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Fill The War Chest.

If we are as liberal toward the War Chest as we have been in the past year to other war activities and charities, we shall not have to work or give but once in the year instead of working and giving twice, thrice or a dozen times each year. In Rochester, the War Chest has been extended from the war activities, as ordinarily understood, to all the charities and other public activities support for which is solicited from the public or a part thereof. Hospitals, settlement work, homes for the aged and other institutions and activities of kindred sort which have been compelled to ask the public to draw their quota from the War Chest after it is filled upon presenting satisfactory evidence of such most deplorable at the present time when our country needs the most peace and unity among our citizens of whatever race, creed or nationality; and Whereas, Any movement at any time under the guise of patriotism having for its purpose the business man and ordinary citizen may be able to make his budget up for charities and kindred objects at the beginning of the year with the knowledge that his contribution will be apportioned among all the worthy activities just as if he had contributed to each. There is this added advantage:—One will not give generously to the first and then find himself unable, without actually crippling his family or his business, to give to succeeding appeals. Under the War Chest plan he will be extending a helping hand to all worthy activities. Moreover, unworthy activities will not be able to sting the public. If they are worthy, they will be allotted their quota from the War Chest. If they are not worthy, the public will be warned that they do not conform to the War Chest standard and hence should be discontinued.

Militant.

Writing from France, Carolyn Wilson, who is visiting war camps, tells of an interesting visit made to the church of St. Pierre, one of the old churches there. After Mass, the priest delivered an address in perfect English to the Americans present in which he made them welcome whether of the Catholic faith or not. "All of you, whether of the Church or not," said he "are always welcome. What of comfort, of beauty, or of devotion you can find here is always waiting for you." "We of S— admire you, and through you, your magnificent country. You, through your excellent conduct, and unimpeachable behavior, have taught us many things. You will probably be glad to hear me say that I

never have heard a complaint when we whipped the kaiser we against an American the six months you have been here. May you feel the same way about us when you leave.

"And when we came out of the church, one of the American soldiers kept saying to himself: "Where have I seen that priest's face?" Finally it distressed him so that he asked a French soldier who was with us. "Why, that is one of your instructors, answered the officer. He was a priest before the war but went into the artillery and under his cassock you will find the medal of the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with our three palms." And he told us the deed of heroism which had won these coveted honors for the artilleryman-priest.

Unpatriotic.

Out in Michigan the bigots are surely unpatriotic. When the country is at war, and when Catholics are giving themselves and all they have to help make the world free and safe for democracy, the bigots are seeking to amend the State Constitution so that parochial schools will be abolished and every child will be forced to attend the public schools. It is refreshing to read that in the C. M. B. A., is alive to the situation and the following resolutions adopted recently:—

To the Members of the C. M. B. A., Delegates to Central Conference—Greeting: Whereas, There was printed in the daily papers information that an organization known as the Wayne County Civic League is circulating a petition for signature to make an amendment to our state charter or constitution making it compulsory for all children between 5 and 16 years of age to attend a public school;

Resolved, That this body, representing the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, declare this movement as un-American, unpatriotic and unconstitutional; and be it further Resolved, That we appeal to all fair-minded citizens to withhold their support from any movement that will bring strife and ill-feeling between neighbors and citizens; and, be it further Resolved, That these resolutions be forwarded to all branches of this society in this diocese, and to the C. M. B. A. Advocate. Respectfully submitted, (Signed) W. C. Bernardi, Br. 57, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Detroit, Mich.

Non-Catholic Protest.

Even if the Catholics in Meriden, Kansas, are few and there is no resident pastor there, the non-Catholics are alive and are not bigoted, as witness this testimony from the "Catholic Citizen":— A flag-raising was held a few Sundays ago in Meriden, Kans. Least any local speaker should prove unequal to the occasion, Bishop Weekley of Parkersburg, W. Va., after a purse had been made up, was invited to come and address the patriotic Meridenites. The bishop's patriotism was voiced in a panegyric of Protestantism, and in a scathing denunciation of all things Catholic. He asserted that "the kaiser and the Pope were working hand in hand in the devilish war; and they must both be crushed; that

Meriden, it is said, has but few Catholics and no resident pastor. It apparently has non-Catholics, however, of whom it need not be ashamed.

Not Quite Enough.

It will be recalled that the "Red Cross Magazine" published not long since a poem by Rudyard Kipling the tone of which was a distinct affront to Catholics. A protest was made and this is the apology vouchsafed, which appeared in an inconspicuous place on the last page of the magazine. "An Unfortunate Impression." In the February issue of the "Red Cross Magazine" there appeared a poem by Rudyard Kipling entitled "The Holy War." A line in this poem has given offense to some readers, and the Red Cross has received letters asking if Catholics are to interpret this as indicating an attitude toward the Catholic Church. The poem was published simply as the most recent contribution from Kipling to war literature and, in reviewing it for publication, it was not realized that it might constitute a reflection on the Pope or the Catholic religion. It is unfortunate that the poem allowed of such an interpretation, and it is hoped that Catholics everywhere will understand that its publication in the magazine was purely the result of an oversight. It should be needless to say that we deeply appreciate the great part that the members of the Catholic Church are playing in this war, not alone in the army and navy, but through their splendid organization, the Knights of Columbus, and in the Red Cross itself. While the magazine's apology was not exactly adequate or in the tone which the offense against good taste and decency required since the Catholics are doing their full share in support of the Red Cross, no apology at all has come from Kipling, and, probably, none will be forthcoming.

With Attorney-General Lewis, Speaker Sweet and former Senator William M. Bennett as opponents, Governor Whitman ought to have a fairly interesting and, perhaps, a busy summer. Do your bit toward filling Rochester's War Chest! We hate to think that any reader of the Catholic Journal has not yet made his or her Easter duty, but we remind you that you have not many hours to do it in. Liberty Bonds, Red Cross, K. of C., Thrift Stamps, Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A., War Chest, surely life is just one thing after another. And the beauty of it is that one does not feel much poorer than a year ago. If you haven't a job now, you had better get one quick. Governor Whitman has only to issue his proclamation setting the new law in operation and then the police will find a job for you and it may not be one you like.

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