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A well-equipped and well-conducted mission school is undeniably a very desirable and valuable adjunct to any mission compound, since through the open hearts of the children there is a short route to the hearts and minds of their elders.

The church in her daily liturgy sounds a continuous Te Deum in thanksgiving to a loving Providence. The government officials of the United State touch this note strongly, year after year, on the last Thursday of November. This is harvest time, a period well chosen for the expression of gratitude to God! No body of citizens should respond so warmly to this call as Catholics because, to whom much is given, from him much is expected.

The area of the Maryknoll Fushun Mission in southeast in Manchuria is the same as that of New York State. New York State has 3,652 Catholic priests; the Fushun Mission, sixteen.

Picture the Western States of America fifty years ago; remove the railways and roads; put in five hundred pagans to one Catholic; view the whole field from an aeroplane and imagine it the parish of a lone missioner. Remember the thousands of Protestant Kelleys, Burkes, and Sheas who dropped off from the Faith of their fathers, due to lack of priests, and then ask very humbly Do the Chinese Catholics persevere?
—The Field Afar.

A young missioner in Korea, writing in The Field Afar, brings out the fact that the advent of the railroads into the country districts, bringing as it does many phases of materialism, makes more difficult the conversion of the people. "It is important", he writes, "that the Faith be preached in these cities before the railway and all that it will bring, make the people too sophisticated."

WHAT? About the Missions WHAT?

1. What missionaries are there besides priests?

Ans.—Sisters and Brothers who help the priests in missionary territories through works of charity and education are also missionaries.

2. What missionaries are helped by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith?

Ans.—All missionaries, regardless of color, nationality or religious order in all mission fields are aided by the Society.

3. What are pagan lands?

Ans.—Pagan lands are countries where the majority of the population does not worship the true God, but false divinities.

4. What part of the population of the world is pagan?

Ans.—Two-thirds of the people of the world, or one billion souls, are still pagan.

5. What is the distribution of the pagan peoples?

Ans.—China, 400 millions; India, 300 millions; Africa, 200 millions; Japan, 70 millions; Oceania and other countries, 30 millions.

6. What holds back missionary expansion?

Ans.—Chiefly lack of priests and scarcity of means to carry on such a huge task.

7. What results come of mission work?

Ans.—As an instance, 50 years ago there were only 300,000 Christians in China and Japan, while now there are more than two and one-half millions.

8. What is the reason we are asked to support missionaries and missions?

Ans.—Because as in the past, it is to the poor the Gospel is preached, and they have not the means to maintain their pastors, churches, hospitals, schools, etc.

9. What method of distribution of funds is followed in helping the missions?

Ans.—The International Supreme Council of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome gives aid to the neediest missions from the general fund of the Society.

10. What missions are aided by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith?

Ans.—Both home and foreign missions are aided by the Society, although nowadays the demands of the foreign missions are greater.

Remarkable Cure of Crippled Girl Investigated By N. C. W. C. Writer

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ried by McKinnon and a man who volunteered his help. Arrived at the grave, Miss Moody did not kneel, but touched the slab of marble covering the grave. As she was about to be removed she grew limp. Her cousin and others laid her on the grass till she seemed partially recovered. In a few minutes, she was borne back to the automobile. Then she asked to be allowed to leave the car, contending that she was able to walk. Her cousin and aunt remonstrated, but she rose to her feet and was aided in descending to the ground.

Miraculous, Says Doctor

Dr. Leonard, whom I interviewed, contends that Miss Moody's was unmistakably a case of spinal arthritis, with anchylosis also of one hip joint and of both knees. He said.

"At the beginning there was septicaemia due to tonsilitis. This affected her spine and the bones of her legs. Before she left the hospital last September one of the physicians there, speaking to me on the telephone, declared that only one of two things could be done for the girl—either commit her to an institution for incurables or send her back home.

"My own conviction, after close study of Miss Moody's case, that she was incurable and that she would remain a cripple for life. Until the day of her visit to the cemetery I had not seen her for more than two weeks. When I received the call to her home I thought I was being summoned to change the plaster cast. I was unable to speak when Miss Moody herself came to the door and greeted me. I was compelled to sit down till I recovered. I then examined her most carefully. There was no limitation of movement in her spine, her arms or legs, no soreness, no symptom of any physical or mental trouble.

"Miss Moody's sudden and complete recovery is not, I am certain, to be explained as the effect of medical treatment or of psychological influences."

I saw Miss Moody at the home of her cousin, Alexander McKinnon, on Sunday, November 24, thirteen days after her visit to the cemetery. I was accompanied by a young woman through whom I had made the appointment with the girl.

