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REV. FRANCIS A. KELLEY

Gentle sleep, and rest unbroken until udgment Day, are the lot now of the Rev. Francis A. Kelley, Chaplain of the Twenty-Seventh Division during the World War. Father Keley made his seminary course t St. Bernard's im Rochester. He had visited here many times. Here his friends are numerous. His dissemates are serving daily at the altars of God. He is reword. He was among the first priests in America to volunteer for army service when America entered the World War. He was ment to Spartamburg, South Carolina; from these to France, and at once to the front with his Division.

The Twenty-Seventh Division took part. in many battles. It suffered many casualties. It endured many hardships. It made many heroic merifices. Never a gun was fired, never a shell-came into the ranks, never a man fall wounded or dying, but what Father Keley was there over the top and at the side of his boys, with water, with bandares, with prayers and blessings. "Ges, but you're some Chaplain," a Jewish boy gasped with hiss-last Ereath, as Father: Kelley-lifted his manyled body from the battle mud and pressed the canteen to his lips, with a prayer for his soul. Time and again he was ordered back of the lines, and time and again his boys pleaded with him to keep out of the barbed wire meshes, the shell-swept fields, the machine gun slaughter-pens. The deadly gas got him again and again, but always he remained at the front, over the top, into the thick of it, with an upraised arm and a call to action, to service, to duty, to perseverance in suffering, and to hope and faith in death. No wonder his boys loved him. No wonder their mothers at home loved him, and atin love him. No wonder they made him the first National Chaplain ever elected by the American Legion. For he was the Dersonification of service, of sacrifice, of oyalty, of hope and good cheer, even in the midst of death dreadful and all-embracing. Shortly after the Twenty-Seventh Division- had returned from France the writer had the privilege of hearing Father Kalley address a great mass meeting of citizens. Many of his boys were in that sudience. At the close of his address-the boys rushed to greet him. His face seadlighted radiantly, and he reached both sime, body and soul towards his old comtheir first names, and asking about their wounds. "How is the old leg, John? How are the lungs, Tom 7 Does the gas bother you much, Bill? Ah, Pat, old boy, I see you got yourself a new jaw!" And so on, with smile contagious, with solicitious eye, with enger countenance. Suddenly his whole domeanor changed, and he swept both arms downward to embrace a little woman in deep black. "Your boy's name?" he whispered. Brokenly, she told him. 'He' did in my arms," he said, patting her there is a said, best in the whole army; a nole boy, and his last words were that I should ask you to be proud of him, to pray for him and not to weep too much for him. I have some per-sonal belongings for you. Leave your ad-dress, and I will bring them to you tomorrow. God bless your now, and keep strong." "I am not of your faith, Father," she said, brokenly. "We are friends with a common sorrow," he said quickly, "and an may for each other and help each And so it wint the tryraised arms, the stateworking arms, the grind clear cry of constrained in pathwe and the prayers. From the better some he brought home me-tainted impathies some he brought home of the try of the source of the try of the

Prayer To Madonna of The Poor Mary, with thy big blue Cloak

Cover up this toiling folk, Change their leaden thoughts to gold, Quicken them with manifold Magic dreams the invision Of most high heavenly poetry Descending from thy Son and thee.

Let them find a refuge under Thy sweet Mantie from the thunder, From the monsters of the flood, Who hate all beauty and all good; In the lightning from thise eyes Show us the road to Paradise. Open to us the starry skies.

Mother of God and man, whose art Can touch with figre the lowliest heart, The mighty from their seats cast down, But frown the humble with thy crown; Madonna, pray thy Son to give The Bread of Heaven by which we live, From this world's vain shows fucitive! -Wilfred Childe, in Ave Maria.

Thousands filled the church-St. Bernard's in Cohoes, where he was baptized, where he made his first Communion, where he was confirmed, and where he said his first solemn high Mass. Other thousands stood without, praying and weeping. Other thousands lined the roadsides for five miles, from the church to the cemetery, where he sleeps with his priestly shroud around him, and his martial medals upon his breast. Always he will be Father Kelley to the boys of the Twenty-Seventh Division-Father Kelley to their loved ones, Father Kelley to the United States Army, and to America. Symbol of a true Chaplain, he wrote his name upon the battle flags of his country, and he sleeps, like the boys he loved, with peace around him, and prayers that go upward to God like incense of Faith.

