

The Slaying Of Priests In Church.

An Explanation of An Event of the Present War.

The Two Extremes in the Case.

During the present great war in Europe priests have been slain in their churches by the invading soldiery. Much bitter controversy has been created thereby. In France and Belgium it is charged that this was but one of a series of premeditated brutalities coolly planned by the German invaders; in Germany it is said, on the other hand, that the number of priests who were slain has been greatly exaggerated and that those who were thus killed were illegitimately engaged in assisting the enemy and thus deserved the fate which was allotted to them. In the former countries it is moreover asserted that Protestant troops were especially chosen to enter Belgium in order the more thoroughly to wreak vengeance on the conquered people. This is emphatically denied by the Germans.

A more moderate and just explanation of the whole matter is given by Professor Aloys Schulte of the University of Bonn, a noted historian and a Catholic, in a recent issue of the International Monthly Review for Science, Art and Technique. Professor Schulte says: "In times of war in all countries only one rule is recognized, all without exception are bound to obey the laws promulgated by the military authority. Church servants who are not strictly connected with their parish church naturally escape the suspicion of the enemy. To the Protestant preacher and the Rabbi church or synagogue are a house for preaching first and then a house of prayer; their use is confined to one day in a week. Preacher and Rabbi very often wear a dress that prevents their being recognized as such. The relation of the Catholic pastor to his church is much closer; he there holds his religious services every day, there the Blessed Sacrament is kept. If he wishes to go to the sick or wounded to bring them the Viaticum, he first must visit the church and afterwards return to it. The Protestant pastor or the Rabbi is not forced to go to the church building while the combat is going on, but the Catholic priest must remove the Blessed Sacrament from the altar to save it from disturbance and must conceal it. He can be easily recognized by his attire.

"We therefore can readily understand in the first place that an invading enemy more frequently meets a Catholic priest in the church building than a Protestant minister. If the alien soldiery are storming a church tower to destroy the rifle machine which has been placed there, almost certain destruction is due to the pastor who happens at such a time to leave the church. Can it not be clearly seen how the soldiers would in such an instance act in good faith and at the same time perhaps slay an absolutely innocent man?"

It is always well in matters such as these to take into consideration the whole circumstances in a case. In war many things occur which in ordinary life would be impossible. The situation of the invading army in the instance mentioned here can readily be grasped. It can certainly be seen how its actions might be extreme in appearance and yet be carried out entirely in good faith, as stated by Professor Schulte.

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Holy Cross Alumni Welcome President

Bishop Hickey Also Guest at Their Banquet.

The Central and Western New York Alumni Association of Holy Cross College received an impetus Tuesday night at its second annual banquet, held at the Powers Hotel. After the dinner and an extended program of speaking, organization was effected on a new basis and plans made for renewed activities.

Rev. Joseph N. Dinand, S. J., president of Holy Cross College, made a special trip to Rochester to be present at the banquet. His address on "Greetings from Home," he touched variously on the ideals of the Jesuit institution and disclosed some of the plans for the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the college to be held at Worcester, Mass., in 1918.

In speaking on Catholic higher education, Bishop Hickey intimated that the prospects of the Rochester diocese were not confined to secondary education, but that he hoped to see the city possessed of Catholic educational institutions with much broader scope than at present.

Philip Donnelly, a lawyer of this city, spoke on "A Jesuit Education—The True Training for the Study and Practice of Law." and other speakers were Leon A. Selman, president of the alumni association of this section; Wm. E. McCluskey, a recent graduate of the college, who spoke on "Holy Cross and Her Recent Developments;" Rev. John F. Lery, former president of Holy Cross, on "The Old Days at Holy Cross;" and Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, president of the General Alumni Association, on "The Alumni, Its Aims."

Guests at the banquet included Rev. James J. Hartley, of St. Bernard's Seminary, and Rev. Michael J. Nolan, chancellor of the Rochester diocese.

Officers elected at the meeting are as follows: President, Leon A. Selman, of Buffalo; vice president, Dr. Frank McCormick, of Ithaca; secretary, J. Emmett Murphy, of Rochester; treasurer, E. Leland Mooney, of Syracuse; Executive Committee, William Lawless, of Syracuse; G. E. Doud, of Rochester; J. H. Beckley, of Buffalo; C. J. Dineen, of Buffalo; L. A. Selman, of Buffalo; Wm. E. McCluskey, of Syracuse; Rev. D. F. Curtin, of Rome, and Charles Schmidt, of Buffalo.

America's Great Opportunity.

