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STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY



Among the many tributes to the late Brother Dutton... succeeded FATHER DAMIEN on the leper island of Molokai... was that given in 1909 by the whole U.S. fleet which sailed past the island as a tribute to "A brave man, & a brave soldier."

THE HANGING POT in which during the Middle Ages the BLESSED SACRAMENT was ordinarily reserved - is now permitted in only two churches in the world: AMIENS CATHEDRAL and VAL-D'AIGRES in the same diocese (FRANCE). BLESSED THOMAS MORE was the first layman to become LORD CHANCELLOR OF ENGLAND (1530).

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH SOCIETY HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Diocese of Rochester, N.Y. Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Director Columbus Civic Center, 50 Chestnut Street Stone 1492

AN APPEAL FROM AFRICA Dear Benefactor: It was an act of despair which made my Superior, the Prefect Apostolic Magr G. Brandsma, decide to send me even in these arduous times to America in order to solicit help for our poverty-stricken Vicariate.

Very much could be done in our Vicariate of Kisumu, Kenya Colony, B. E. Africa, right on the Equator, but alas, the lack of means keeps us back.

1. Numerous tribes with great and wonderful faith could be saved for our Holy Religion, if we could only bring out more Priests, who at this very moment are anxiously waiting in our Mother-House in England to be sent to Africa.

2. Eight new Mission Stations should be started without delay, because in each of these districts there are from 1500 to 3000 full-fledged Christians and thousands of heathens most eager to embrace our Holy Religion.

3. The depression forced us to close down 4 old Stations and to dismiss 600 of our catechists with the sad result, that two thirds of our Christians die without the last Sacraments and thousands of babies without Baptism.

4. Holy Mass offerings for our 28 Priests are very badly needed, because they have been without them for the last 6 months and these constitute the main-income to buy for them the necessities of life.

5. Help is urgently needed to support our 20 Sisters and 4 Brothers who are teaching the children of Christian parents and who do a great work of charity by looking after 3 small hospitals with a dispensary, costing them yearly about \$2,000 each.

To see and hear thousands of Negroes of wonderful faith, crying to you for instruction, Baptism, a Priest and a church, may be very inspiring, but at the same time it is very heart-breaking and of the greatest of all hardships in a Missionary career, when he finds himself helpless through lack of money. This spoils his zeal and robs him of all consolation in his life of hardships.

As a matter of fact, any of us Missionaries in Africa are prepared to suffer still greater hardships, if we could only know that our work was thriving and prospering through our lives of sacrifice.

How happy indeed would I be to return soon to my Gold-Mine of Souls in the African jungle, if I could only get the means necessary to work successfully at our most worthy cause, which is a desperate condition.

Do not be discouraged when we tell you of such large sums required, the smallest offering is most acceptable and many small offerings will make a big sum total. Kindly send all contributions to me in care of Rev. Leo C. Mooney, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N. Y.

Your most grateful African Missionary. Father P. Coener A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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Spiritual Thoughts

(In the "Irish Catholic") The one who cannot bear injuries shows that he has lost sight of Jesus Christ. We cannot live better than by seeking to become better. Is a true friendship, the weaker of the two must always, little by little, become conformed not only to the habits of life, but to the habits of thought, of the stronger.

Service Rendered Is Sympathetic, Skilled

To pay fitting and final tribute to the memory of a departed loved one is the duty of the surviving relative left behind. When the angel of death visits a household, removing one near and dear to all, there is always a feeling of complete loss—a mournful daze.

Dramatic Movement Issues New Play

A lively addition to the modern comedies in the repertoire of the Catholic Dramatic Movement of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is "A Woman in the House," a three-act play by Jean Cameron Agnew.

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