

## Pope's Letter On The War.

In view of the various worthless secular press reports coming from Europe in the form of interviews with the Holy Father regarding the war, the following full-text letter of Pope Benedict to the Cardinal Dean of the Sacred College will be instructive to Catholic Americans:

To His Eminence, Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli, Bishop of Porto and Santa Rufina, Dean of the Sacred College:

It was our intention to call together the Sacred Consistory early in June to provide for the many churches at present without pastors and to take advantage of that propitious occasion to speak with the Sacred College of Cardinals on other grave and urgent affairs, concerning the government of the Church; but unfortunately, sad events known to all have prevented us. And now, as our word cannot be addressed to all the Sacred College together, we think it opportune to address it to you, Lord Cardinal, intending thus that it shall reach all and every member of the venerable assembly of which you are the worthy Dean.

In our first Encyclical, moved by the supreme desire to see the end of the terrible butchery which dishonors Europe, we exhorted the governments of the warring nations that, considering how many tears and how much blood had already been shed, they should not delay to bring back to their peoples the life-giving blessings of peace. "We beg of those who hold in their hands the destinies of peoples," we said, "to give heed to that voice. If their rights have been violated, they can certainly find other ways and other means of obtaining a remedy: to these, laying aside the weapons of war, let them have recourse in sincerity of conscience, and good will. With no view to our own self-interest do we speak thus, but in charity towards them and towards all nations. Let them not suffer our fatherly and friendly voice to pass away unheeded." But the voice of the friend and the father—we saw it with a spirit broken down by grief—was not heard: the war continues to stain Europe with blood, and, both on land and sea, methods of offense contrary to the laws of humanity and to international law—even these are not abstained from.

And as if that were not enough, the terrible conflagration has extended also to our beloved Italy, causing fear for her too of the tears and trouble which must accompany every war, however successful.

While our heart bleeds at the sight of so many miseries, we have never ceased our efforts to alleviate and diminish, as far as was in our power, the most unhappy consequences of the war. We give praise to God, Who has deigned to crown with happy success our efforts towards obtaining from the warring nations the exchange of prisoners of war unfit for future military service. Further than that, we have also recently worked, and with good hope of success, in favor of wounded and sick prisoners of war who are not entirely unfit for military service, to make their lot less hard and their cure more easy.

But the needs of the soul, so far superior to those of the body, have drawn above all our paternal attention. To that end we have granted military chaplains the fullest faculties, authorizing them to avail themselves, for the celebration of Mass and assistance to the dying, of privileges which can only be granted under most exceptional circumstances. And we intend that those faculties and privileges shall be enjoyed not only by priests who are now called as chaplains in the Italian army, but also by all priests who find themselves in the ranks of that army, in any category. And we conjure all of the love of Jesus Christ to show themselves worthy of such a holy mission and not spare care and fatigue that in the arduous struggle the soldiers may

not lack in any way the ineffable comforts of religion.

The time through which we are passing is grievous, the moment is terrible; but "Sursum Corda." More frequent and more fervent let us raise our prayers to Him in Whose hands are the fates of nations. Let us all turn with trust to the sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, sweetest Mother of Jesus and our Mother, that she with her potent intercession may obtain from her Divine Son that the scourge of war may soon cease and peace and tranquility return. And inasmuch as, according to the lesson of the Sacred Scriptures, in order to draw down on the earth the Divine mercies, to the ardor of prayer must be joined the generosity of sacrifice and penance, we exhort all the children of the Catholic Church to join us for three days, either consecutive or separate according to the choice of each, in a strict ecclesiastical fast; and we grant that this pious practice of Christian mortification shall avail for the gaining, on the usual conditions, of a plenary indulgence applicable also to the souls in Purgatory.

May the echo of our voice reach all our children afflicted by the cruel scourge of war, and show them all how we share their troubles and afflictions, for there is no grief of the child that has not its repercussion on the heart of the father.

Meanwhile, to you, Lord Cardinal, and to all the members of the Sacred College, we impart with all paternal benevolence the Apostolic Benediction.

## Bishop Dowling's Excellent Sermon.

Lenten Discourse Published in Pamphlet Form.

"The Church and Labor" The Theme.