Lately for some unexplainable reason a number of persons have written to those interested in the Propagation of the Faith speaking of the missionary life. It is one of the surest signs of the working of the Holy Spirit in the souls of our good people. Priests and Sisters will be needed after the war is over as never before, and evidence is not wanting that they will be supplied from America.

Up to this time old Europe has given her children and her money with a lavish hand for the purpose of bearing the Cross in pagan lands. Europe must now rest on her laurels for a time, but the great cause of Christianity will find champions in the New World that was not so very long ago considered a mission country itself.

Editor of Catholic Paper Dead.

Orange, N. J., April 26.—Daniel P. Toomey, publisher of The Columbiad, the official paper of the Knights of Columbus, died at his home in East Orange today. He was born in Ireland in 1862. He was widely known to Irishmen throughout the United States. In 1890 he was elected to the Common Council of Boston and in 1892 became a member of the Massachusetts Legislature. He came here about ten years ago.

Golden Jubilee of Sister Service Held Here in Honor of Mother Mary Gertrude.

Fourteen young women received the simple black habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph Monday morning at Nazareth Convent—Bishop Hickey Presides.

The golden jubilee of the profession of Mother Mary Gertrude superior of Mercy Convent of Holy Family Church, Auburn, was commemorated Tuesday morning at a service at St. Mary's Church, South street. Priests and members of the Order of Mercy from many parts of the diocese of Rochester were present.

Pontifical high mass was celebrated by Bishop Hickey, assisted by Rev. J. J. Hickey, of Holy Family Church, Auburn. The deacons of honor were Rev. Wm. Payne, of St. Mary's church, Auburn, and Rev. John Gleason, of Clyde Rev. John Nelligan, of Holy Apostles church, was deacon, and Rev. J. V. Guilfoil, of St. Mary's Church was subdeacon. Very Rev. Mgr. A. B. Meehan, D. D., J. U. D., of St. Bernard's Seminary, was master of ceremonies and was assisted by Rev. J. M. Sellinger, of St. Mary's Church. In the sanctuary were Rev. Simon Fitzsimons, M. R., of St. Mary's Church; Rev. J. Brennan, of St. Bridget's church; Rev. A. Byrne and Rev. E. J. Byrne, D. D., of St. Bernard's Seminary; Rev. J. B. Sullivan, of St. John's Church; Rev. Thomas F. Connors, of Blessed Sacrament church; Rev. J. Muecke, C. S. R., of Washington, D. C.; Rev. A. L. May, of St. Mary's church, Auburn; and Rev. P. Kelly, of Mt. Carmel church.

At the close of the mass, Bishop Hickey placed a gold crown on the head of the jubilarian while the choir of St. Mary's church sang "Veni Sponsa Christi." The crown bearers were Miss Gertrude Marchant and Miss Ellen Hartman. The train bearer for Bishop Hickey was his nephew, Thomas V. Hickey. In his sermon, Bishop Hickey, not only as bishop but as an old pupil and friend, congratulated Mother Gertrude.

Many men and women who had received their first training in St. Mary's school under Mother Gertrude's supervision attended the service. In the afternoon a reception was held in the Convent of Mercy, South street, at which former pupils and other friends were present.

Before taking the vows of the church, Mother Gertrude's name was Anna Marie Downey. She was born and educated in Waterford, Ireland. She entered convent life in August, 1863, in St. Mary's Convent, this city, and in the following April received her religious habit from the late Bishop Timon. Two years later she was made a professed member of the Order of Mercy. During her years in the Convent of Mercy in this city she was a teacher in St. Mary's Parochial school and later was mother superior of the convent. In 1867 she assisted in the founding of the convent at Auburn and for the last twenty-six years she has been connected with that institution.

Sister M. Magdalene, of the Order of Mercy in Rochester, will be the next to have the honor of a jubilee service, in 1918.

Avon Theatre.

The headliner at the Avon Theatre for the first three days of next week starting Monday, May 1st, is a novelty offering by Amoros & Mulvery in "A Night in Paris; Clifford & Wayne, the Indian in dress suit; Jack Murphy and Susie Lachmar; Joe Kelsey, popular singer; Collier, DeWaldo, roller skaters and the phony play, "Doctor Neighbor," featuring Hobart Bosworth follow.

Concert Postponed.

The concert that was to be given by Madame Moran Cunningham at Hotel Seneca on Tuesday, May 2nd has been cancelled.

FOURTEEN BECOME SISTERS

Ceremony Held at Nazareth Convent—Bishop Hickey Presides.

