn; and in other cases it indicates the num ber of converts made since the previous confirmation. But even this is valuable as an index of the Church's

growth. In this diocese the Most Reverend Archbishop and Bishop Trobec, who assisted him in conferring the sacrament of confirmation last spring. kept a record of the converts in each class and it is consoling to know that the number in each parish is not inconsiderable. By this means it is possible to obtain a good idea of the average number of conversions each year. The record would be more complete and accurate if each pastor were to send to the diocesan chancellor the number of non-Catholics brought into the fold during the year in his parish. This is the only way in which reliable information on this point can be obtained and it is safe to say that if this were done in all the dioceses throughout the United States the result would be gratifying to priests and people and would be a glorious tribute to the power and influence of the Church as a spiritual force. It would stir up Catholics to greater activity along these lines and would encourage them to qualify themselves to be ministers of the gospel " to to those who are not of "the household of the faith."-St. Paul Bulletin.

#### INFALLIBILITY SCORED BY IGNORANCE -

In nothing less than the New York Sun, we have this period which is an that it is surprising how meager is insinuation that infallibility means omniscience :

prehensiveness that may be ascribed to the doctrine of infallibility, but the unaided imagination cannot compass how it is that the most con spicuous of our unpunished felons are welcomed now and then to special audience by the Holy Father.

We beg to differ with the Sun's seer. If he knew the scope he would not have any opportunity to have his

"Unpunished felons," are not supposed to go to the Vatican to be tried for their crimes. The Holy Father knows nothing about the characters of thousands who kneel for his blessing. To the good he imparts his benediction to improve virtue still more, to the bad that they may become good. Infallibility has nothing to do with estimating passing characters. In admission to the Pope's presence, infallibility plays no part; this is a mere question of ordinary prudence, and certainly here the papacy has the advantage of more than a thousand years as precedents for guidance. The Holy Father does not give audience to men in order to set his seal of approval on their course, of which he oftimes knows

nothing. He is infallible only in declaring doctrine and practice that lead men to Him of whom he is the Vicar. In the estimate of character, he neither poses as an authority nor desires to

be one. Of course, a man known to be flagrantly impious or notoriously criminal will be denied admission to the Pope's sacred presence, but in the great number received in audi ence there are doubtless many 'unpunished felons," whose case belong to the civil courts and not to Rome's tribunal, and whose visit to the Eternal City gives them no par ticular prestige.

The Sun reminds us of the hypomissionary to his non-Catholic friends, an apostle. or "one sent." to those holy Christ with "receiving sinners

> The Vatican, O Sun! is not the valley of Jehosaphat. - Catholic Columbian.

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# CHATS WITH YOUNG

MEN SUCCESS AND SELF-DENIAL

"Much of what men term misfortune is absence of self-control," says the Catholic Citizen. "The ne'er do well complains that he 'never had any luck;' the loafer 'hasn't had a fair chance.' Every one has an apology for his own dereliction. This is a hard world, merciless and obdurate in its unchangeable laws which, whose violates, pays to the full limit, the penalty. There are attractive paths and by-ways, all along the route of years, which invite self-gratification. There is not a day that passes but has its temptations to weaken the character and affect the moral perpendicular. Success in the highest meaning of the word is a history of rational self-

KITCHENER ADMIRED GRIT

The late Earl Kitchener was a tremendous worker. His latest achievement in reorganizing the British army, increasing it from a comparatively insignificant force to an army of 5,000,000 thoroughly equipped and efficient men, even if it stood alone, would make the reputation of any man'as a commanding spirit, an organizer and worker of the first

It is quite natural that such a man should respect and admire grit and energy and the capacity for hard work wherever they were manifest. It seems that he had a special admiration for the American brand of grit and industry exhibited by young American engineers and others who had worked for him in the Sudan.

In a republished interview of Richard Barry with Lord Kitchener, when he was commander in chief of the Indian army, the great taciturn British war lord expressed himself with unusual freedom on this subject.