"The Church and Labor," one of a series of sermons preached by Right Rev. Austin Dowling, Bishop of Des Moines, during the last Lenten season, has been recently published by the Central Bureau of the Central Verein in pamphlet form. It is one of the best of the popular publications of that Bureau, being a clear-cut presentation of the Catholic attitude in the conflict between Capital and Labor. It is particularly commendable in that it is truly constructive in its ideals and program, showing the evils of Liberalism as well as those of Socialism, in an attractive and concise manner that will appeal to any class of readers, whether they be students or otherwise.

A statement of the sub-titles into which the work has been divided in its publication will show to a certain extent the nature of the Bishop's argument. "The Doctrine of Liberty Applied to Trade and Industry: Industrial Liberalism" is the first of these sub-divisions, followed by "The Effects of Economic Liberalism," "Socialism as a Reaction Against Liberalism," "Attitude of the Church towards Labor," "Catholic Endeavors in Behalf of Labor in Various Countries," "Catholic Social Education in America," "Resume of the Arguments in the Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII," "The Part of the Church in the Solution of the Social Question," "The Duties of the State towards the Labor Problem," and "The Need of Social Study among Catholics." These titles reveal in a measure the interesting and instructive nature of the pamphlet. "The Church and Labor" is published as Penny Leaflet Nos. 29-30 and is sold for two cents per copy; reductions in price for orders in large quantities. In ordering address the Central Bureau of the Central Verein, Temple Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Montreal, the setting of the great international Eucharistic Congress of 1910, will again be the scene of an important religious event during July, when a national Eucharistic Congress will be held under the auspices of the Society of the Priest-Adorers of Canada.

## Where Two Churches Could Be Well Placed.

Fr. Joseph Roch, of the Kumbakonam diocese, India, asks leave to tell about his ambition to advance the cause of religion in his parish by erecting two sanctuaries in honor of our Blessed Lady. He says:

"It is now eight years since God was pleased to create me vicar of the parish of Erookoor in the newly-formed and yet infant diocese of Kumbakonam. My parish comprises, besides many obscure villages, the two important towns of Shiyali and Chidambaram; well-known in Southern India as two of the chief centers of heathen worship. It is a matter for deep regret that our Faith had not made any headway in these towns.

"Shiyali is a place of considerable importance, but it is chiefly inhabited by Hindus and a good number of Protestants of the Lutheran sect, who of late have made themselves prominent. As for Catholics, they form a very insignificant minority, and that minority is composed of the poorest classes; and the only church reared for the glory of God in that town, so replete with pagan temples, is a small sanctuary of our Lady of Lourdes in a small tiled house quite unworthy of the great name it bears.

"As for Chidambaram, it is a far-famed place of pilgrimage for Hindus. It has a big Siva Temple with four lofty towers. This temple is noted for the vast wealth it contains, and has a big golden idol of Natesan (or dancing god). Its priests are known as Gurukals, whose office is hereditary. In this intensely pagan town, our church alas! is conspicuous by its absence, not even a humble structure to commemorate the true Faith! Our Holy Religion has evidently not gained the smallest footing up to date, and this is chiefly attributable to the intrigues of the Gurukals and the crafty Brahmins, who form the greater and more influential part of its population. But it is already high time to try and, by the grace of God, to sow the Catholic seeds on this barren soil.

"Two good churches could not be placed more auspiciously than in the locations just described, and the money invested will be sure to pay a high rate of interest in the bank of Heaven."

## Printers' Ink and The Kingdom Of God.

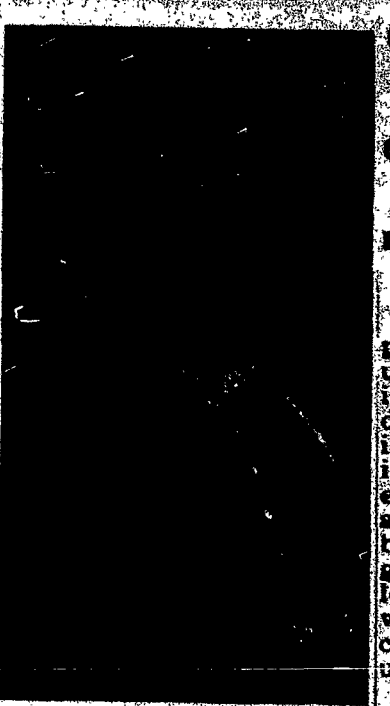
That literature is to become a much larger factor in the spread of Christianity than has been the case in past years is the verdict of many missionaries. The printing press is a valuable adjunct to the work of our apostles, especially in those countries where the natives possess a certain amount of education and are kept supplied with books and pamphlets by ministers of Protestant sects. India is one of these lands, China another, and Japan is especially intellectual. In fact, Japan claims a literacy of ninety-eight per cent., practically the whole nation being a reading public. The public, so far as the masses are concerned, is fed on secular papers and magazines, often anti-Christian in tone; while the educated class betake themselves to materialistic works on science and sociology.