Fourteen young women received the simple black habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph Monday morning at Nazareth Convent. Their names and the names by which they will be known in religious life are: Emily Lyons, Sister M. Raphael; Josephine O'Neil, Sister M. Rose Patricia; Catherine Pappert, Sister M. Regina Clare; Mary Kosmicka, Sister M. Febronia; Marie Dwyer, Sister Rosemary; Mary Murphy, Sister M. St. Benedict; Gertrude Wahl, Sister Martina Marie; Kathleen Noonan, Sister M. Rose Angela; Delia Broderick, Sister M. Vincentine; Bertha Walter, Sister M. Antonella; Lillian Henry, Sister M. Roberta; Barbara Horning, Sister M. Macarius; Ella Cramer, Sister M. Petrina; Bertha Schneider, Sister M. Justin.

The chapel was adorned with lilies and ferns. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey presided at the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Father Malaney, S. J.; Rev. Charles Muecke and Rev. George V. Burns. Many other clergymen of the city and invited guests were present.

The procession entered the chapel at 8 o'clock. The alleluia chorus from Handel's "Messiah" was the musical setting. The procession was led by the cross-bearer, Miss Helen McNamara, a graduate of Nazareth Academy, who was followed by the maids of honor, Rhea Wahl, Helen Oster, Frances Hahn, Dorothy Kimple, Helen Dunn, Leonore Ritz and Myra Whipple.

Bishop Hickey celebrated the holy sacrifice at the close of the ceremony of the reception and made an address in which he counseled the young women.

Foreign Mission News

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At a mission convent in Africa the supply of oil used in the lamp kept burning before the Blessed Sacrament gave out. The poor nuns were disconsolate until one of them, a native Sister, made some out of palm nuts which manages to burn pretty well. Now the nuns can have their little lamp again and are happy. The contrivances to which priests and nuns in the mission world are now being put would astound us if we knew them all. But they only tell us of their most pressing needs.

Sixty-five thousand missionaries is a notable army, but what victories are yet to be won! Almost 1,500,000,000 human beings inhabit the earth and only about 500,000,000 are Christians. The immense majority of more than 1,000,000,000 have not yet acknowledged Christ and are divided among the many sects of Buddhism, Brahminism, Mohammedanism, Fetichism and infidelity.

First Mass in America Was Said on Feast of Immaculate Conception.

The Island of Haiti was the place at which the first Mass in America was celebrated. This was on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, 1493. Father Perez, the friend, counsellor and companion of Columbus, said the Mass in a little chapel made of boughs thatched with straw, and in the name of Jesus Christ blessed the land in whose discovery he had taken so conspicuous a part.

Haiti is now a negro republic, and is nominally Catholic. The original Indians have long since disappeared.

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Our Question Box.

What are the mysteries of the Rosary?

The mysteries of the Rosary in the order in which the events occurred in the life of Our Lord are divided into five joyful, five sorrowful and five glorious mysteries.

The five joyful mysteries of the Rosary are: (1) The Annunciation; (2) the Visitation; (3) the Nativity, or birth of Our Lord; (4) the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple; (5) the Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

The five sorrowful mysteries are: 1st, the Agony in the Garden; 2nd, The Scourging at the Pillar; 3rd, The Crowning with Thorns; 4th, The Carrying of the Cross; 5th, The Crucifixion.

The five glorious mysteries are: 1st, The Resurrection of Our Lord; 2nd, The Ascension of Our Lord; 3rd, The Coming of the Holy Ghost on the Apostles; 4th, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 5th, the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Heaven.

Does a divorce granted by courts of justice break the bond of marriage?

Divorce granted by courts or by any human power does not break the bond of marriage and one who makes use of such a divorce to marry again while the former husband or wife lives, commits a sacrilege and lives in the sin of adultery. A civil divorce may give a sufficient reason for the persons to live apart and it may determine their rights with regard to support, the control of the children and other temporal things, but it has no effect whatever upon the bond and spiritual nature of the Sacrament.

How many colors of vestments are used by the priests and what do the colors signify?

Five colors are used, namely, white, green, violet or purple, red and black. White signifies innocence and is used on the feast days of Our Lord and of the Blessed Virgin; Green signifies hope and is generally used on the Sundays from Epiphany to Pentecost; Violet signifies penance and is used during Lent and Advent; Red signifies love and is used on the feasts of the Holy Ghost and of martyrs; Black signifies sorrow and is used on Good Friday and at masses for the dead.

How are masses distinguished?

