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### IMPRESSIVE WORDS FROM AN OLD TIME PASTORAL LETTER.

#### Christian Philosophy of Life Must Not be Lost Sight of in War Time.

In these days of national stress and trial it is well for us to keep well in mind the fundamental principles which, as in all things, so now especially in war time, should determine our outlook on life and its varying vicissitudes. We are apt in the midst of conflicting passion and emotion to be led astray by false emotionalism and unreasoning passion that cannot but be of interest and value to recall words so truly Christian and noble as those written by the great Social Reformer, Bishop Emanuel von Ketteler, at the outbreak of the Austro-Prussian War in 1866. Though written so long since the words of this beautiful pastoral have a timely meaning for us today.

Four points to be especially considered are touched upon in this exhortation of the great Bishop to his people.

First of all he tells us: "We must look upon these events with the eyes of faith and not merely from the earthly angle; we must see in them not merely the actions, but the disposition and acquiescence of God. In times of stress is shown forth in full measure the happiness and consolation of faith. As Christ conquered death, so too in a certain sense he has taken suffering from us, even in this life. In this belief we recognize that the providence of God watches over all the strife of men. What the men do and conspire evil, what they harm one another and fight one against the other, we know that a loving father of all men rules over all: He who can at any moment set a term to evil; Who can from evil derive good; Who punishes us but to better us; Who by punishment leads the wicked to a bettering of life, and so also dispenses blessings through the cross and by it redeems the world. To Him we shall therefore look with greater and more child-like confidence. These painful world-stirring events must lead us to Christ Who always and in all things is our only help, our only solace, our only redemption. All things work to the beat for him who knows and loves Him."

Our second duty is, to summarize what the saintly bishop says at greater length, "To help, help where and when we can; we must help with all the means at our command; help the more, the more pressing the need. I admonish you in these times of trial with very particular emphasis to the performance of all acts of charity towards all who suffer in this combat."

Thirdly we are told to bear with resignation and courage our share of suffering and pain and trial as it comes to us, to each of us in some form. "Many of you," he writes, "have sons and brothers and relatives in the field and look with anxiety after them. The sorrow for the dead or wounded has already entered into many a home; and if the struggle goes on many more families will be afflicted. Finally, many of you by the paralysis of business have domestic care and worry to endure. Bear these trials with confidence in God and with resignation in the spirit of faith. All of these sorrows are means for the Christian to become like to the crucified Saviour and to follow Him on the way of the cross, along which we shall go to a reunion with Him in eternal glory."

Lastly we are admonished to a return to prayer and a more intense interior life of the spirit. For: "by our sins we have all of us contributed to the punishments which God sends to us either directly or indirectly. We shall therefore look upon this time as a period of penance imposed upon us by God, shall turn contritely to God and in this penitential spirit persevere in prayer. We shall pray for our wounded and suffering brothers, as also for the departed soldiers. Pray for their bodies; pray for their souls. Pray for them that God may reckon to the salvation of

their souls the pains they must endure in the performance of duty. By prayer we can daily draw near to the bed of pain of the wounded and sick and bring them spiritual comfort and strength."

Words so noble and inspiring need no comment. They merely point out how important it is in the midst of our patriotic protestations not to lose sight of our Christian way of looking on life.

### Late News of Ireland

At the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street, Dublin, by the Rev. James Moloney, C. C., Clonoulty, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Reilly and the Rev. Mark O'Dwyer, New Zealand, Conon Deere, second son of the late John Deere, Goolds Cross, Tipperary, was married to Josephine Connolly, 29 Gardiner's place, Dublin, eldest daughter of the late Michael Connolly, Moanduit, Leighlinbridge, Carlow.

Died—Sister Patrick Crofton, Poor Clare Convent, Carlow, Graigue. Deceased was a native of Caragh, Co. Kildare. At Durrrow, Margaret Fitzpatrick, postmistress, deeply regretted. At Sleaty House, Carlow, Josephine Mary E. de M., aged 17 years, youngest daughter of the late James McWee and Mrs. McWee, Carlow.

