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A Jesuit Missionary Writing From Chins him. Describes Some of the Terrible Massa cres and the Wonderful Fervor and Faith of the Christians in the Pagan Land,

The following extracts are from the letters of Father Gaudissard, S. J. one of the missionaries to China who were driven from the city of Tal-mangfou and obligéd to fiee in disguise. They concealed themselves so well during four weeks that every one believed them dead, and news of the massacre was sent to the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Father Gaudissard's story, therefore, is like a voice from the dead:

After my departume from Koangfou, June 26, in the evening, several men presented themselves at our dwelling and addressing my catechist ordered him to take down the cross from the door of entrance.

"Upon the refusal of the catechist, they declared that it was the formal order of the mandarin, 'for,' added they, the sight of the cross exasperates the people and it is the cause of honor and glory of God. the drought'

"Two men went on top of the roof and tore down the august sign of the Redemption. "The mandarin followed in person,

commanded all the doors to be opened and made an inventory of what he found in the room and in the chapel.

"Three days afterwards, the prefect and the sub-prefect came to our house and, followed by their satellites, laid hands on averything with- Catholic Church, yet this sermon made in their reach, clothing, furniture, a deep and lasting impression upon ornaments, etc. What they did not me. It set me thinking, and I deterwant the mob seized; even the doors mined to study Catholicity. I read and the windows were taken; a bon- this book and that book, and argufire was made of our books and the ments upon arguments, both pro and pictures that ornamented the chapel. | con, and at last could come to but one

"The catechist, the porter, the cook, a poor lame orphan found in school and another pupil of the city were led catechist:

"Where is the money?"

"'There is none. The "great man" looked for it himself a few minutes Nichodemus Except a man be born ago, and he declared that there was again of water and the Holy Ghost he nothing in the closets or in the money cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. chest.

in a bank in the city.'

- "'No more.'
- "'You are Christian?"

"It is no longer permitted; you ings that have come to me." must change your religion, blaspheme God and the Blessed Virgin.

'That is impossible.' "'Ta!' (Strike him.)

and manifested the same courage. tions or friends who went security for tain of living water." them. They were released.

cared for by the Fathers.'

the mandarin; 'there are none left; planations of Catholic doctrine. they have been driven away.

"As the child continued to cry without replying, the manda. ed that he should be led to

he was set free. "One of my Christians died a glo- life. rious death confessing the faith. The acts of this martyr have an official Father Martin Callaghan, of St.

the history of this persecution. "The facts are these: "Ou Wenn Yinn was tifang (mayor) of the Christian part of his village, and when the pagans came to demolish of his ministry, but this past year his under the influence of deep feeling, the church, he opposed them. De- work had been helped along by mis- might now and then find ordinary nounced before the mandarin, he was brought to judgment. Knowing that Younan. Last Lent, Father Younan though this rather palliates than exhe would not escape with his life. he preached to the non-Catholic and cuses. But that a man in the regular

heroic woman said to him: "If you die for the faith, God will

apostatize.

fect asked him. That is no longer per- ly declared that he had not come to mitted; you must change your relig- talk to bare walls and empty benches,

"'I can not."

"'Ta!' (Strike.)

ishment of bastinado on the confessor, within the last month, Father Younan partures from duty. To do wrong is until he lost consciousness. When he recovered his senses, the mandarin an equal success. All efforts that were wrong deed ever failed to bring it. again proposed that he should aposta- made to draw him into controversy. Those sins which are followed by no tize: upon his refusing, he was beaten, failed. He quietly ignored them all, palpable pain are yet terribly avenged, a second time with no different result. Then he was suspended in the cage of wood. The martyr said to him:

I shall no longer be able to speak and to him. The immediate result of this of the armor of a pure conscience and you see me move my lips, I shall not mission is another score of converts. be uttering words of apostasy but of Drayer.'

"At the end of a few moments of the torture of the cage, the executioners hastened to take him down, judging by the change of his features that he was going to die. They were too late; On Wenn Yinn had gathered the of St. Patrick's at Butte. palm of the eternal victors.

