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# Young Vincentian Home, From Bandit Zone in China, Had Many Thrilling Escapes

## Rev. Edward Young, C.M., Was Captured Once by Bandits, and Had to Flee Many Times for His Life—Under Machine Gun Fire Once.

The Rev. Edward Young, C. M., for six years past a missionary in the Kiangsi Province China, under the Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Shea, is home for a lengthy vacation and rest. He stopped in Rochester one night last week to visit his friends, the Father McGuire, C. M., who is at St. Mary's Hospital for a time. The next day he left for his home in Long Island, where he will spend the first Christmas with his mother since 1914. Needless to say, it will be a happy reunion.

Two years ago Father Young was captured by bandits and taken from his mission with them. At that time were not so strong as later on, and they had a great fear of antagonizing the National government. They kept Father Young only a short time. For a while they abused him badly and threatened him, then were kind to him, because they feared the approach of Chinese soldiers. He finally escaped.

For the past year and a half Father Young had experiences that would pile thrill upon thrill in the old-fashioned dime novel. More than a score of times he had to flee to the mountains, sometimes by day, other times by night. Once he fled through the back gate as bandits poured into his mission from the front gate. Once Chinese soldiers surrounded a place where bandits were searching for him, and they opened fire upon the bandits. Father Young, stooping low, ran along the side of a wall. The soldiers, perhaps thinking he was one of the bandits, turned a machine gun upon him and a storm of bullets flew around him, one nicking him in the shoulder.

Father Young spent many days and nights in the mountains, sleeping under trees. The romance of this ends abruptly when one is told that tigers are numerous and vicious in that part of China. It is poetic, perhaps, to look upwards at the moon and stars when one is going to sleep, but the poetry is gone when one, hearing crackling limbs, thinks it may be a tiger approaching.

Father Young is of the opinion that there will be no real war between China and Japan, but that Japan will be the dominant power in Manchuria, if it does not take it over entirely. Conditions are "terribly mixed" for the missionaries there now, he says, and one never knows what will happen or when.

The missionaries are doing the best they can under the conditions, and they hope for better, happier and more fruitful days, with less of blood and sorrow around them, and more of peace and prayer.

## On Your Birthaday

By SISTER M. EULALIA

At Christmas time when You were small,
And Joseph seemed so very tall,
Did he bring home a tree at night
And all the little candles light?

And did You dance around in glee
And clap Your chubby hands to see
The tiny toys that Joseph made
Of wood, mock ivory, and jade?

And when You sat beneath the tree,
Was Joseph there? Did Mary see
The ox, and lamb of silver floss,
Or just a hill and wooden cross?

—Columbia.

## First Christmas

Follow the points of the stars
And draw all the fangs from the wind,
Temper the chill in the drifts and the bars
Of the clouds throughthe heavens alined;

Turn sable night to rich purple and royal
And sweep all the frost from the lea,
Waken cold death to warm life in the soil,
And smooth out the scowl on the sea.

Fawn in the covert and fox in the den,
See how the world goes aright!
Thrush in the forest and swan in the fen,
This is no hour for fright.

Call forth the tyrant, the knave and the sage,
And grant the poor captive release.
Rise out of stratagem, sorrow and rage,
For Jesus is coming—and Peace.

—Columbia.

## "Unto Us a Son is Given"

Given, not lent,
And not withdrawn, once sent,
This Infant of mankind; this one
Is still the little Welcome Son.

New every year,
New-born and newly dear,
He comes with tidings and a song,
The ages long, the ages long.

Even as the cold,
Keen winter grows not old,
As childhood is so fresh, foreseen,
And spring in the familiar green.

Sudden as sweet
Come the expected feet,
All joy is young, and new all art,
And He, too, whom we have by-heart.

—Alice Meynell.

## The Divine Child

The Christ-Child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary was the world,—
But here is all right.)

The Christ-Child lay on Mary's breast,
His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are the kings
But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-Child lay on Mary's Heart,
His hair was like a fire.
(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-Child stood at Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown,
And all the flowers looked up at Him
And all the stars looked down.

—G. K. Chesterton.

A cherful temper joined with innocence will make beauty attractive, knowledge delightful, and wit good-natured.—Addison.

## Gifts

Poets have sung more than I can say,
Baby of Bethlehem, on Your Birthday.

And what may the gift be that I could bring
To You, Who can play with the crown of a king?

Two hands and a heart—they are all I have—
Take them, and welcome, Dear Lord Who gave!

Two hands to serve Thee from sun to sun,
And a heart to worship when toil is done!

These are the gifts, Little One, that I lay
Here at Your feet, in the soft warm hay.

—E. R. C.

## Memory

From Sainte Chapelle to Notre Dame
Is commonplace to see;
But God ordained that city way
My road to Calvary.

My bleeding heart fell thrice three times
The while I walked upright
With some strange, secret stabbing pride
That hid the tears from sight.

Golgotha was a lonely church
Where agony may hide,
And there, before the Heart of God,
Mine own was crucified.

—Caroline Giltinan.

That which is unjust can really profit no one; that which is just can really harm no one.—Henry George.

Who has not met children who manage to be models of the virtue in their teachers' eyes, but who are little terrors at home? Who has not known children who have been the comfort of their parents? The class sphere, the children are, as it were, on parade; but in the home the child is natural.

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