"I'd sent these chaps out into the desert on a job," he said to Mr. Barry.
"Blessed hard jobs they were, too, sometimes, and they always went off without a whimper or question. I remember once I was sending a young chap out, a railway constructor. I to go, adding: think he came from Pittsburgh; a Be sure to brew an extra good slight wiry youngster, all nerves and cup for your birthday supper." sinew, quite different from any of the English chaps. It was about the worst go I'd had up to that time. I remember as he teft I said to him, to show he was going with my sym-

That's a bad billet you've got

'So,' said he, 'but you want it 'It must be done,' said I, 'some

how.'
"'I'll do it, then,' said he, and started. I liked the way he spoke,

and called after him:
"'How are you going to work it off
there in the desert without any communication ? He hardly stopped, but said, over

his shoulder: 'Oh, I guess we'll put the whistle up first, and tie the engine to that!' I never forgot him. He appealed

That is the sort of young man, who appeals to every employer, to every

earnest man. The man who enjoys his work who, goes at it with a will, who concentrates on the job in hand, whatever it is, cannot be held back.—Catholic Columbian.

#### AMBITION

Ambition is the spark plug that ignites the oil of effort. No man ever succeeded without ambition and some have failed because of it.

Be ambitious, but don't be too lazy | One rainy Saturday in that ambition. Focus ambition Ann discovered to het dismay that and it will turn defeat into victory. while she had plenty of envelopes, The man who vaguely imagines that he wants to succeed—to own a busi-received two really important letters ness, to be rich, to get on—will never on the noon mail which she desired to answer at once. At first, she

reach a destination, know in remembered a package was expected advance where they are going. We live in a practical world; we aim to hand to answer the door. While she "It is the old mother capach. Let eliminate waste and lost motion; we was cogitating about the difficulty, want results-quick! Therefore, she heard light footsteps running up know where we are going.

Brutus was ambitious, but his half-open door, followed by a clear, ambition was not tempered by a girlish voice asking: Cæsar over night. Brutus' ambition

let him never lose his ambition. When one goal is reached, let him marshal all his armies and resources to win again on the morrow. Be up and doing! Never let the sun go On my way home I took the paper to down at night with your ambition dead and your ardor cooled.

leads men on and on, through every adversity. When success has crowned our efforts, we find that ambition has taken wings again and twice it will just fit into an envelope on the morrow we break camp to and it is really beautiful paper."

the fields, populated the waste places. drained swamps and dug graves. Ambition is the child of Eternity.

Eternity is the distance between the afternoon. Sunrise and Sunset. We are in the Now; we are fighting for our ambi is no other way to win. Ambition is power.—St. Paul Bul-

letin.

The men at the summit were not pulled into their positions—they pushed their way there.

Apostolic Church.' The Church thus described to do big things.—Catholic News.

#### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

LITTLE THINGS

"No, thank you, Miss Mallory; I can't stay a minute," Jean said hurriedly, as she entered the sittingroom and placed a glass of jelly on the table. "I'm on my way to school. I did want to bring you some flowers, but there weren't enough in bloom, so I brought currant jelly !"

"I'm very glad to have the jelly," Miss Mallory smiled. "You see I have flowers—and I have been long-You see I ing for some jelly. Thank you,

Jean went on her way, saying to

"How appreciative Miss Mallory is! I sometimes think she is the dearest friend that ever was. I shall be glad when she is well."

Miss Mallory watched Jean's trim girlish figure go down the walk and murmured: What a thoughtful girl she is-

always doing the little things that give such pleasure." Grandmother Ackerman bent over her pansy bed while she admired their lovely little velvet faces up turned to her, and breathed a thank ful prayer that on her eightieth birthday she was able to "tend to her

garden "I wish you much happiness on this special day, grandma, dear!" exclaimed the fresh young voice of Rhoda Dumary, as her smiling face appeared over the fence. "I'm coming in for a second.'

The next moment Rhoda stood beside grandmother and placed a compact little bundle in her hand,

With my love for your birthday, I was going to make you an apron, but I've been kept so late in the

think of the tea."
"You couldn't bring me anything I'd like better, deary," grandmother said gratefully. "I'm all out of tea, and I was thinking I'd have to wait till grandpa could get into town to buy my special brand."