FOR THE MISSIONS

Collections will be taken up in all churches of the Diocese of Rochester on Sunday for the Missions. Last Sunday was Mission Sunday throughout the world. The work of the Missions, their accomplishments, their sacrifices, their place in the Church, and the great need of them-these points were explained by many pastors in many places. What influence these ex-planations left behind them may be judged by the generosity of the Collections that will be taken up this coming Sunday in the various churches.

Missions everywhere in the world have been hard hit by the depression. Many of the best and most generous friends of the Missions have been impoverished by business failures or other causes. New friends must be found. Old friends who are able to give a little more should make every effort to be as generous as possible.

In China terrible floods, gaunt famine, and bloody war have added to the needs of Missions and to the sacrifices and sufferings of the workers. They need our good help. In Russia sanctuary lamps are lit no more, and to pray is to invite persecution, torture, even death. In Spain-Catholic Spain for centuries-Socialists, Anarchists and Communists have joined in a great chorus: "Down with the Church, out with God!" And there is wild, bitter clamor for the expulsion of all Religious Orders, men and women. The new Constitution may save them, and it may not. Within the last decade, says the Catholic Missions magazine, Catholic America has become mission minded. The ceaseless efforts of mission organizations and societies, the many interesting lectures of missionaries returned from their fields, and above all the official recognition on the part of the authorities of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, have had marvelous results. Vocations to the fields afar are increasing daily; American Priests and Brothers and Sisters have become soldiers of fortune in the cause of Christ. The Church at home grows apace. In the consideration of the vast fields untilled for God in pagan lands, the needs of the Church in our own land have been emphasized. Home missions are being cared for with an interest that is cheering and the material needs of both home and foreign missions-are being supplied by American Catholics in accordance with the generosity that has made them famous the world over; Catholic America, but recently evolved from the mission status herself, has become a chief support of the mission church today. Wonderful help has been given to the Missions of the Church, Home and Foreign, by the good people of the Diocese of Rochester, chiefly through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, of which the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, with offices in the Columbus Civic Center, is the Diocesan Director. This good work will, no doubt, be continued, and even though the depression rests heavily upon the land, there will be many generous hands and hearts that will remember the Missions in the annual collection for them this coming Sunday. They deserve our very best support.

In Mission Lands

More than 1,525 Orphanages, providing homes, care, sustenance and education for some 82,000 children, are being maintained in various parts of the world in Mission lands by devoted sisters of the various Religious Orders. There are at present more than 165,000 Catholic Mission workers in the foreign Mission field. A number of these are from the Rochestes Diocese. These workers do not limit themselves to spiritual matters. They conduct hospitals, orphan asylums, dispensaries, teach sanitary and health matters to natives, rare for new-born children and mothers in their homes, 'and do a multitude of other things for humanity, for religion and for God. Trey are our brethern in Chfist -the Marines of the Church in the front-line trenches of warfare against sin and irreligion. We should help them in every possible way.

"This is merely a plot to discredit me, a prosecution by a Roman Catholic District Attorney, acting under orders of his priest. I am not surprised at anything the Roman Catholic District Attorney in Washington does."

We are not concerned at this time about the innocence or guilt of the Bishop. That is for a jury of his peers to decide. But when he says he has been indicted by a Catholic District Attorney, acting under orders of his priest, he is an unmitigated scoundrel. He is oozing bile from a bigoted soul. He is a falsifier of the lowest kind. He is unfit for American citizenship to say nothing about the gospel he is supposed to preach-whether it be the gospel of crooked politics, wiggling through many bank accounts, or that higher, better gospel of peace, truth and good will.

The Roman Catholic District Attorney of the District of Columbia did not present the Cannon case to the Grand Jury. He turned it over to his first assistant, a Protestant. Why? Because he knew the caliber and character of the man with whom he had to deal. He knew the cry of bigotry and of persecution would be raised. He knew that a cobra, spitting poison, will strike at every opportunity.