"The following is snother sublime instance which occurred at Taing-ho. A Christian of Si-Kao-Chang, who had made a brave defense against the Large Knives when they attempted to burn the church of his village, was taken by them.

"'You are Christian?" they asked

'Beyond doubt." "If you apostatize, we will have

compassion on you.' 'I will not apostatize; you can not only cut off my head, but you can cut ply that it is Christian.' "After this proud profession of faith,

he was put to death. "It is sometimes said that the time

NON-CATHOLIC MISSIONS.

How An Earnest Member of the Baptist Sect Was Converted.

The following letter was not written for publication, so the name is with-

"I write this letter prompted by a motive which I believe to be to the

"In the month of January, 1901, a friend of mine, who is a promoter in error, cultivated lies, encouraged imthe League of the Sacred Heart, gave mortality, practiced cruelty and unme a ticket inviting me to attend a reunion of the members of the Eucharistic League on January 25th in the ed. Leo XIII opens the Vatican li-Cathedral, Fifth avenue, New York. I heard a sermon there which I wanted to hear for about two years. The subject was the 'Eucharist.' "For 23 year I had been a strict

Baptist and prejudiced against the conclusion, that is that the Church of the Church of the Apostles.

lie commenced by questioning the from being a Baptist to become a

"In accordance with my conversion and remembering what Christ said to hardly anything left. I received the sacrament of Holy Bap-But there is some money deposited tism on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in May, and the joy, happiness and abundance of grace which came on me during Baptism has come to stay. I "Yes : there is no wrong in that, am filled with grafftude for the bless-

This leter is significant for many reasons. Besides telling of one more soul brought to the truth, it fur-Then the catechist was thrown to nishes abundant evidence of the nowe the ground and covered with blows. of Catholic doctrine to convince a candidion are every day regarded more fa-Half dead, he was carried into the did mind, who will sift the argument vorably and adopted more generally on neighboring prison where a chain to the bottom. Here is one in spite of purely social or economic grounds. The was put about his neck; the next prejudices of education, influences of church's teaching regarding marriage day, to be rid of him, the mindarin environment and authority of organi- and divorce finds more favor every day sent him back. In consequence of his zation working himself free and going by those outside of the church as the wounds, the heroic confessor hung be- back to the old Mother Church, and only true solution of this vexed questween life and death for a month, and his heart is filled with gratitude that tion. Her position on the school queshe is not yet altogether out of danger. he has done so. There are thousands tion by which she claims that her chillike him, who want to know the truth, dren shall receive instruction in their "The porter, an honest man, who who are restless in the trammels of faith has raised up many champions has never wronged any one in his an organization that does not feed the outside of her fold. Even the latest life, was treated in the same way, soul with satisfying food, and who too fad and folly in the religious world, would thank God day and night if they Christian Science, is a justification of "The cook and the pupil of our city could be led away from the broken cisschool, both catechumens, found rela- terns that held no water to the foun-

We have the truth and we can prove When it came to the orphan's turn, it what is wanted is a bit of the misthe poor child could answer in no sionary spirit that will bring the truth way but by crying. Persuaded by the to others, or what is more practical, mandarin to apostatize, he said: 'I earnest missionaries who will bring cannot; since my infancy I have been others who wander in darkness and the shadow of death under the influ-'Speak no more of them,' answered ence of correct and authoritative ex-

Academy of the Sacred Heart, Man-ment, but is indulged in by "respectahattanville, a number of converts who ble" people. The name of God is outhad been received there during the raged by oaths and imprecations quite prison as the catechist. The next day past year, were confirmed by Bishop as a matter of course and without the Farley. Among them were some ladies who were quite well known in social

character, and are a beautiful page in Patrick's church, Montreal, personally instructed and received into the verts. Father Martin had been devot- imagine that it is manly, indulge in threw himself on his knees before his awakened a great deal of interest and intercourse of life should season disaged mother to bid her farewell. This discussion. Our friend, "the enemy," course with oaths and curses is a take care of us: do not be concerned vited to Montreal the apostate priest country is an encouraging sign. It is about me or your children. If you O'Connor, to repeat his distribes a matter which ought to appeal to

"You are Christian?" the sub-pre- ed the interest in O'Connor. He final- the Lord his God in vain." and after making an exhibition of himself publicly, he retired from the calmly doing the work that he can to do, explaining Catholic doctrine and

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THE STEADFAST CHURCH AND THE BLINDLY GROPING WORLD.