"I'm glad I happen to know the brand," Rhoda replied. She turned

As she walked away, she thought:

"Grandma is the most grateful old lady—I'm glad I didn't wait to make the apron."

And grandmother said to herself as she hurried indoors to put on the

kettle: It was like Rhoda to bring the tea-she is such a comfortable neigh-

bor to have."

Mrs Brackett opened the door and stepped out on the porch to meet the

I trust you are bringing the letter I want," she said hopefully, adding as he placed an oblong white envelope in her hand: "Yes, this is the one!

Turning indoors she broke the seal

letter to you must still wait -I have (Ep. 52.) only time to send you the name and

address you desire-Mrs. Brackett read no further, but said in relieved tones to her husband: "Here is Effle's answer on the first delivery to my letter; her promptness has relieved an embarassing situation for me. I am so thankful she did not wait till she had time to write a long letter."

During a long and tedious confinement to her room Miss Ann Lesley n. 10.) found her chief diversion in writing delightfully entertaining letters which her friends rejoiced to receive. thought to send Nora, the little maid, Men who travel, if they wish to to the nearest stationer's shop, then the stairs and a tap sounded on the

" May I come in, Miss Ann?" The desire to serve and benefit. Brutus was the original Wallingford. He wanted to get rich quick, to become appeared as the owner added: "I've appeared as the owner added as the own be downward.

If a man would grow big in life, thim never lose his ambition to the him never lose his ambition. letterhead, you are welcome to it.' Instantly I thought of you and all the writing you do, and I thanked him. the printing house where we have had work done, and had the business-Men who are ambitious never grow old, for they have found Ponce de Leon's magic fountain. Ambition on the table, and taking out a sheet folded it. "You see how well it can has folded it. be used this way, Miss Ann; folded

"You dear, dear, thoughtful girl," Ambition has built cities, tilled Miss Ann cried gratefully. scarcely believe that I was sitting wondering when you came just how could get some paper to use this

" How fine that I brought it to-Nina cried delightedly. day. and we are winning! There first I thought to bring it next week, but you know I like to do things as

is expecting me."

Jean, Rhoda, Effie and Nina have

#### THE CHURCH

WRITERS OF FIRST CENTURIES AND PROTESTANT MINISTERS DEFEND CATHOLIC "IDEA"

testimony below is taken from Father "The Fairest Argument," now undergoing revised edition.

ST. IGNATIUS (First Century,)

"Do you all follow your Bishop as Christ did His Father? Without the Bishop let not man presume to do any of those things which belong to the Church." (Ep. ad. Smyrna) ST. TRENAEUS (Second Century.)

"The teaching of the Church is true and stable, showing to all men the same one path of salvation.'
(Irin. Book V.)

TERTULLIAN (Third Century.) "It is not lawful for us to intro-duce anything of our choice, or even to choose that which anyone may have introduced of his own choice. We have as our authorities the Apostles of the Lord, who did not even themselves choose anything by their own will that they might introduce it, but faithfully delivered over to the nations the doctrines which they had received from Christ.' (Apud Marcion, Bk. 4, Chap. 5.)

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

Fourth Century.) "Guard the Faith, and that Faith alone, which is now delivered to thee by the Church, confirmed as it is by all the Scriptures." (Catech. 18.)

LACTANTIUS

worship. This is the source of truth; that is the temple of God, which author of the Bible; and not whosoever enters not, or from which office the last week I haven't had a minute to myself, and I happened to from the hope of life and eternal salwhosoever departs, he is an alien vation." (Inst. Book 4.)

ST. ATHANSUS (Fourth Century.)

"But let us nevertheless, in addition to the above, see the tradition which is from the beginning, and the doctrine and faith of the Catholic Church, which the Lord indeed communicated, but the Apostles pro-claimed and the Fathers guarded, for on this has the Church been founded and he who falls away from this would not be, nor would he even be called, a Christian."

ST. JEROME (Fourth Century.)