We doubt if any priest ever mentioned the Cannon case to the District Attorney. But if any priest did speak about it, he would say something like this to Leo A. Rover, District Attorney: "Leo, be very careful in this case. Watch your stop. Be absolutely fair., Give this old scoundrel the benefit of every doubt, because if you make the slight at mis-step he will accuse you of bigotry, and will assail the Church you and I both love. It would be far better if you would turn the case over to your assistant, a Protestant. Don't advise him, and don't influence him in any way. Caution him to be careful, and to be absolutely fair, even to the point of favoritism. This man is about done for in politics and in religion. It won't do you, or the rest of us, any good to have him indicted, or to send him to jail. Show him-but most of all show the good people of his Church-that our Church has taught you, Leo, how to be a good Christian, charitable even to a man who doesn't deserve you charity." That's how a priest would have talked to Leo Rover, if he talked to him about the Cannon case at all. For there is not and never has been a Roman Catholic conspiracy against this old scoundrel. There is not and never has been a dseire on the part of our people to persecute him. There is shame and regret on the part of very many of our people that any man should preach bigotry as he has preached it. And there is sharp anger, too. We have no quarrel with the Methodist Church. There are many lovable, wonderful people in the Methodist Church; fair, square and kindly people; our friends, our neighbors, our fellow-Americans and our fellow-Christians. We respect them, and we respect their clergymen who are not of the Cannon type. Goodwill, friendship, confidence in one another, fair and square dealing with one another-these are things sincere Catholics desire in relations with our separated brethern. If Bishop Cannon has broken the law, as he is charged; if he has defied constituted authority, as he has done; if he has refused to make reports required by law-these are things for all Americans to resent; for all Americans to prosecute, and for all Americans to punish. And it is distinely up to the Methodist Church to show a helpful spirit in everything that is done in this case, for if that Church harbors, protects and abjets a law-breaker it becomes unfit to champion any law, human or divine.

CURRENT COMMENT

CATHOLIC ACTION—A BEGINNING

The response to papal encyclicals is generally slow. At the time of their issue, a flare of publicity illumines the world. And then, slowly, very slowly, does the teaching permeate the body of the faithful.

So it is likely to be with the Holy Father's appeal for Catholic Action. Lots of people have their own ideas of Catholic Action. Before the Holy Father's idea is taken up, there must come a change of mind.

The trends_and the philosophy of Catholic action are well described in the diocesan papers of the United States. These papers are trying to set forth the ideas of Pope Pius and the more or less apt application of them in the news they carry. They are trying to obey the Pope by teaching that Catholic Action is participation in and co-operation with the apostolic hierarchy. (That, incidentally implies deference and respect to the apostolic hierarchy. The sign of obedience to the Pope is deference to his brother bishops.)

A beginning of an understanding of Catholic Action may be had then through the diocesan press, and perhaps the best beginning in Catholic Action should be made by persuading fellow Catholics to take the first step in participating in and co-operating with the work of the apostolic hierarchy by reading the official organs which they desire to have read.-The Monitor, San Francisco.

JEWISH INFLUENCE

"This Store will be Closed Saturday because of Religious Holiday." Such a notice by a number of merchants of the Jewish faith was published in the Louisville daily press. Saturday was Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year. 'Catholics, too, have religious holidays, but we do not see similar notices published by merchants who are Catholics when Catholic Holidays occur.

There are some ten thousand Jews in Louisville, some eighty to one hundred thousand Catholics: but Jews as a body

THOMAS A. EDISON

A great man died when Thomas Alva Edison closed his eyes in his last earthly sleep at dawn on Sunday morning. He began life as a poor boy. He died with name and fame greater than kings or presidents; died, known and beloved the world over, and mourned as a friend of humanity. Pope Pius XI was among the great men who sent sincere expressions of sympathy to his bereaved wife, his children and other relatives.

Thomas A. Edison invented the incandescent electric lamp, the motion picture camera, the phonograph, and has to his credit more than eleven hundred inventions relating chiefly to electricity and its uses. No complete list of his patents has ever been published, so numerous are they. But all of them are useful, helpful to the world and beneficial to humanity. He was called the "Electric Wizard." In every truth he was that. Whenever we use electricity for any purpose we are using Edison's genius. Honors came to him from every nation. He was recognized as one of the greatest geniuses of his time, and the greatest material benefactor to humanity in his day and age.

Pope Pius XI had great admiration for him, and sincere interest in his work. During his illness the Holy Father cabled twice, inquiring for his health and expressing sympathy to his family. This same feeling was reciprocated throughout the world among the leaders of all nations. To them Edison was supreme, a type, an ideal, a colossus. He represented progress, advancement, achievement, even magic and mystery. There were times in his life when he was sharply criticized for his views on religion. But we are assured by those who knew and loved him best that he was never an atheist. He never sought to ridicule or belittle religion as some pseudo-scientists have done. Rather, he had respect for religion, and for its good influence upon mankind. Like many another American boy, undoubtedly, he knew not God in his childhood, and walked life's long pathway with puzzled soul groping for light, for understanding. "He was perplexed by his inability to find proof of im-mortality," his personal physician and long-time-friend tells us.

