

A French Chaplain With an Irish Name.

L'abbe Patrice Flynn was born in Paris forty-three years ago. He comes from a fine old Irish family, which settled in France. His name and title translated into English is the Rev. Patrick Flynn.

Before the war started Father Flynn was rector of the church at Sureres, in the suburbs of Paris, but he was called to the colors and was soon after commissioned captain of a division. He served twenty-two months at the front in the hottest fights before getting a furlough, and he is spending it in the United States in an effort to bring America to a true realization of the war.

Lecturing recently, he told of the work in the front line trenches, as well as back of the firing line; of a midnight Mass celebrated under shell fire; how he rescued a French soldier from "No Man's Land," who afterward died in his arms and for which he is to receive the Cross of War. He spoke also of a transcendent example of courage set by a major for his battalion.

"The army chaplain takes the place of the dear ones at home in the soldier's heart," said Father Flynn. "It is his mission to comfort the sick boy; to take charge of him when he becomes panic-stricken and is sent back of the line to recover his wits. It is the chaplain who is called upon by the commanding officers to talk to the boys when great drives are being planned, and it is the chaplain who stimulates courage in disaffected by reminding that the duty to one's home is a duty to God, and that there is no greater privilege than to die in His name.

"In a dugout 500 yards behind the first line, which was being incessantly shelled, I celebrated midnight Mass on Christmas, 1916. Shells were exploding all about us, and some of them very near. The boys stood helmets in hand, throughout the sacrifice to the Lord and during a brief talk that I made, in which I reminded them that at home their dear ones were attending Mass at that very hour, and invoking the Divine blessing for them. They stood calm, manly, unmoved by the great desolation being wrought all about them by the monster shells, their thoughts on God."

On two occasions, when buried under debris caused by exploding shells, Father Flynn heard his soldier parishioners mourning his death with cries of "Oh! Poor Father Chaplain!" and each time with some squirming, he managed to rise and comfort his men. Both times he owed his life, he said, to a whim which caused him to change his direction and walk away from the ordinary paths.

He told of sleeping on ground so damp that the first night there were fifteen mushrooms under his bed and on the second night the crop had increased to twenty-five. Abbe Flynn had but to reach under his bed on arising to gather the seasoning for his "tinned" steak.

"What France needs most today is trained aviators," Father Flynn declared. "Airplanes can be had, but we must look to the United States for trained aviators. I would advise every young man who wants to do his country the most service to enter the aviation corps if he can meet the requirements." He pointed out that the percentage of mortality among the aviators is much lower than in some other branches of the service.

Archbishop Mundelein, of Chicago, suggests that the Catholic women of the city raise funds to assist the poor in their homes. A campaign will be started.

The diocese of Lead, in South Dakota, reports an increase last year of thirty-six churches, fifteen pastoral residences, two parish schools and twenty priests.

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THE FIRST "RED CROSS FLAG" IN AMERICA.

Carried To The Indians By Sainly Baraga.

One of the most important figures in the history of missionary effort in the United States is the saintly Bishop Baraga, who sacrificed a brilliant future in Austria in order to devote himself to the conversion of the Indians in the forest wilds of Michigan.

Of late much has been written of the origin and history of the "Red Cross," and Catholic writers have pointed out the fact that as early as the 16th century St. Camillus of Lellis attached a red cross to the garb of the members of his community, who were engaged in caring for the sick and infirm.

No mention, however, has hitherto been made of the fact that Bishop Baraga, when he plunged into the wilderness in 1830, bore aloft a banner which must have been quite similar to that of the Red Cross of today.

We are indebted for information concerning this fact to the first Bishop and Archbishop of Milwaukee, Msgr. J. M. Henni, who writes in his treatise [Munich 1863] "A Glance into the Ohio Valley: This excellent missionary hastens from forest to forest, from lake to lake, bearing in his hand a white flag with a red cross, to announce his arrival "as the servant of the crucified God."