William Dwyer, aged 84 years, who died at his residence, Droun, Castletownbere, was father of the late Dr. Dwyer, now on the American Mission.

The L. G. B. have sanctioned the appointment of Sean O'Hearty as storekeeper Cork Workhouse.

By 21 votes Cork Harbor Board elected Captain H. Blanchard as harbor master, 4 votes being given for Captain Richmond.

Married—John Bowman, Killdorrery, to Cis Collins, Greenmount, Cork.—Mary Murphy, Coolnasoon, Killinardish, to Timothy Joseph Coffey, St. Luke's, Dublin.

At the solemn religious opening of the academic year in University College, Dublin, High Mass de Spiritu Sancto was celebrated, Most Rev. Dr. Walsh presiding, Rev. M. Hickey being celebrant, and the Archbishop being assisted at the throne by Canon Downing and Canon Pettit.

J. Tackaberry, Listowel, has been appointed to an inspectorship in Malloy in the Irish Mutual Assurance Society.

Rev. D. O'Riordan, C. C., was presented with an illuminated address, a chalice and ciborium by the people of Abbeyleale on his transfer to Athea.

Hannah McGrath, Clonmel, and A. J. Fitzgerald, Thurles, have passed the preliminary examination of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

Writing to the press on the subject of the recently published letter of Father D. Humphreys, P. P., Killenahue, Anthony Mackey, Leeson Park avenue, Dublin, says: "At the recent King's Scholarship examinations Miss Mary Dunne, Cloughkeating, Borrisokane, was successful in securing a scholarship, value £100 (£50 tenable for two years,) at Marlborough street Training College, Dublin."

Died—Rev. Michael Bergin, S. J., younger son of the late Michael Bergin, Fancroft, Roscrea, aged 33 years.—D. O'Connor, Camas road, Cashel, cattle dealer.

Patrick Joseph, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cusack, Castle Fogerty, Thurles, aged 22 years.—Mrs. Catherine Flanagan, Queen Street, Nenagh.

Patrick M'Guigan, clothes dealer, Dromore, was found dead in his bed some time ago.

Robert Dickson of Pomeroy, was unanimously chosen successor to W. D. Davidson, agricultural instructor, Co. Down.

### Foreign Mission News

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#### ANOTHER AMERICAN MISSION

Right Rev. T. Broyer, S. M., Vicar Apostolic of the Navigator Islands, which include Samoa, has the distinction of reigning over territory belonging to the United States. This is the island of Tutuila, where there was formerly a fine church, built in 1879 by Mgr. Vidal, who was a missionary here before going to the Fiji Islands as Bishop. A terrible earthquake which occurred last July badly damaged the structure. The government ordered the church closed to worship and money is needed to repair it before the Catholics can use it again.

They are poor, but have already raised three hundred dollars for this purpose, and if any Americans care to help the natives in their difficult task, Mgr. Broyer will heartily appreciate the assistance.

#### A NEW VARIETY OF COMFORT KIT.

In connection with the "comfort kits" that so many are busily preparing for our soldiers, it is suggested that Catholics give spiritual "comfort kits" to poor souls that have none to pray for them. Though specially applicable in the month of November, they are valuable during the entire year, and may consist of a promise to have at least one Mass offered up for the repose of a soul; as many Communions as your generosity prompts you to offer; a certain number of Stations of the Cross or Litanies; little acts of self-sacrifice; almsgiving, etc., etc.

The safest and quickest route that we know of for sending these "comfort kits" is via the Propagation of the Faith Society, for the missionaries are trustworthy agents in every part of the world, who will be sure to do their part in forwarding them to their final destination.