"My resolution is, to read the ancients, to try everything, to hold fast what is good, and not to from the faith of the Catholic Church. What is his belief? that of the Roman Church or that which is found in the books of Origen? If he answers the Adv. Ruf., 50, E.)

ST. CYPRIAN (Fourth Century.)

"You have requested me to trans mit a copy of your letters to (Pope) Cornelius, that he may know that you are in communion with him, Dear Auntie-My long promised that is with the Catholic Church.

> ST. AUGUSTINE (Fifth Century.)

"Many are the considerations which justly hold me in the bosom of the Catholic Church: the assent of nations; \* \* the name itself of Catholic. \* the succession of pastors from the chair of Peter down to the present bishop." (Contra Epist. Fundam c. iv. Also Serm. 131, alias 11, de Verbis Domini

BEV. SELDEN P. DELANEY, D. D. (EPIS.)

(New York, May 4, 1916,) the true interpretation of the Bible is not through individual conclu with regard thereto, through the conclusion that been arrived at by the whole Church. because Christ has promised that this introduction, the American Cath the Holy Spirit will guide the whole Church into the truth.

REV. EDWIN F. SNELL

me emphasize that. Our churches are all the offspring of the A few ultra Protestants will try to claim that they trace their genealogy through some tray erratic move-ments back to the Apostles, without touching the Courch of Rome, but I've this is largely imaginary.

"For more than a thou and years Rome preserved the intigrity and transmitted the vitality of the Christian gosnel before ever anything like Protestant secession was dreamed of; and waren the Protest-ant movement came it was made possible as a branch is made possible on the vine; it rew out of the strong vitality of the mother

BISHOP CHARLES P. ANDERSON, (PROT. EPIS.)

(Chicago, April 9, 1915.)
"Our Episcopal church is more akin to the Catholic Courch than to the Protestant churches. I cannot find modern denominationalisminthe New Testament. You speak of the oneness of the churches of Je Christ. I do not believe in that for one moment. I be leve in the one ness of The Church, not the oneness of churches as though there were many Christs."

REV. F. J. HALL, (EPIS.) (At Norfolk, Va., May 4 1916)

duickly as I can, after I think of them. But I mustn't stay—mother them. But I mustn't stay—mother that we believe in the Holy Catholic Church; and in the Nicene Creed lic Church; and in the Nicene Church each of us says, 'I believe in One

visible Church, which gave the decisions of the Ecumenical Councils their authority, an authority notoriously designed to be permanent and Christian wide."

> REV. E. W. AVERILL, (EPIS.) (Ft. Wayne, Ind., March 5, 1916)

"If we go back 500 years in the history of our religion we will find many perplexing problems, but not the one which confronts us now. There was then no Episcopal church, no Methodist church, no Presbyterian church. There was but one Christian church in the world, which went by the name of Catholic.

"Going back 100 years more, we pass beyond the great schism of the Greek and Latin churches, and find one undivided, unbroken Christen-dom which had lasted from the days of Christ for a thousand years. If we believe that Christianity is always the same in its truth essence, that the presence of Christ abides in His Church, then for the first thousand years of Christianity we find exactly that which St. Paul describes, and we find that con-vincing appeal to unbelief for which Christ prayed."

REV. R. W. BOYNTON (UNITARIAN) (Buffalo Courier, March 6, 1916.)

"It is well to remember that some four centuries ago your ancestors and mine were Roman Catholic

REV. A. LEFFINGWELL

(New Albany, Ind.) "Am I not well aware that mem-"The Catholic Church is therefore the only one that retains the true ment? Do I not well know that the failed of its purpose."

"The Catholic Church is therefore the only one that retains the true ment? Do I not well know that the Primitive Church was the mother, or Bible the author or mother of the Primitive Church?"

GLADSTONE

(Newsby's Life of Gladstone,) "I had previously taken a great deal more of teaching direct from Bible, as best I could; but now the figure of the Church rose before me as a teacher too, and I gradually divine truth from the sacred volume. Such, for I believe that I have given the fact as it occurred, in its silence and its solicitude, was my first introknown it; its ministry of symbols, its of teachers joining from the Head."