Masses are distinguished thus: 1st, When the mass is sung by a bishop, assisted by a deacon and sub-deacon, it is called a Pontifical mass; 2nd, When it is sung by a priest, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon, it is called a solemn mass; 3rd, When sung by a priest, unassisted by deacon and sub-deacon, it is called a High Mass; 4th, When the mass is only read in a low tone, it is called a Low Mass.

How did the mass receive its name?

The mass very probably received its name from the words "e to missa est", used by the priest as he tells the people to depart when the Holy Sacrifice is ended.

Death.

Julius George Plant, formerly of this city, died at his residence, 349 Auburn Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y., Thursday, April 20th, aged 66 years. He leaves a wife Mary Minehan-Plant and one son Harry. Mr. Plant resided in Buffalo for the last twenty-five years and conducted several leading barber shops there.

The funeral was held on Monday, April 24th, at Mt. Morris, N. Y. Rev. Andrew E. Breen, D. D., conducting the services.

Order of Alhambra

Musa Caravan, Order of Alhambra has invited all members to spend a social evening, at the Rochester Club, on the evening of Thursday, May 4th. Damon's orchestra will be in attendance.

Genesee Bock Beer

on tap at all patrons. Telephone Home or Bell No. 71 for Bock in bottles. Adv.

News From Ireland

Alexander Jenkins, Stationer, died at his residence, 100 York street, Bagnelstown, after a brief illness, Joseph Nolan, victualler.

During the year 1915 the Portadown branch of the Irish National Foresters paid over £350 in benefits to their members.

E. Hughes, a respected Armagh man, father of the well known jockey, has died at the residence of the latter in Kildare.

The R. I. C. barracks at Carlow-Graigue has been closed and the members of the force there are now incorporated with Carlow.

Died—March 20 (feast of St. Joseph), at his residence, High street, Bagnelstown, after a brief illness, Joseph Nolan, victualler.

A handsome Celtic cross has been erected in the grounds of Cooraclare Catholic church over the remains of the late Rev. M. B. Canon Curry. The monument was entirely paid for by the parishioners, aided by a generous donation from the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty.

Married—At Carrigerry church, by the Rev. J. Smythe, C. C., assisted by the Rev. M. Tuohy, C. C., James Frost, son of the late John P. Frost, The Bleach, and Rosemanaher, Sixmile bridge, County Clare, to Marie, second daughter of the late Patrick MacNamara, Glenagh Hill, Newmarket-on-Fergus.

Mrs. Maria Long, East Cork, has died at the great age of 104 years. Mrs. Long was the mother of Captain R. W. Long, Royal Army medical corps, Queenstown. She retained her faculties in full to the end.

Fermoy Commercial club made a valuable presentation to Edward Ryan, ex-president, on his appointment as traveller by Messrs. W. Clark and Son, tobaccoists.

Cork Union visiting committee adjourned its meeting as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Very Rev. Canon Carey, P. P., Carrigaline, and Rev. Father O'Brien, C. C., Douglas.

Married—At St. Connell Catholic church (with nuptial Mass), by the Very Rev. Canon James McFadden, P. P., Philip Cawment, customs and excise officer, to Mrs. Cryan, daughter of C. Cannon, Hotel, Glenties.

The death from pleurisy is announced of John McClement, J. P., druggist, Newtownards, D. C., who was over 70; died at his residence, Donaghadee.

Very Rev. J. T. Murphy, Blackrock, Provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, has been signally honored by the Pope, who has conferred on him in person the title of Doctor of Sacred Theology.

The severe frosts of last month have done much injury to the newly set potato crops through Fermanagh.

Loughrea District Council have co-opted Messrs. P. Flynn, Thomas Shiel and J. D. Cronin, N. T.

An aged woman, Mary Whalen, of Bennett's Bridge, Athy, was burned to death recently. She lived alone, and it is surmised that her clothing caught fire.

A small farm of 12 acres has been sold by auction at Hospital, County Limerick, for £570.

Died—March 11, at the Railway Hotel, New Pallas, County Limerick, Timothy Joseph, eldest son of Patrick Hayes, D. C.

At the Mercy Convent, New Ross, Miss Breen, daughter of John Breen, Crutlinclough, Bagnelstown, was professed a nun.

Weekly Church Calendar

Low Sunday.

Gospel, St. John xx., 19-31.

- S. 30. St. Catharine of Sienna, V. M. May 1. SS. Philip and James, Apostles.
- T. 2. St. Athanasius, B. C. D.
- W. 3. Finding of the True Cross.
- Th. 4. St. Monica, W. F. 5. St. Pius V., P. C.
- S. 6. St. John before the Latin Gate.

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