Girl In Sound Health

At my request Miss Moody several times touched her toes with the tips of her fingers without at the same time bending her knees. She bowed forward, leaned backward, and bent her body sidewise. All of this she did without any visible sign of difficulty or distress. She said she felt no stiffness or soreness in any joint. I asked her to tell me the story of her illness and of her recovery. Her narrative I interrupted occasionally by questions.

Tells of Trip to Grave

I asked Miss Moody about her trip to the cemetery, and to describe just how and what she felt. She said:

"I was just full of feeling. That's all I can say. I can't possibly tell you in words. When I started to rise from the seat my cousin begged me not to attempt to get out. 'You fell once; you'll fall again,' he said.

"I couldn't help trying and put my feet towards the running board—the door was open. I put my feet under me. I could stand. Then I stepped to the ground. My cousin was holding me but I didn't need his help. I could walk. I started back to the grave. My cousin and aunt let me walk between them. When I got to the grave the people were excited. I just knelt down and prayed.

"After that I asked my aunt to take the plaster cast off. She said, 'You can't take it off here before all these people.' So we went to the Sacristy of the chapel in the cemetery and removed the cast. There I left it with crutches and braces that others who were cured placed there.

Other Cases Are Cited

Miss Moody's recovery is of course not the only one reported as having been effected by the prayers of sufferers at the grave of Father Power. A priest (who asked that he be not named) told me of a case within his knowledge—that of a man apparently cured of paralysis. From another source I learned of a young man who had been relieved of a deformity that had compelled him to wear braces on his legs for 28 years. My informant assured me she knew the young man in question. A boy whose legs had been paralyzed for a long time was able to walk after a pilgrimage to the cemetery. There were accounts also of persons relieved of blindness and other infirmities. At the grave I saw braces left by a child whose crippled legs, it was claimed, were instantaneously cured during his presence there. In All Souls Chapel in the cemetery were scores of crutches and braces left there by their former users who reported recovery from various defects and deformities.

Of course I am telling of the cure of Miss Moody and the reported cures of others from the standpoint of a journalist. What the later canonical investigations will develop, whether they were actual cures, and if so, whether they are to be explained on natural grounds or are supernatural in origin is yet to be determined.

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Piety Of Italian Prince Praised

Rome, Dec. 6.—In commenting upon the miraculous escape of Prince Humbert of the Italian throne during his visit to Brussels, the Avvenire d'Italia, Catholic journal of Bologna, comments upon his two visits to the Church of the Consolata at Turin before and after his perilous journey and concludes, "Happy Italy which will have for king a Christian brave man."

Before setting out for his Belgian visit, Prince Humbert was present at an early Mass in the Turin edifice. After having escaped from the bullet of his would-be assassin, he attended Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the same sanctuary. The church was filled with its usual attendants who, like the people in the crowded streets through which he had passed, acclaimed their future monarch.

Fr. Corbett Tells Church's Doctrine On Bible and Uses

Jesuit Opens Three-Sunday Conference With Talk On Holy Scripture

New York, Dec. 6.—The Rev. John Corbett, S.J., of The Messenger of the Sacred Heart, formerly Professor of Sacred Scripture at Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md., began yesterday afternoon on a series of three Sunday afternoon conferences on "The Bible—Its Use and Abuse", in Fordham University Church here. The subject of yesterday's conference was "The Catholic Use of the Bible." The following two will be a discussion of "The Fundamentalist Abuse" and "The Modernist Abuse."

At the beginning of his Conference Father Corbett briefly outlined the Catholic doctrine on the inspiration of the Bible and said:

"It is and always has been the teaching of the Catholic Church that all the books of the Bible with all their parts were written under the direct influence of the Holy Ghost. The human authors wrote as instruments of God in such a way that God is the principal author of all these books. This belief she reiterated in 1870 at the Vatican Council in the following words:

Held Sacred By Church

"These the Church holds to be sacred and canonical; not because, having been carefully composed by mere human industry, they were afterwards approved by her authority; not because they contain revelations with no admixture of error; but because having been written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God for their author and have been delivered to the Church as such."

"When shall we hear the last of the monstrous calumny that the Catholic Church is the enemy of the Bible?" he asked. "Having received the Scriptures of the Old Testament from Christ Himself and the New Testament from the Apostles, she taught her children in the days of the persecution rather to die than surrender the sacred books. During the Middle Ages, by the labors of the Monks, she rescued them from utter oblivion. She made them the text books of her schools, when she had complete control of the education of Europe. As soon as printing was invented, she encouraged the circulation of Bibles in Latin and in the vernacular. Today, as in past ages, her priests are bound to an hour's daily reading of the Psalms and lessons taken chiefly from the Bible. In every Mass as soon as the Gospel is announced the people rise in reverence and at the end the priest kisses the book because it is her unchanging faith that the Bible is the word of God. She is today the one undaunted champion of the inspiration of the Holy Scripture.

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