DEFINITE CONVICTIONS

(By Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Parkhurst (Presby.,) in the Los Angeles Herald. Oct. 17, 1916) "Nebulus-minded people make first, then we are Catholics." (Apl. the claim that an unsettled state of conviction is a symptom of intellectual breath. On the contrary, it denotes a condition of vacuity, which has no dimensions, neither breath, length nor thickness, and as such prevents one from being a pro-

duce Were we to apply the principle we are urging to matters of religion we should have to acknowledge that the Roman Catholic Church shows much sounder sense than do very many of our Protestants. It gives its children something definite to believe and the belief accomplished in them by faithful tuition tits the child to grow up a Catholic con-

sciousness. Men who are unsettled can never help to settle anything.

## MEXICO

COUNTRY REPEATS TALE OF STARVATION, PLAGUE AND CONTINUED PERSECUTION

olic readers are once more presented with evidence of the overwhelming religious persecution of the Carranza government in Mexico. Mexico is Catholic; to such an extent that the women of Mexico braved the storm of public notoriety and faced the first the lowly, among the most humble chief in his palace, to protest in the name of Catholic Mexico against his abuse of Catholic rights and prop-A machine gun was turned erty, facing them; they confronted it morrow. The only possible happi-boldly; threats made no difference to ness that wealth can procure is the them in their spirit of exaltation good it can do in helping others to be happy. There is no happiness in Only one who knows Mexico intimately as does the writer can appreciate the seclusion and protection. thrown around the Mexican women. They rarely gooutalone; the girls who bestowed and love received, do not have to, never do. But when wealth cannot buy it and has their churches were desecrated they nothing to do with it. of their capital city amid the jeers and insults of the citizen soldiery. Mrs. Carranza received the ladies the first time they called on her; a com mission composed of one thousand



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members is rather formidable Then, on to the palace, and through the crowded business and shopping districts marched the women intent on their mission. The grand salons of the palace were filled to overflowing; and seeing that more still came, the aides of the chief closed the doors. The machine guns are still kept in the palace windows (as an indication of the improved conditions bers of the Jewish church wrote nearly all of the Old Testament; are discussing, no doubt), and one are discussing, no doubt), and one was turned around to intimidate the But it was not used and

CATHOLICISM. SURVIVES

The protest undoubtedly did little good at the palace, but it roused general rejoicing throughout the republic wherever the facts of the protest became known. It has no pre cedent, but it speaks well for the spirit of the women here. And if the Carranzistas only knew it, it would be a thousand times easier to level every mountain in their country, to found in how incomplete and frag-mentary a manner I had drawn will be to blot out Catholicism. I make Mexico one vast plain, than it an American Catholic - rejoice spite of all the suffering, that I am here to witness Mexico's intense Catholicity. There have been abuses duction to the august conception of in the Mexico Catholic Church-no the aspect in which I had not yet one denies it-but today the nuns, the priests, the people, are uncon channels of grace, its unending line sciously purifying and sanctifying their religion by their fortitude under persecution and their resigna RELIGION SHOULD OFFER THE PEOPLE tion in unspeakable suffering and trials.

The new Mexican Catholicism will not colerate abuses; but will be born again, stronger and better for this period of misery and anguish. But God pity the sufferers. Only one present can know what is happening today throughout the entire country Few nations of the world possess the riches, natural and mineral, of our beautiful neighbor country; and there is not one today so terribly destitute, so terribly stricken, as Mexico.

Is it true that there is no hope from humanity any longer? That only the Divine may give aid Beautiful resignation; sadder than any other quality of these patient people: the faith that enables them to console their sick and bury their dead and see only the goodness of God over all. When the truth of all Mexico's trouble is really known and believed, all will not be left to the Divine agency. There is enough of the Church militant left in the world, enough of human kindness and Christian charity in the heart "The proper method of arriving at LATEST WORD FROM STRICKEN of mankind, to save Mexico. When burnarity recovers from the idea that Mexicans are not worth saving (nothing was ever created that wa not worth at least the effort,) and full realization of a country dying reaches the heart of mankind—God will only Vera Cruz, Nov. 2, 1916.—Following be leader-men will help Him do the rest.—New World.