#### WE HAVE MADE SOME PEOPLE HAPPY.

The Society of the Divine Word conducts a mission in Niigata, Japan, and it has been the pleasant task of this Society to forward some aims to the apostles who are struggling to weather the storm in that part of the world. In response comes this acknowledgment from Very Rev. Joseph Reiner, Prefect Apostolic: "I thank you most heartily for the donation which you were so charitable as to send for our mission, from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. All the masses have been said, either by me or by the other missionaries. In fact, it is America which generally supports our mission in these hard times. The few aims which are given in Germany cannot be sent over to us. The Mission Societies in France cannot do much. So we have to rely on America. Already, I owe a great debt of gratitude to you and the American Catholics, and hope you will oblige me still more."

#### IN CEYLON HIGHER EDUCATION MUST BE IN ENGLISH.

In Jaffna, education is being imparted in English as well as in Tamil. But it is possible to give higher education in English only. Tamil is not now a progressive language, and is therefore not suitable as a medium for scientific training. Natural sciences have their technical language, in European, but not in Oriental tongues; if they were to be taught in the Vernacular, a new language should have to be created. Tamil, at least, notwithstanding its wonderful capabilities that way, is not, in its present state, any more fit to become the channel of modern scientific teaching than, say, Irish or Welsh.

The Archdiocese of St. Paul, Minn., has opened an infant school.

### Charles House Newest Settlement.

The "Charles House" a new social agency was opened last Friday at 52 Magne street. It will care for the boys and girls of the section. It owes its existence to Miss Harriet L. Barry, daughter of the late Charles R. Barry. She will serve as the president of the Charles House settlement, and will be assisted by the following women: Mrs. Daniel B. Murphy, general advisor; Mrs. Frank X. Kelly, vice-president and chairman of the house committee; Miss Marguerite Fee, treasurer; Miss Monica McLean, registrar, and Miss Helen Beattie, chairman of the sewing circle.

The activities will include meetings for mothers, which will be conducted simultaneously with story-telling for the younger children. Boys' clubs will be organized for carpenter work, library and reading circles, Christian doctrine classes and general welfare work. Classes for girls will be organized for sewing, knitting, cooking and library work. There will also be club evenings for working girls, who will have a trained nurse to instruct them and give talks on practical hygiene. There will also be a class for first-aid work along Red Cross lines and a class in physical culture for the younger children.

Among the interested visitors at the opening were Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, several of the Catholic clergy of the city and representatives from social organizations of a kindred character.

#### Funeral of Patrick Downs.

The funeral of the late Patrick Downs was held on November 26th, from his home, 108 Jones street and from St. Patrick's Cathedral at 9 o'clock. Solemn high requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. J. F. O'Hern assisted by Rev. M. Nolin and Rev. J. M. Ball. The church was filled with friends of the deceased who for many years was overseer of bridges in the State and city.

The honorary bearers were: Messrs. William Swanker, William Sadden, Thomas Kervin, James Craig, Edward Lyons, John Fredrickson. The active bearers were: Messrs. Frank Hannah, James Murphy, M. H. Halsey, John Breen, Richard Hayes and Thomas Condon.

Interment was made at Holy Sepulcher cemetery. Rev. Wm. Killachy presided at the services at the grave.

#### Service Flag With 41 Stars.

Forty-one stars, one for every member of St. Mary's club who is serving in the war, are inscribed in a flag which has been donated to the club and was formally dedicated Monday evening in St. Mary's hall. All the families and friends of the soldiers were invited to be present.

Rev. Father A. M. O'Neill, of the Immaculate Conception church was the chief speaker. Representatives of the several recruiting stations spoke on duties of men in the service. A musical programme was given.

