

FR. G. MOSS. SDB.

We regret to announce the death on the 4th March 1920 of Father G. Moss a well known and loved confrere in both the English and American provinces. He died after a fortnight's intense suffering from blood poisoning, an aftermath, it is believed, of war strain and exposure.

Fr. Moss was born in Liverpool, England on June 22nd 1880. He began his schooling at Bullingham, Hertshire and later at the Salesian College, Battersea, where he became enamoured of Salesian work and eventually sought admission to the Congregation. Having finished his novitiate he was sent to South Africa and did good work there for the space of three years after which he returned to England for his theology course. Ordained priest on the 24th September 1904, he helped in the parishes of Farnborough and then Chertsey until the war broke out in 1914.

Fr. Moss then volunteered for work as a chaplain and after being attached to several units around England he was later attached to the Expeditionary Force in France and Belgium. However, his health eventually deteriorated and although he was singled out for important duty in Serbia and he wished to go there, he failed his medical examination and was eventually invalided home.

Shortly after the war, Fr. Moss was attached to the American Province and he remained there until he died. As a curate at the Transfiguration Church, New York City, he endeared himself to all and especially to the young people of the parish by his bright and cheerful disposition. He was chaplain also to the Convent of Divine Compassion in the city and was much in demand for retreats and missions. He preached at the Lenten and Advent exercises in many Salesian centres such as those of New Rochelle, Albany, Goshen, Elizabeth, Haledon and Paterson. Fr. Moss will be remembered with gratitude for risking his life and sustaining severe burning to his hands, which incapacitated him from saying Mass for some time, after attempting to extinguish an outbreak of fire in a children's institute in New York shortly before his death.

Good-hearted, jovial and unostentatiously pious, Fr. Moss will be deeply mourned by his many friends on both sides of the Atlantic who will pray earnestly for the repose of his soul whilst hoping that he is already enjoying the reward of his labours.

May he rest in peace.