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The vast amount of work undertaken by the Canadian Patriotic Fund whilst Mr. Wang was now ignored. for the relief and assistance of sol- Enraged at this he resolved on rediers' dependents will probably never be fully appreciated. In most cases of malcontents like himself be this work is carried on by voluntary effort, and as the organization extends into almost every town and hamlet in into almost every town and hamlet in the Dominion but few deserving cases can be overlooked. In the Department of Insurance, for instance, the Montreal branch last month saved for twenty-two families policies which would otherwise have lapsed to the save and the needs a father and mother to care for him, but when he is big he has no more need of them, he can take care of himself. We are now saved for twenty-two families policies well. We have no more need of you. which would otherwise have lapsed with similar vitupera-and been lost to the beneficiaries. Ourselves chiefs of the 'Church of tions and in the end a free fight These policies represented insurance Jesus' (Protestants call themselves ensued, the preachers being ejected to the value of about \$30,000, the annual premiums being over \$800. In all this branch is looking after insurance representing rot less than insurance representing rot less than \$60,000. In other words, through carelessness or fancied inability to the new, quarrels were frequent and this example of the new, quarrels were frequent and the new quarrels were pay premiums, this amount of pro-tection to soldiers' dependents would have been lost if the organization had not financially assisted in keeping the policies alive. In addition to what the organization is directly into the street, but by continual inwhat the organization of insur-financing, the total amount of insur-ance saved to dependents within two life so miserable that he was forced years by the Committee's advice and

nusband, who was battling in a Flander's trench. Another woman, whose husband is daily facing German bullets, would have allowed her policy to lapse rather than take the amount of the premiums out of the amount of the premiums out of the saving bank. Another instance After worth recording is unfortunately The woman had an idea that insurance was all right for the rich, but that in her straightened circumstances she should not be expected to make any sacrifice to maintain her husband's insurance, in this case amounting to \$1,000. After an hour's argument with her on behalf of herself and baby boy, she reluctantly consented, to accept a loan of \$50 from the Fund to cover the premium, this amount to be repaid in monthly instalments. The husband was consequently killed in action, and the wife received the full face value of the policy. It was a grateful mother who called a few days later and tearfully thanked the committee for their advice and assist-

Since this branch of the work was organized practically every woman interviewed has acted on the com-mittee's advice. In many cases the committee has had to act quickly and without consulting the woman, and here again there was little fric-tion, matters being afterwards satis-

to note that the insurance compansympathetically with relief commit-

#### LETTER FROM FATHER FRASER

Taichowfu, China, Oct. 26, 1916. Dear Friends,-This province has en called "the Paradise of Protestants." They have churches, schools and hospitals in all the big

centers and catechists and chapels counteract the evil done by English. speaking ministers. The latter can be counted by the thousand, whilst

English - speaking priests can be

counted on your fingers.

The Anglican Archdeacon Moule The of this province, in his book, Chinese People," estimates at eighty of Protestant sects the number working in China. To this motley collection Father Boisard, one of our missionaries, tells us another has to be added. It came into being recently in his parish. Some of the members of the China Inland Mission rebelled against their minister exposure of his belief he is embarbecause he was not condescending enough to them in their disputes with pagans and formed a new sect to which they gave the name of "Independent Church of Jesus." The leader of this little reformation within the "Reformation" was a Chinese by the name of Wang the Inland Mission's chief catechist. He had been raised from extreme poverty by the minister and became by degrees his right handman. Whilst preaching justice and honesty he managed to amass a little fortune. But how? The Chinese have a typical saying to explain his way of getting rich: "the hand behind the great states and refused in the state of the first the latter hand behind the Chapter to the Corinthians. He was a contact with Abraham Lincoln, and became a firm friend of the martyred. What does St. Paul say on this with the great statesmen of the latter half of the nineteenth century. Chapter to the Corinthians. The right hand refuses tips in front, whilst the left takes offer. ings more or less voluntary behind. to admit that virginity was superior Perhaps being a believer in private to matrimony.

judgment it was thus he interpreted: "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

his name.

to call in the pagan priests and offer

he is obliged in conscience to obey,

or else he would be breaking the

fourth commandment: "Honor thy father and thy mother!" In this new religion, it seems, the creature

comes first and God after. On Sundays their cult consists in chanting

hymns and listening to a sermon.