#### Show at St. Bridget's.

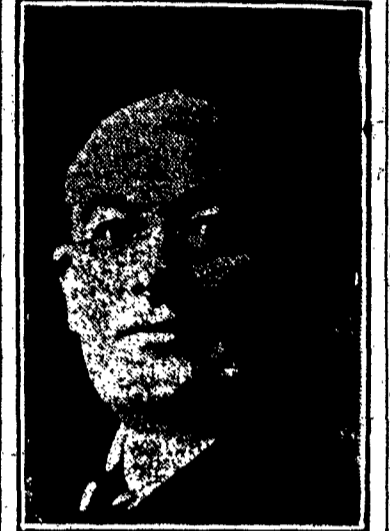
A vaudeville show arranged by Miss Florence Foery was given on Monday evening in St. Bridget's parish hall in Hand street. The members of the Sodality gave a one-act farce. Miss Katharine Burns, of East High school faculty recited, Elroy Miller sang and a duet by Pauline Rampe and Grace Heberger followed. Mary DeVito also sang. The program concluded with a Colonial dance by eight young women, drilled by Miss Edna Oster.

The Archbishop of New York, Cardinal Farley is establishing in every parish the "League of Daily Mass."

The Bishop of Salt Lake City recently visited the Germans interned at the U. S. Camp near that city.

### Mayor Heads Red Cross Seal Committee.

Hon. Hiram H. Edgerton has accepted the Honorary Chairmanship of the newly named Red Cross Christmas Seal Committee of the Rochester Tuberculosis committee. The personnel of the seal committee, as announced from headquarters at 310 Main Street, East, corner of Main and Franklin Streets, is as follows:



JOSEPH P. MACSWEENEY

Honorary chairman, Hon. Hiram H. Edgerton; chairman, Joseph P. MacSweeney; vice chairman, Simon N. Stein; H. W. Bramley, Mrs. Delos W. Eldredge, William T. Farrell, Elmer E. Fairchild, Esten A. Fletcher, Clinton G. Fish, Louis S. Foulkes, Mrs. Erle H. Gray, Miss Helen E. Gregory, Bernard J. Haggarty, George F. Hixson, Jr., William Leahy, Dr. John M. Lee, Lester Nusbaum, Wm. J. O'Hea, Fred S. Miller, Fred H. Patterson, Joseph M. Quigley, George T. Roche, John C. Schaefer, Dr. Frederick J. Smith, Mrs. Charles Symington, William S. Wallace, Robert Tait, Edward J. Walsh, Mrs. Edward J. Ward, Edward J. Ward, Mrs. Bert VanWie, Mrs. S. M. Weil, Clarence Wheeler and J. R. Wilson.

The excellent committee named above will have under its immediate consideration and direction the sale of the Red Cross Christmas Seals which is about to be launched, the proceeds of which will be used entirely for anti-tuberculosis work. Eighty-five per cent. of the proceeds of the sale will remain in the hands of the Rochester Tuberculosis Committee to be dispensed in caring for the tuberculous and instituting measures for the control and prevention of this dread disease in Rochester. Of the remaining 15 per cent., five per cent. will be allotted to the State Committee on the Prevention of Tuberculosis to defray the expense of carrying on the state campaign; the other ten per cent. will be divided equally between the American Red Cross and the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

It is confidently expected that the call "Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals and Help in the War Against Tuberculosis" will receive a heartier response this year than ever before. Indications throughout the State point to a larger sale than that of last year, which was the high water mark, it being the year when the sale of seals in New York State passed the 12,000,000 mark and the year also when New York State for the second time carried off the honors in the national competition among states for the highest per capita sale of seals.

The late illustrious Bishop of Lenfant, of Digne, France, was a friend of Ireland.

#### Flowers and Plants for Christmas Cheer.

We have all desirable plants, both blooming and green. Cut flowers, Roses, Carnations, Lilies-of-the-Valley, Sweet Peas, Violets, Narcissus, etc. We also carry a fine line of artificial flowers for decorating Christmas trees. Holly, Pine, Laurel, Roping for feasting, No. 9 North St. Both Phones—Adv.