It can be truly said that Edison transformed the world, the manner of living of the people, business methods, business helps, and that he added immeasurably to the comforts and conveniences of homes, shops and all other places. He gave us quick and glorious light, and brought that great business mystery, electricity, into easy and practical use for all the world. His inventions provided work and industries for many thousands of people, and from the day of his first invention to his death he was anxious to produce things that would be helpful and beneficial to the human race. In this sense he was a great benefactor: His kindly soul, his fertile brain, his great accomplishments, his untiring energy, and the combined practibility of his life's work-these brought him near and dear to humanity. His loss will be felt. His memory will be 1113 work will remain as a blessing for long years to come.

BISHOP CANNON

A Federal grand jury in the District of Columbia has indicted Bishop James Cannon; Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on charges of conspiracy to violate wilfully the Federal Corrupt Insticuted act. In brief, he is charged with having failed to report, as required by law, the receipt of some \$65,000 for political the receipt of some socious for political purposes and lise the expenditure of this monsy, in what manages and for what purpose. And what does the groot alkiner see about his indication of Salating.

exert more influence in some ways than do Catholics as such. Why? Some say Jews "stick together in business" but that is not nearly as true as some imagine; even if it were wholly true it would not account for the merchants of twelve or fifteen thousand in a city of three hundred twenty thousand closing their stores to observe their particular Holyday. One thing that characterizes the Jews is moral courage. Should Catholics as such evince more of the same sort of courage they would prove themselves better.-Louisville Record.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Edites:

The worst that could happen to Al. Capone-and we tremble at the thoughtis the prospect of having a certain Bishop as his roommate, if the two should become guests of the Government.

We are the first nation in the history of the world to go to the poorhouse in an automobile, Will Rogers says. Well, you can get there a lot quicker with a car, and speed is important when you are hungry.

Potatoes have dropped to fifteen cents a bushel in Michigan, Father Coughlin tells us over the radio. We know some excellent pastors whose collections have dropped worse than that.

Always, in every Diocese, there are churches and institutions which have heavy financial burdens, and whose work is handicapped by these burdens. When you make your will, the best way in the world to help these needy ones is to insert a paragraph something like this in the will:

When You Make Your Will

"I give and bequeath to the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocesse of Rochester, N. Y., or his successor or successors in office, the sum to be used at his or their discretion for the work or of \$_ the Institutions of the Diocese."

If you are interested in some particular church, charity or institution a clause like this may be added : "I am interested particularly in Bequeets, large or small, are a great blessing to religion, and it is highly entrying to read of them in any will. No Catholic will should be without one of many such bequette 2 • Sec. Vi

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CHRIST THE KING

Sunday is the feast of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI established this feast, which falls always on the last Sunday of October, that the world might not forget its one real King, its one true and faithful King-the King who loves all His subjects and rewards their loyalty.

There would have been no World War, no world depression, no widespread suffering, sorrow and hunger, if the world had been faithful and true to Christ the King and His teachings. Lure of pleasure, lure of leisure, lure of sin and frivolity, disinclination to make sacrifices for God and for the things of God, greed, selfishnessthese and other things have brought miseries untold upon the world. In our land we see rapid disintegration of religious beliefs, we see churches scrambling wildly for social life, for welfare works, for politics, for anything that will tend to give them a semblance of unity and hope, but getting farther and farther away from God and from the spirit of His teachings. We see atheistic professors sneering at the name of God in college and high school class rooms, and tolerating religion with a ques-tioning shrug of the shoulder. We see nation-wide saturnalia of crime, so that long ago we became the leading nation of the world in the great art of murder.

These, and other things, exist because our people have forgotten their only King Christ, our Saviour and our Redeemer. This feast is to remind us of Him, lest we, too, may forget; to warm our love for Him, lest our heatrs grow cold; to give us an opportunity to bring our tributes of service and Faith to His feet, and pledge anew to Him our fealty and our future. Let us, then, kneel reverently at His feet when at Mass Sunday morning, lift our hearts and souls to Him in petitioning prayer, and ask Him to bless us, our families, our beloved country and our Church. Our Nation and its people need Him now, and He will not fail us if we ask Him for our daily bread, and to deliver us from the evils that surround us.

Maude Adams is coming back on the stage, we are told. A lovable and delightful actress, with the soul of a real artist, and starring only in plays that are clean and wholesome. It is thirteen years since she retired, and she left a void that has never been filled.