To propagate their tenets they wished

portable platform carried to the place of attack, a town pagan to the

trumpets blown and a crowd of cur-

quarters to see what was up.

ious people came running from all

propaganda. They are now content to increase their list of membership

by aiding pagans who have lawsuits,

WHAT THE TEACHER

spired, so was the poor man of

SOME RECENT

CONVERTS

ected with the P. E. dioces

and is now studying for the priest-hood with the Viatorians at Bour-

Mr. Val Blatz, Jr., president of the Val Blatz Candy Co., Milwaukee. The Rev. W. B. Black, of St. Columba's Anglican Episcopal

church, Grantown-on-Spey, Scotland, and also his lay reader and assistant,

Mr. H. B. Easter. They are at present working with the French

Red Cross on the firing line, and it is

said they were converted by the ex-

brought about through the reading

Captain Ki-Fong-Ling, command-ant of the Military Post of Eul-tao,

China, and his assistant, Sergeant

Henry Johnson, of Albany, N. Y.

For over forty years, Dr. William

was one of the most prominent

for many years, not only at gatherings of men of his race, but on other

occasions in which Americans of all

Colored men in the United States.

ample of Catholic soldiers.

Kion.

NEEDS

J. M. FRASER.

the men with an axe to grind. Yours faithfully in the Sacred

Heart,

Gongs were sounded and

sacrifice to her shade after her death,

Having made his little pile he re-signed his office of catechist and pur-Mission, which strives to secure an chased the best business store in the city. Another man was hired to take The Independents h d an immense his place in the Inland Mission and became just as influential,

finally it was resolved to drive the minister from his house-a queer way for children to practise piety towards their parents. They could not throw the minister bodily sults and annoyance they made his counsel is in excess of \$200,000.

The experiences of the committee in these matters is a revelation in human nature. One woman preferred to buy a new skirt rather than a collection to fneet the expense of the committee in these matters is a revelation in human nature. One woman preferred to buy a new skirt rather than a collection to fneet the expense of the committee in these matters is a revelation in human nature. One woman preferred to buy a new skirt rather than a collection to fneet the expense of the committee in these matters is a revelation in human nature. One woman preferred to buy a new skirt rather than a collection to fneet the expense of the committee in these matters is a revelation in human nature. One woman preferred to buy a new skirt rather than a collection to fneet the expense of the committee in these matters is a revelation in human nature. One woman preferred to buy a new skirt rather than a collection to fneet the expense of the committee in these matters is a revelation in human nature. One woman preferred to buy a new skirt rather than a collection to fneet the expense of the committee in the control of the committee in the control of the committee in the control of the con to leave the place. The new sect,