In this manner this distinguished missionary bore the banner of the Red Cross to a race of people who, generally speaking, have received but little benefit or kindness from the white man. And that thirty years before the introduction of the Red Cross by the Geneva Conference. It seems strange indeed, that the Red Cross should claim exclusive right to this symbol, in view of the many proofs of its use in the Church as a symbol of a spirit of faith-inspired sacrifice.

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A Service Flag of 52 Stars.

Ithaca, N. Y. A flag adorned with 52 stars, representing the 52 members of the Immaculate Conception parish in the service of the country for the great war, was dedicated with appropriate and impressive formalities at Immaculate Conception Church last Sunday morning at the close of the 10:30 Mass. The flag was presented in behalf of the congregation by Mrs. Hugh C. Troy, and accepted by the rector, the Rev. William H. Harrington, in a brief address eulogizing the young men who have devoted themselves to patriotic and self-sacrificing service. Father Harrington declared that the flag should hang in its place until "peace with honor" has been won. Many in the congregation were moved to tears by the ceremony and the pastor's eloquence. There was a special program of music.

The flag was then borne down the aisle from the church to the rectory in a procession led by students from the Cornell School of Aeronautics to the number of 30 and the "little cadets" of the Parochial School Drum Corps. The senior officer of the aeronautic corps carried the flag to its place in front of the rectory, where it hangs and will remain until the end of the war.—Ithaca News.

St. Joseph's Academy of the Sisters of Mercy, Sacramento, Cal., has celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the Sisters in that city.

Christmas Holly Mistletoe, Laurel and Pine Bopping, Holly Wreaths all prices. See our display of Christmas Plants and novelties in baskets. Everything in Cut Flowers. Leave orders now. Special prices on large orders for churches, etc. Rochester Floral Co., 255 East Main Street, opposite Sibley's Store.—Adv.

A Christmas Booklet For The Soldiers.

The Central Bureau of the Central Verein has published a very timely little Christmas booklet for our soldiers and sailors entitled "Joy." It is the second of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Series "Who Goes There?"

One of the most prolific sources of spiritual danger to the soldier and sailor are the many temptations to melancholy and blues which come in the train of homesickness and loneliness. To counteract these and to give a healthy and joyous outlook on life is the purpose of this latest addition to soldier welfare literature.

A special feature of this latest publication of the Central Bureau are some very pertinent and beautiful reflections on Christmas, giving suggestions for a truly Merry Christmas in the best sense of the word.

Like "Thrift," the first of this series, "Joy" sells at five cents a copy. They may be had on application to the Central Bureau of the Central Verein, 201 Temple Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

ROCHESTER ORCHESTRA

David Hochstein, Local Violinist, Will Play Monday, Dec. 17th.

David Hochstein, who is to be the soloist with the Rochester Orchestra at its next concert at Convention Hall, on December 17, has come to be regarded as one of the most brilliant of the younger violinists and his success in New York and Boston among serious music lovers and distinguished critics has been a source of great satisfaction to his friends in Rochester, who have watched his career with interest. Mr. Hochstein came to New York as a musical surprise and delighted both the large audience present at his debut, as well as several of the most prominent of American music reviewers.

Mr. Hochstein will play here the Mendelssohn concerto in E minor and a group of four solos with John Adams Warner at the piano. Mr. Hochstein, who is in military service at Camp Upton, will appear in uniform. Mr. Warner is now a lieutenant in the New York State Troopers and will also play in uniform.

Mr. Dossenbach, as is his custom at the holiday concert, will play music of a lighter character and omit the symphony, with a view to keeping the program in harmony with the season.

ICELAND IN CATHOLIC DAYS

For 550 years Iceland was Catholic. The introduction of Christianity reads like a romance. In the harbor of Reykjavik is an island—Vithey—upon which stood an Augustinian monastery during several centuries. There were six other monasteries and two convents for women in Iceland during its Catholic days.

Its Catholic period reached from the year 1000 to 1550. There were two episcopal sees: that of Skalholt, in the south, with twenty-nine successive incumbents; and that of Holar, in the north, with twenty-two Bishops.