The Chinese have always been a literary people. In that country the scholars have ruled, and the three most sacred objects are the pen, the inkstand, and the writing tablet.

Catholic missionaries are modestly entering the newspaper field and find an appreciative audience among Christians and even pagan Chinese and Japanese.

The first Catholic church in Peking, China, was dedicated in the year 1299.

On the walls of a cemetery in Ireland appears on a recruiting placard the following: "Arise! Arise! Your King and country need you!"



Most Rev. James Edward Quigley, D.D.

## Death of Archbishop Quigley Expected Any Moment.

The condition of James Edward Quigley, Catholic archbishop of Chicago has not changed materially during the past twenty-four hours. His vitality and constitutional strength have prolonged the battle with death but physicians hold out no hope that he will be able to bring the battle to a successful conclusion.

Most Reverend James Edward Quigley, D. D., was born in Ontario in 1855 and taken to Lima, Livingston county, when he was five years old. He was educated in the Lima public schools and St. Joseph's College, Buffalo, and Our Lady of Angels Seminary, Niagara Falls, winning an Annapolis cadetship while in St. Joseph's and declining it. He continued his studies in Germany and France and was ordained in Rome, April 18, 1879. He began his duties as priest in Attica and went to Buffalo in 1884 as rector of the Cathedral. He was consecrated Bishop of Buffalo in 1897 and became Archbishop of Chicago in 1902. The Quigley family have lived in Rochester since 1870.

Chief of Police Joseph M. Quigley is a brother of the Archbishop and two sisters, Mrs. Geo. Massett and Mrs. Thomas Norman, live in Rochester. Archbishop Quigley is the first Rochester boy to be elevated to the Episcopacy.

## Ladies' Auxiliary A. O. H., to Hold Picnic.

The ladies' auxiliary of the A. O. H., held a most interesting meeting on July 1st. Two new applications were received. The annual picnic will be held at Onondaga Beach Park August 17th. The committee have some special features to make the picnic successful. The members are requested to attend the next meeting to make final arrangements. A pair of shoes given by Sister Badhorn were won by Sister Sloan.

Sister Badhorn is trying to win the prize for bringing in the largest number of candidates. Sisters McIntee and Mae Dixon, who have been ill are improving. Sister Casey and Neary were reported to be ill.

The Auxiliary has taken in 42 new members this year and is in a prosperous condition.

Every Irish woman or woman of Irish descent should belong to the Ladies' Auxiliary. It is an organization which every Irish woman should be proud to belong.

## To Honor De Smet.

A rather unique congress will open in Greenwood, S. D., on July 30. The delegates will be Catholic Indians and their missionaries, and the congress will commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the coming of Father De Smet, S.J., to the Sioux. Greenwood is said to be the camp near which the famous missionary received his first converts into the Church.

## Co-Education Scored By Educators.

Catholic Ideas Coming To Be Accepted.

Provost Smith and Dr. Walker Express Views.

Co-education, formerly the pride and joy of non-Catholic educational institutions is experiencing a sad fall from grace these days. Even in those circles where it found its staunchest defenders in times past, doubts have been expressed as to its desirability and in some instances it has even been openly attacked. In this regard it is running the same gauntlet as non-religious education, which had been anshined beside co-education in the "liberal" educator's esteem.

But a short time ago Provost Edward Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, declared that his observations and investigations led him to believe that co-education was a failure. "The presence of women in lecture rooms had a disturbing effect," according to a review of his statements, "and their proximity distracted male students from their studies while the social features of college life, through the admission of women, detracted from the studiousness necessary for men in universities." The men students objected to these views of the provost, thereby showing, declares a well-known newspaper which comments on the case, that in reality the provost was correct. (The Indianapolis News, Vol. XLVI, No. 164, editorial.)