Catholic Teaching and Tradition Are Every Day Coming to Be Regarded More Favorably—They Are Reality Version a Phantom. Versus a Phantom.

The thoughtful observer cannot fail to notice how year after year seems to my body into two or three pieces and bring the world closer to the church each piece, if you question it will re- and how God is justified and glorified in her. For a time some new and so called fact of science is flaunted in our face as a contradiction to her never changing teaching. Her enemies are for martyrs is over. This account not slow to use their apparent advanproves the contrary, and we ourselves tage to her discredit. But the church may still cherish the hope of gather- remains passive and untroubled in the ing the blessed palm."-Catholic Uni- possession of the truth she has received from God, trusting that he who revealed it to her will justify her in the end. And her confidence is not disapappointed. The "fact" proves to be only a fancy, the theory vanishes into thin air, and her immutable doctrine remains.

Sometimes out of the realms of the dead past a grim skeleton is conjured up and invested with all the horrors the historian's imagination can devise. They would show that in some remote and indefinite period the church taught fortunately find too many ready to believe them. The church is not dauntbrary with its secret archives of a thousand years. The weakness of the vessel he will not deny, but the sacred deposit of truth is found intact and uncorrupted. What we teach they taught. What they taught we teach, one unchanging belief received from Christ Jesus througa his apostles and transmitted through their successors.

Take any of the great religious sects of today and compare their tenets with those of their founders, and the religion they profess will be found but the Rome is the only true Church of Christ | merest counterfeit of the original. Luther's doctrine as he preached it could "Then came a day when I realized not be preached in any church in the to fore the tribunal of the sub-prefect. that I was converted. Just think, world today nor Wesley's nor Calvin's nor Henry VIII's. By little and little Catholic. I can hardly believe myself, these have been whittled and trimmed to fit passing exigencies until there is

The world is an intolerant master and ill brooks opposition, but has only scorn for a time serving opponent. It is only in the church that the world finds an enemy worthy of its steel. The rest if left to themselves will work their own destruction. This explains why our religion is opposed and persecuted while that of the sects, however unreasonable or ridiculous, go unscathed. Ours is a reality, theirs is only a phantom.

One of the interesting signs of the times is how Catholic teaching and trathe spirit of faith that abides in the church and the efficacy of prayer, as testified to by poor human nature looking for true relief, but knowing not where to find it. The church's holy days, Christmas and Easter, are kept better than ever before.-Guidon.

Profanity.

A repulsive feature of contemporary life is our reckless profanity. The At a Confirmation service in the vice is not confined to the "tough" eleexcuse of anger or excitement. The sacred name of Jesus Christ is a byword, and the air is vocal with expletives which are not according to the second commandment. Profanity is a sin, and profanity is ungentlemanly. Church during the past year 89 con- One can understand why boys, who ed to this branch of work during most it. One can understand how a man, sions given in the Church by Father language inadequate to the situation, fearing an extraordinary defection strange and foul thing. The growth from the ranks of Protestantism in of Holy Name societies throughout the apostatize, I shall disown you as my against the Church that reared him. | every sincerely Catholic man, this cru-His mission, however, was a flat fail- sade against blasphemy. "Thou shalt "'Mother,' he replied, be assured. ure. On the first night he had a crowd not take the name of the Lord thy God With the grace of God, I shall not drawn largely by the natural love for in vain, for the Lord will not hold him a discussion, but three days exhaust- guiltless that shall take the name of

Wrong and Suffering. The lines of suffering on almost evcity. The Catholic Church went on ery human countenance have been its way quietly and unconcernedly, deepened, if not traced there, by un-"The executioners inflicted the put- reaping a harvest of converts and faithfulness to conscience, by derepeated his mission of last year with the surest way to bring suffering. No and went on his way smoothly and even in this life. They abridge our capacity of happiness, impair our relish for innocent pleasure and increase our "When on account of my suffering answering the questions that were just sensibility to suffering. They spoil us of trust in God, without which we are naked amid hosts of foes and are vulnerable by all the changes of life. Thus to do wrong is to inflict the surest injury on our own peace. No enemy can do us equal harm with what of Montana will soon grace the tower we do ourselves whenever and however we violate any moral or religious