### The Devotion of the "Forty Hours"

The Forty Hours' devotion will be held in the churches of the diocese of Rochester as follows:

Dec. 2—Cathedral, Rochester; St. Mary's, Auburn; 7—Nazareth Normal School, 14—St. Peter & Paul, Rochester.

Jan. 13, 1918—St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.

Feb. 17—First Sunday in Lent; St. Monica, Rochester; Holy Family, Auburn. 24—Mount Morris, Victor.

March 3—Fairport; Penn Yan; Retsof, 10—Holy Rosary, Rochester; St. Stephen's, Geneva; Lyons; St. Peter and Paul, Elmira. 17—Holy Apostles, Rochester; Mumford; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rochester.

April 7—Palmyra; East Rush; Waterloo; Ithaca; St. Anthony, Elmira; Spencerport. 14—St. Bridget's, Rochester; Clyde; Moscow; Waverly; St. Lucy, Rochester; Caledonia; East Bloomfield. 21—Corpus Christi, Rochester; Hornell; Weedsport; St. Francis, Geneva; St. Anthony, Rochester; Groveland. 28—St. Mary's, Rochester; Avon; Seneca Falls; St. Mary's, Corning; St. Aloysius, Auburn; Assumption B. V. M., Mt. Morris.

May 5—Immaculate Conception, Rochester; Holy Family, Rochester; St. Patrick's, Elmira; Ovid; Honeyo Flats; Port Byron; Newark Valley. 12—Sacred Heart, Rochester; Nunda; Clifton Springs; West Bloomfield; Trumansburg; Moravia; Hammondsport; Elmira Heights. 19—St. Anne; Shortsville; Mendon; Bath; Cayuga; St. Francis, Auburn; L'Ansonia Station; Cato; Pittsford.

May 26—St. Hyacinth's, Auburn; Chili; Henrietta; Cato; Owasso.

Aug. 4—Romulus; 11—San Breeze.

Sept. 8—St. Stanislaus, Rochester; Macedon; Rexville; Selma; 13—Holy Redeemer, Rochester; Cohocton. 15—Addison; Livonia Center; Aurora; Brockport; Painesville. 22—Groton; Watkins; Mary's, Dansville; Pennfield; Churchville; Mt. Read. 27—St. Michael's, Rochester. 29—Scottsville; St. George, Lithuanian, Rochester; King Ferry; St. Vincent's, Corning.

Oct. 4—Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester. 6—Ontario; Horseheads; Rushville; Hessops Falls; Montezuma; St. Casimir's, Elmira; Genoa. 11—St. Andrew's, Rochester. 13—St. Joseph's, Blessed Sacrament, Rochester; Newark; Dundee; Genesee; St. Aloysius, Auburn; St. Patrick's, Corning; Savannah. 18—St. Francis Xavier, Rochester. 20—St. Augustine's, Rochester; Webster; Lima; Owego; Interlaken; St. John's, Elmira; McLean; Red Creek; Coldwater; Union Springs. 25—St. Boniface, Rochester; Wayland. 27—Holy Cross, Rochester; St. Cecilia's, Elmira; Canandaigua; Conesus.

Nov. 3—Our Lady of Victory, St. John the Evangelist, Rochester; St. Mary's, Elmira. 10—St. Patrick's, Dansville; Sacred Heart Convent, Rochester; St. John's, Greece; Phelps. 15—Naples. 17—East Rochester.

#### INDULGENCES

1—A PLENARY INDULGENCE is granted to those who, having made a good confession and communion, visit the church where the devotion of the Forty Hours is celebrated, spend some time in prayer before the most Holy Sacrament and pray for the intention of our Holy Father. This indulgence cannot be gained more than once during the three days' Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

2—A PARTIAL INDULGENCE of ten years and ten times forty days is granted each time to those who, during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, make a visit to the Church and there pass some time in prayer.

3—These Indulgences are applicable to the souls in Purgatory.

4—All the Altars of the Church of Exposition are privileged with the Blessed Sacrament exposed.