Dr. Gertrude Walker, speaking at the alumnae dinner of the Women's Medical College, reiterated Provost Smith's views. She declared that co-education was harmful in many ways to women students, particularly in medicine. "There are indications in things like this," says the News, "that the whole subject of co-education is coming to be regarded more critically and less sentimentally than it was when embarked on. Of course, economy favors the plan, but in the face of this there is growing doubt whether the sexes should be thrown together at the period of adolescence because of the belief that at this special time devotion to real education needs seclusion and separation of the sexes rather than a commingling. As in our expanded civilization we are taking broader and more serious views in many things, it is not unlikely that coming years will see such views prevailing in education."

Such views have been prevailing in Catholic education for many years, views which cause the Catholic institutions to be pointed at with scorn by those who today are beginning to see the folly of their ways. There is a word of warning and advice in this whole matter for Catholic parents who are inclined to send their children to non-Catholic schools and colleges because of "broadening" influences of such places. Those institutions are built on a false basis and unnatural education. Even in "practical matters," in the superiority of which they greatly prided themselves, they have found that they have been in error, as this case of co-education is gradually proving.

## C. B. of C. V.

### Weekly Church Calendar

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.

Gospel, St. Matt. vii, 15-21.

Sun. 11—St. Pius, P. M.  
Mon. 12—St. John Gualbert, Ab.  
Tues. 13—St. Anacleto, P. M.  
Wed. 14—St. Bonaventura, B. D.  
Thurs. 15—St. Henry, Emp. C.  
Fri. 16—Our Lady of Mount Carmel.  
Sat. 17—St. Alexius, C.

It is said that the Mexican Bishop now in the United States has appointed the Rev. Francis Clement Kelly, of the Church Extension Society, their representative.

## News From Ireland

A tragic accident occurred on May 27 on the Newswater road, Belfast, when Mrs. Hannah Hewitt, of 24 Wellington Park was knocked down and killed by two horses attached to an Army Service Corps wagon.

We learn from the Carlow papers that large numbers of young men have left from the Midlands and West for America. From one station on the Midland line over 100 traveled. They were principally shop assistants and of the farming class. Most of them were going to join relatives and friends already in America. Generally there is a very marked absence of emigration this year.

P. J. Hoban, a member of the post office staff at Belfast, has been appointed postmaster at Cavan.

A. A. Heeney, J. P. and W. Poole have been re-elected chairman and vice chairman respectively of the Cootshill No. 4 Rural Council.

The Local Government Board have written to the Kilmore Guardians sanctioning the appointment of Charles E. Cleary as assistant clerk of the Union, at a salary of £35 per year.

Dr. M. O'Kane, J. P., coroner, Derry, held an inquest lately into the circumstances attending the death of James Quinn, 75 years of age, of 49 Bishop street, who died suddenly from a spasm of the heart.

A woman has been appointed to the position of stationmaster at Ballinamore, one of the stations on the Glenties line operated by the County Down railway committee.

Died.—Hugh Smith, Portlaoise, Inspector, Warpost.

A man named T. Clare, 50 years, 83 Rathgar road, fell to the ground suddenly in the "Star" Head. On being removed to a hospital his life was extinct.

Deep regret is felt in Galway and Mayo counties at the death of Thomas A. McDonough, J. P., Moyne Hill, Headfort, brother of Joseph P. McDonough, clerk of Union, Tuam.

Died.—June 4, at Moyvara, Kinvra, County Galway, at the residence of her brother, Margaret, the eldest surviving daughter of the late Patrick Brady.

Died.—M'Gushion.—May 5, at Tarbert, County Kerry, after a brief illness, Thomas M'Gushion, agent of the United Irish Assurance society, and ex-constable R. O.

Kilkenny  
The marriage has taken place at the parish church, Mooncoin, with nuptial Mass, of Miss Lena Comerford, Knockane, Kilkenny, and Edmond Power, Tullabough, Pittown. The very Rev. Canon Doyle, P. P., performed the ceremony.

Died.—May 31, at Logan, St. Thomastown, Bridget (Birdie), youngest daughter of the late Joseph and Mrs. Comerford, and sister of the very Rev. Thomas Comerford, P. P., San Francisco.

J. M. Sheehan, principal of the Kings County Technical schools, has resigned his local appointment which he held for some years.

P. J. Ryan, Foyne, has been elected C. P. S. for Foyne. The salary attached to the position is £48 per annum. There were two other candidates.

Died.—June 2, at Ulster Bank House, Dundalk, Edward Ward, manager Ulster bank, Dundalk, aged 60 years.

There died, on Monday last at Mountgordon, Castlebar, Mayo, Conway, who was stated to be a hundred years old.