The Jolly Jobbernowls Learn to Play Craps & THE FEULTING THE

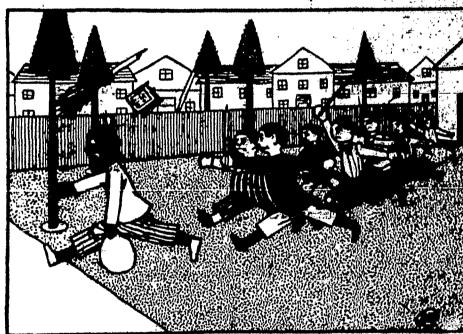
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One day, when things were rather dull because of rain sutside, The Jobbernowis, at Sam's request, a new amusement tried, It was the darky game of craps, which Sambo well could play, And hoped by greater skill to win the others' cash away. This was not nice or fair of Sam to name a wicked mame. Which Mother Geore would not approve if told about the same. For much that worthy dame disliked all trifling games of chance. if caught by her, they also knew, her switch would make them dance.



"The barn's the place to go," said Sam. "No one will seek there, Or make us nervous when we play, or switch us unaware. The loft above the barn they sought among the fragrant hav And sat and learned of naughty sam the game of craps to play. The dice within their hands they held and "Seven, eleven!" called. But where the money was concerned 'twas sam that "Winner!" hawled As one by one the Jobbernowis beheld their pennies go and their They all pretended joility in spite of secret woe.



The game of craps the Jobbernswis their summer savings cost. For every penny in their banks the youthful sinners last. The banks were empty as their heads, and what to de or say When Mother Goose should find it out was cause of great diamay, But Sam would not return the funds; he wanted them himself. For Sambo, be it said with grief, was quite a greedy elf-And so their indignation graw till, rising up in wrath, They drove the victor from the barn across the garden path.

How the Incident Touched the Menri of Him Who Showed the Way.

I was on a visit to my birthplace and the birthplace of many of my name, writes a noted correspondent of The Western Press, that I might see once more the scenes of my childhood and breathe my native air. I had risen early that I might get a look of the sea at sunrise as I had seen it so many times as a boy, a sight so glorious that even as a youngster I used to stand and gaze at it with bated breath and expanding eyes. From the little village hotel where I had found lodgment for the night the road rose in easy elevation for a mile and then ran gradually downward to the meadow levels and the shore bordered by cot tages and trees. I had strolled leisure ly upward, stopping ever and anon to hear the singing of the birds and inhale the delicious odors that arose from earth and grass, from shrubs and flowers and the new mown hay in the dewy fields, and now stood at the point from which the splendor of the coming sunrise might best be seen; There, expectant, I waited for the red orb's appearance, the signs and signals of whose upcoming were already flamb ing their shifting splendors on level sex and arching sky. Suddenly I waw far down the road a bit of color fiving boward me, and in an instant . smalless

THE LITTLE MESSENGER. that a little girl was wheeling up the grade as one speeds onward when joy or hope or fear gives energy to motion. Onward she came like a bird of color flying with set wings. In an in stant she was nigh and, seeing me. suddenly slowed her speed and jump ing to earth, exclaimed: "Oh, sir, can you tell me where Dr. Blackman lives? My mother is suddenly taken sick, and father fears she is dying.

And I, catching her fear as if her or rand was mine, quick as her panting breath answered:

"A mile ahead-a straight run-the third house beyond the little brook 7 to P. M. The grade runs down ward even to the

A glad cry, a little run, a leap, and she was in her sent again and speed. ing downward and away for love sweet sake and to bring quick help to

And I. climbing the old fence forgot he sunrise at my thek and stood gas ing after the sweet messenger of love and life as she, her little heart in her mouth, flew onward

"God give thee strength to keep thy pace, dear child, and may each wife and part hold true and street. I mun-mured as I stood reside, for greater need or stronger cause of spend I have not seen since I was born.

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