heard as competent critic. Afterwards other chapels were has all this to do with our subject.
'Inspiration and Education?' Very needed and money to fit them up, but to take up another collection seemed impossible. To give once is much indeed. For it proves that teachers have less to expect from the outside than members of any other profession; that if they want passable, but to give always does not please the Chinese, even Protestant Chinese who prefer to receive, in spite of St. Paul's declaration that to be real teachers they must have the motive power, the source of their it is more blessed to give than to re-But some means must be ceive." found and they were not long in de-vising one. "We have no chapels?" high degree of mental and moral vising one. "We have no chap they said, "It's our own fault. power, an eagerness, an impulse to communicate to others the best and we have to do is to take them for highest things in life. All great men they are there for the taking." This and women of history possessed this solution of the difficulty appeared quality. The Crusaders were inilluminating and the fight between the two sects began in earnest. Last Assisi; so was Joan of Arc, the heroine of France; so was Columbus. Inspiration is the soul and essence of leadership. Its impor-June the chapel at Nisa was invaded by the Independen s to the great consternation of the faithful sheep. The foreign minister was sent for in tance for teaching is evident. Teaching is essentially leadership, as is haste and came accompanied by his new catechist Ging, who took Wang's place. Ging began to give a little exhortation to the rebellious, but his voice was soon drowned by the crowd. "Oh! it is you," they shouted, "who come to preach to us, the pure and faithful followers of the Gospel, you factorily explained to the dependents. who do not know how to conduct In this connection it is gratifying your own family? What about your sons? You know what they dealt liberally and opium smokers and corrupt highleave us in peace." The minister now thought it his time to intervene. "This chapel," he said, "does not help us to help not belong to you; it belongs to the not belong to you; it belongs to the Mr. William Fink, Chicago, a can-China Inland Mission. Have you forgotten that it is written in the Bible, 'Thou shalt not steal?' "What! and is now studying for the priestyou call us thieves?" shouted the Independents. "The chapel is ours. We built it. Did we not contribute \$600 and all you gave was two cents? Do you dare to call us thieves? And didn't you yourself seize the temple of the bonzesses at Zietsa in spite of their protestations? And aren't you centers and catechnists. Englishin towns and villages. Englishing the protestations? And aren't you the man who took possession of the pense of the rightful owners? Why is the same act for you lawful and meritorious and for us a theft ?" The minister was put to silence and left the scene. But a few days after the local magistrate received orders from the governor to expel by force the Independents from the chapel and hand it over to the Inland

> tinued its existence.
> When a Protestant in this region is rassed for a reply. His only credo seems to be a collection of objections seems to be a collection of objections against our belief, imported by foreign ministers; against celibacy, the real Presence, the Pope, confession, "One day," says Father Boisard, etc. 'a Protestant catechist came to the mission and immediately put me the objection: "Father, you do not marry; if people imitated your Chapter to the Corinthians. He read it through carefully and was obliged

The Independents, besides retaincreeds and races were represented. The Independents, besides retaining the same objections as their parent church, are very loose in doctrine, so loose indeed, anything seems to pass. At Sudeo members in the creeds and races were represented. His autobiography, written in 1900, contains letters to the author from distinguished friends and many newspaper tributes. "The Colored in the creeds and races were represented." newspaper tributes. "The Colored Missions" states that Dr. Johnson, seems to pass. At Sudeo members of this sect were seen to adore the remains of a dead friend and offer recently turned Catholic. eathen sacrifice to a slab bearing is name. One of their leaders asserts that if his mother orders him

Delmore C. Reeves, Camp Verde Texas, a Campbellite; received by Rev. Dr. Kemper, at Kerrville, Texas Mr. Reeves was obliged to travel twenty-eight miles for instructions Mrs. Frederick F. Nye, Kerrville

Texas, received by Rev. Dr. Kemper; the wife of Dr. Frederick F. Nye secretary of the Public School Board and assistant cashier of the local bank. She had been a Baptist and a member of the Eastern Star Masonic Auxiliary.

The Colored Harvest reports the reception into the Church recently of

over 265 colored converts.

The Archbishop of St. Louis confirmed thirty-six adult converts at Holy Ghost Church, St. Louis, on September 24.-Scannell O'Neill.

#### "THE CATHOLIC CONVERT"

The December number of the Catholic Convert opens with the first of a series of articles by Dr. Jesse Albert Locke, former Episcopalian minister and until recently head master of the Newman School, under the title of "Some Stories of Conversion." Dr. Locke tells his own experience and commences reminiscence of converts he had

Miss Mabel Judd of Holyoke, Mass. who was a Congregationalist, pares her new religious life with the old and tells what Catholicism has meant to her. Miss Marion Pharo Hilliard, student of history and for merly an Episcopalian, contributes a most convincing article on Search for the true religion." Miss Elizabeth Kite concludes the story of her conversion from Quakerism, and Mrs. Mary White of Spring Hill, Alabama, who was a Baptist, writes on "Two Years in the Church." The current number is filled with news and data of the progress of the conversion movement during the \*last quarter.

bishop Spalding.

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