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THE HAND OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY

It is well for us to look beyond our own surroundings and to know what the Church is doing in other lands for other peoples. In Kisantu, Belgian Congo, Central Africa, there is a Catholic training hospital with seven completed buildings, and two others under construction.

IN FAR-OFF MADAGASCAR

How many of us know anything about the great island of Madagascar, its location, its size, population, or religious conditions? Very few, we dare say. But the French Jesuits can tell us all about it.

COVERING THE WORLD

His Excellency Bishop Arthur Hinsley, Papal visitor to Catholic schools of British Africa, traveled nearly 30,000 miles this summer in making his visits. This vast territory, dotted here and there with well-conducted and thriving Catholic schools, is striking evidence of how the Church is covering the world with churches, chapels and schools.

THE SAINTLY BISHOP TIMON

The City of Buffalo is planning to perpetuate the names and memories of some of its leading citizens by placing statues of them in niches in its beautiful new City Hall. The Catholic Union and Times of Buffalo suggests that the first Bishop of Buffalo, the saintly John Timon, be one of those honored.

Ring Out the Old

Ring, happy bells, ring, loud and clear; Ring in the glad, and bright new year. Ring out the day when wars shall cease, Ring in the blessed dawn of peace.

Catholic Missionary Activity

There are more Catholic missionaries at work in mission fields in the East and the Far East than all other forms of Christianity combined. The Catholic Church is a vast missionary society. Its very purpose was imposed by Christ when he said "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark, 16, 15).

churches of this Diocese. His were the first hands to bless and confirm the children of our early churches. He sent missionary priests here. He appointed pastors here. He showed zeal, interest and love for our people. They knew his worth, his ability, his apostolic devotion to duty.

A NATION HONORS A NUN

The French government has conferred the decoration of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor upon Reverend Mother Ursula, of the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres, in recognition of her 51 years of uninterupted service in the hospitals of Martinique and the orphanage of Laos, Indo-China.

It is heartening to know that one does not have to shed blood on the field of battle to win this coveted decoration—that a life of service in the cause of God, laboring for the betterment and the welfare of humanity, has come to be considered worthy of recognition by a great government.

THE SALVATION OF THE COUNTRY

A government official recently inspected a Catholic girls' parochial school in Taiyuan, Chihli, China, to determine whether the school was worthy of recognition by China. The official did his work with great care and solemnity. Then he said:

"If all the villages of China could have such a school it would be the salvation of the country." Then he launched into an enthusiastic eulogy of the school and its work.

WHERE MARTYRS ARE MADE

Three Chinese bandits raided the home of the Rev. Tiburtius Cloodts, Franciscan missionary, near Ichang, Hupoh, China, a few weeks ago. The priest was eating supper. Facing his captors with a smile, Father Cloodts followed the dictates of Chinese hospitality and invited them to join him at tea.

GRACE AND GRACE

Thanksgiving day, five-year old Grace was invited to dinner with her parents at a friend's home. It was her first experience in dining out. And her father and mother tried to give her some careful instructions about her behavior.

host and his wife noted it. In a playful mood he asked what dad said before dinner. Grace will never make a diplomat or a politician. "O dad says," then she used a naughty word beginning with d and ending with m—it, is that all you have for dinner?"

But was Grace in her inexperience of grace before and after meals an exception, or was her ignorance of that prayer common? The writer finds from some observation that is somewhat extended, that it is not common for many of our people to say a prayer before or after meals.

MARRIAGE BY THE GRACE OF GOD

Radio-listeners, Catholic, Christian, Pagan, Liberal, Conservative and Fundamentalist, in this community may be somewhat confused. Listening, without thinking, usually produces confusion. Perhaps readers will be more logical. Even the air we breathe, and the wave lengths we hear, were never intended by the Creator to remove our common sense.

For preservation and perpetuation of human life upon the earth, the Creator has bestowed upon men certain instincts, cravings and passions. All these must be used according to the reason which is a part of our nature. They must be used for the purpose for which they were given.

they were given to us; for instance, for mere self-gratification. Christian teaching has always proclaimed that, in the satisfaction of these instincts, certain things are absolutely forbidden by the law, which we call the natural law, because it is imprinted on our conscience as a very part of our nature.

The principle is always the same: That these strong instincts must be controlled, that they are given for one purpose only, and that their use and satisfaction outside that purpose, for self-gratification, is unlawful and constitutes grievous sin in the sight of God.

Such is the undoubted tradition of Christianity. Is it an exaggeration to say that it is now being flouted on every side, and that the very principle on which it rests is derided, and a directly contrary principle is openly, though sometimes only implicitly, asserted?

Sunday's Liturgy Dec. 29 Sunday Within the Octave of Christmas

Collect: "Almighty and everlasting God, do Thou direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure; that we may deserve to abound in good works in the name of Thy beloved Son: Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen."

Collect for the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord: "O God, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary hast bestowed upon the human race the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may experience her intercession and before the advent of Christ, but, since for us, through whom we have been made worthy to receive the Author of Life, Jesus Christ Thee Son, our Lord: who with Thee and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, God world without end. Amen."

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

How many of us remember the stories our fathers and mothers used to tell about sending money to the "ould country" more than half a century ago? These sons and daughters of Ireland, working for pitifully small wages, hardly ever let a month pass in which they did not send to loved ones at home a generous portion of their wages.

Former Governor Alfred E. Smith, president of a company that is erecting a mammoth office building in New York city, and busy with a multitude of other duties, found time to act as Santa Claus for some 200 poor children in the Beekman Street Hospital in New York city just before Christmas.

A gentleman from Philadelphia left his room in a New York hotel the other day, forgetting to take with him \$2,000 in cash that he had placed under his pillow. He returned in great consternation, but was smilingly told his \$2,000 was safe in the hotel safe.

forth by earnest, well meaning, and perhaps conscientious men—the hard cases which they so pathetically quote, with a view to the extension of facilities for divorce—they all come to the same thing, the cry of instinct for self-gratification, and the proclaiming of the impossibility of self-control.

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