During its Catholic period Iceland reached its highest culture. And during the same period the descendants of the old Vikings enjoyed not only an era of material prosperity, but what they prized higher by far; their largest political freedom. The Icelanders of today think with longing regret of the Catholic days of his country, and he has a feeling of reverence for the Church that fostered his beloved fatherland's spiritual, intellectual, political and material well being.

The Sisters of Charity in Cincinnati, have purchased a building for a day nursery.

St. Viator's College at Bourbonnais, Ill., will observe its golden jubilee next year.

At Ravenna, Nebr., there is a handsome new two towered St. Bonaventure Church.

Foreign Mission News

The Propagation of the Faith Society 118 Lexington Ave., New York City

The future of the Catholic Church is in the class-rooms of the Catholic school. On religious teachers and priests falls the task of educating the children to contribute to the support not only of the home parish, but of the foreign missions as well.

OVER THERE.

If it is a poor will that does not have the name of the Lord mentioned as a beneficiary, so it is likewise a poor Christmas that does not include gifts for the needy. There are plenty of poor at our doors, also there are others "over there," by which we mean that far, dark land wherein dwell people suffering not only from hunger of the body, but starvation of the soul. They need food—material and spiritual. The missionaries stand ready to act as almoners for your charity. Send a Christmas alms to the Propagation of the Faith Society, and it will be put in the stocking of some worthy apostle who will send you abundant thanks in behalf of those to whom you have given good cheer.

SPEAKING OF FLOODS.

It is difficult to write anything about missions in China without mentioning an inundation. Floods seem to be chronic in that land—the only variety from them being a drought. Therefore we announce that in Father Louis Gate's district of Ty Kiu-Young there has been a flood.

"I should need," says he, "the tongue of a Jeremiah to describe this new disaster that has befallen us. The only bright spot on the dark horizon is that no lives were lost—everything else was. What distress for our poor Chinese who watched their houses, furniture, clothing, livestock all going sailing down the tide that had no turning.

"Now comes the winter, with cold and famine. The fields so full of promise for the harvest yielded nothing. To generous America, like the rest of the suffering world, I send forth a cry that I hope may reach its hospitable shores.

HIS MAJESTY THE CAMEL.

Missionaries are obliged to get over their districts by about every means of locomotion known to man. Among such means may be included that valuable beast figuratively named "the ship of the desert." A very good description of this "ship," rightfully called the camel, appears in The African Missionary, published in Cork. The writer, who signs himself John Lupton, S. M. A., C. F., says:

"He steps along unconcernedly, one of a column led by blue-gowned 'gippo' (Egyptian) drivers, who sing old half-toned chants. Lifting one foot, he flings it out, another foot—follows, a third, a fourth, and swaying slightly from side to side, on he goes with a peculiar though stately glide. Two miles and a half an hour the walking pace is, and can be kept up for a considerable stretch. Nothing disturbs a camel. If you are sitting in the road he will calmly walk over you, for a camel never goes out of the way. He goes straight on up any hill, through any narrow passage-way, and will kneel in a crowded street oblivious of everything.

"Every four days each animal drinks the contents of two fantats (fantas, a water tin), about twenty-four gallons; beans, maize and tiben (chopped-straw) complete its ration list.

"Sometimes in watching him the lower lip drops and sticks out, and the whole face wears a very supercilious look. No satisfactory explanation is known, but the 'gippo' say that there are in all 100 arabic words for camel. Some folks know 99 of them, but the camel knows them all; hence his occasional look of superiority. So great indeed is the value of the camel that, practically speak-

CATHOLIC NEWS NOTES

In honor of young Enright, one of the first American boys to fall in France, the street on which he lived in Pittsburgh, Pa., will be renamed Enright street.

Late News of Ireland

At the Parish Church, Muckalee, with nuptial Mass, by Rev. M. Fitzpatrick, C. D., Tullogher (brother of the bride), assisted by Rev. E. Brennan, P. P., Muckalee; Rev. J. Rowe, C. C., Ballyfoyle, and Rev. F. Fletcher, C. C., Rathoe, John Byrne, Ballinadrum, eldest son of Edward and Mrs. Byrne, Rathoe House, Carlow, was married to Mary Agnes [Mollie] Fitzpatrick, youngest daughter of the late Michael and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Damerstown, Castlecomer.

