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ARE BOXER DAYS RETURNING?

Thirty-one years ago the ancient soil of China was reddened by the blood of many thousands of Christian martyrs.

Those were sad days for the Catholic mission. Five bishops, many priests, and about 24,000 Christians were massacred.

But Catholicism is not a "foreign creed." In China it is God's own creed, for China is for the West.

Less than thirty years later, on October 28, 1926, Pope Pius XI himself consecrated the first six Chinese bishops in St. Peter's at Rome.

There are now in China fourteen native Dioceses, with Chinese Bishops at their head.

But now there is a situation far more desperate than the Boxer rebellion. China and Japan virtually at war, and godless Russia throwing all her influence with China.

Right of Divorce Taken From the Church, a daily newspaper tells us in an article about Spain.

Dean Inge, of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, announces that he foresees the fall of the British Empire.

"WERE WE BORN TO DIE?"

What rights do birth give the individual? Only last week the columns of our morning paper carried an extracted speech of a professor of Neurology.

"The only right of birth, is the right to die."

"Nature intends to kill us," "Humanity's belief that it has a right to happiness is a fallacy."

From this premise our medical friend would conclude that the weak and mentally deficient are a detriment to society, an enemy of our civilization.

Had such a radical philosophy been proposed by the iconoclastic genius of Red Russia, America's voice would be the first raised in protest.

What does the Catholic Church, the pillar of Truth, teach regarding the preservation of life? Is death the only resultant effect of birth?

Prescinding from the teachings of one with divine authority we discover three instinctive characteristics, which have their foundation in the law of nature.

If we are bound to safeguard our own lives, we have a concomitant obligation in justice to respect this heavenly gift in others.

The preservation of our own and the lives of others finds its obligatory source not only in the positive Divine Law but anteriorly in the tenets of Mother Nature.

In view of these ordinances, then, can the weak be denied the benefits of medical research? And again the Catholic answers in the negative.

This ludicrous opponent of humanitarian relief, then, is toying with a delicate and precious object, life.

On the Silent Field Afar

Dream they did mayhap in boyhood, Of a hero's dashless fame, Wron amid the din of battle.

They hear not the blare of trumpets And the shouts of cheering men, Not to them the laurelled poet Lends the power of his pen.

God alone can know the anguish, Of their lonely exile years, As alone He knows the harvest, Watered by their secret tears.

—F. J. Melvin, C. Ss. R.

RELIGION IN THE ARMY

Guns, bayonets, swords, bullets, bombs, blood and desolation on these soldiers are fed, according to the belief of many persons.

There were 18,267 religious services conducted on military reservations during the year, with an approximate attendance of 1,639,040.

New Army Chaplains in the future are to be given special training at some designated military post on practical duties and necessary military subjects.

Where there are a sufficient number of boys and girls at an Army post, Chaplains are taking the initiative in providing helpful societies and inspiring leadership.

In all of this work, of course, Catholic Chaplains in the Army are doing their full part. The importance of religion has never been forgotten by our Church or its priests.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Under the direction of three Special Committees of the American Hierarchy, the attention of Catholics throughout the United States is directed this month to the general subject of Catholic education for Catholic youth.

Too few members of the Church throughout the country understand and appreciate the extent and value of the service which the Catholic University of America has given and is giving to our Church and to the Catholic educational system.

mere chattel, not a plaything to be used for a day or as long as it amuses us, and then carelessly thrown aside.

Life is a sacred thing, and one who trifles with it, trifles with an exclusive possession of God.

In conclusion, then, and as a last thrust, we wonder if humanity's distinguished adversary has become so deeply altruistic in his attempt to lessen the burden of the strong, as to forget his particular job.

THE CAREFUL USE OF WORDS

Ted Husing, radio announcer for the Columbia broadcasting system, broadcasted the recent Harvard-Dartmouth football game at the Harvard stadium.

The use of one word, "putrid," stirred up this furor. It is not such a terrible word. It merely didn't fit the occasion, or the individual, with nicety or correctness.

But it will not be done. Yet it is a thousand times worse for a Christian to use the holy name of Jesus in blasphemy than it is for any radio announcer to call a football player "putrid."

We are not going to say an unkind word over the recent arrest of President Hoover's brother-in-law on the charge of bootlegging.

When You Make Your Will

Always, in every Diocese, there are churches and institutions which have heavy financial burdens, and whose work is handicapped by these burdens.

"I give and bequeath to the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, N. Y., or his successor or successors in office, the sum of \$..... to be used at his or their discretion for the work or 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..... Requests, large or small, are a great blessing to religion, and it is highly edifying to read of them in any will. No Catholic will should be without one or more such bequests.

AN ENCHANTED LAND

Next June many thousands of sons and daughters of the Gael, by blood and by birth, will go back to the home land for the great international Eucharistic Congress that is to be held in Dublin.

H. V. Morton made his first visit to Ireland not so long ago. He was a stranger in a strange land. He started at Dublin, and instantly loved the city and its people so that he found it hard to leave.

The impressions of Mr. Morton are recorded in a delightful book: "Up and Down the Old Roads of Ireland."

"I came to the Hill of Tara, as a man should, at sunset, and alone, to say good-bye to Ireland. \* \* \* And as I stood there in this queerly alive place memories of Ireland came to me, little happy pictures sharp as in sunlight: the homes of Ireland, the kindness, the laughter, the music, cabins of the west white on the hill the smell of turf fires \* \* \* the wild wind of the moor and all the little winding roads among the hills.

can institutions of higher learning. Of these, 60,050 are in the 78 Catholic colleges for men, on the faculties of 54 of which, a total of 750 Catholic University alumni are teaching.

More than 4,000 teaching Sisters have received their graduate training at the Catholic University of America. Many of these are now teaching in 53 of the Catholic colleges for women, in which are registered 11,463 students out of a total of 18,991 women students.

This service to the Church has been accomplished despite the inadequate financial resources of our national Catholic University, which is the property of all of the Dioceses in America, and which is under the direct control of the Bishops of the United States.

The annual collection which is taken in practically all of the parishes of the country each year is the life-blood of the University's financial structure. Special emphasis is being made this year upon the annual collection because of the emergency of the situation at the University, which necessitates the raising of \$1,686,210 by June, 1932.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

How many of us remember W. Bourke Cockran, great orator, magnetic friend, aggressive Irishman and vigilant American? None who knew will ever forget him. It was good to read the other day that his widow celebrated her "assigned" birthday.