The death took place at Ardnhue Lodge, Carlow, of Jane, widow of the late John Deering.

Thomas Nolan, who died in Ottawa, left the residue of his estate to the poor of Fermoy, "through the Catholic Bishop," but a later clause directed it should be divided among others mentioned in the will. Justice Middleton has found that the latter governs, and directs accordingly.

J. J. McCormack was entertained by his friends on being promoted from teller, M. and L. Bank Middleton, to accountant, Kilkenny branch.

Joseph O'Mara, the Irish vocalist, has accepted the invitation of the R. I. A. M. to become examiner for scholarships and prizes in the vocal classes and examiner to all the vocal pupils.

Dr. O'Donnell, brother of the Bishop of Raphoe, has been appointed to the position on the medical staff of the Mater Hospital vacated by Dr. Murphy.

East Kerry S. F. Executive, Castleland, unanimously selected P. Beazley, for the division in the Irish Parliament.

Rev. Cora Curtin, leaving his native Listowel for America, received a demonstrative send-off, the Sinn Fein Club with band accompanying him to the station.

Michael Hanley, butter buyer, Henry street, Limerick, died in a Cork hospital from injuries received by the kick of a horse. The Commissioners of National Education have promoted Mrs. Reynolds, Herbertstown Girls' School, Limerick, to first grade for highly efficient service.

Limerick Guardians increased the salaries of each of the eleven nurses in the Workhouse by £20 per year.

An address and testimonial have been presented by the people of Backo (Mayo) to Rev. P. Hewson; appointed Adm., District-Inspector Sheehy, Ballina, presiding, and Father Hewson expressed pleasure that so many of his Protestant neighbors and so many friends outside the parish joined in the presentation.

Damage estimated at \$500 was done by a fire in a large classroom of the Industrial School, Ferrybank, Clonmel, conducted by the Fathers of Charity.

J. O'Rourke, Mount St. Joseph's College, Roscrea, secured a £6 reward and C. Kevin and M. P. Delaney of the same school, awards of £4 from the Commissioners of Education in connection with the recent Intermediate Examinations.

Died—At 85 Main street, Cashel, Mrs. Jamieson Stewart, mother of Rev. W. J. Stewart, Minnesota.

A fund has been started to build a new Catholic Church for The Ballagh, Enniscorthy.

The following deaths have been announced: At her residence, Paul quay, Wexford, Mary, relict of the late William Gaul, mother of the Rev. Richard Gaul, C. C., Ferns.—At Dungalish Castle, Fethard, Wexford, Eliza Mary, wife of Michael Cloney, J. P.

T. O'Brien, goods manager, D. and S. E. Railway, Bray, is promoted to Wexford.

The report of the parish schools of the archdiocese of Philadelphia for the year 1916-1917 shows that the growth and the scholastic progress of the schools of the archdiocese during the past year have been satisfactory. Over 88,000 pupils are enrolled.

The Toledo Federation of Catholic parishes will give an immense Christmas festival. It is to be an informal social gathering of the entire Catholic people of that city. There will be a huge Christmas tree; four splendid tableaux; children's choir of 1,200, etc.

Very Rev. L. Kennedy, Vicar-General of the Sacramento diocese, recently observed his golden jubilee in the priesthood. He was ordained at Marysville, Cal., following the completion of his education at the University of St. Sulpice, Paris, after completing the course at the universities of Dublin and London.

A solemn Memorial Mass was celebrated for the repose of the souls of the Irish patriot-martyrs of Manchester, England, in 1840, in St. Mary's Church, Forty-first street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sunday, Nov. 25, beginning at 11 a. m. The rector, Rev. Charles J. Coyne, preached the special sermon.

Mrs. Ellen Kelliber Corkey, a widow, died in Boston a few days ago. Mrs. Corkey was born in Killarney, Ireland, and came here with her family in 1904 after the death of her husband. She was an ardent lover of her Church, having heard Mass every morning for the past fifteen years.

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