Faith Stories For Little Ones

By REV. HENRY GIBSON

THE MAN BORN BLIND

It is related in the Gospel, that when our Blessed Redeemer had cured the blind man at the pool of Siloe, the Pharisees through envy and jealousy persecuted him who had been cured and expelled him from their church or synagogue.

At that time he did not yet know that our Lord was the Christ and the Son of God, but thought only that he was some good and holy prophet.

When Jesus however had heard that they had cast him out, he said to him: Dost thou believe in the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he Lord that I may believe in him? And Jesus said to him: Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said: I believe Lord, and falling down he adored him. - John IX.

Behold here a beautiful example of Divin Faith, and of that prompt and entire belief which is due to the Word of God.

The blind man already regarded our Lord as a prophet or messenger from God, but he no sooner heard from him that he was the Son of God himself than he expressed is belief fell down and adored him and remained to listen to his teaching.

HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

Rev. John S. Randall, Director

We did think that this column would be concluded with last week's issue. But such is not the case. A few last minute arrivals make another report necessary. This should wind up the year, and a great big year at that.

You will be delighted to know that, if we keep up this pace which we have set for ourselves we will be one of the leading dioceses in the country. Good news, don't you agree?

Well, without further delay let's review the Holy Childhood parade. As a matter of fact, we are concluding our mission activities in a real burst of glory eleven adoptions and school closed for nearly two weeks. That in itself is quite a record. I'll say.

And will you take a good look at the leaders this morning. Why sure, that's St. Andrew's, Rochester. And proudly marching at the head of their column that famous Sixth grade.

They have two more ransoms, James Edward an Indian baby and Mary Camilla, a little black girl. Just by the way, boys and girls their teacher tells me that these two adoptions make SIXTEEN. How do you like that? If that isn't a record I'll eat my hat.

I am sure positive and certain that there is no other class in the entire country - yes, in the whole wide world - that comes close to that record. I hope we have their picture because I'm writing, the National Office this morning suggesting that their picture appears on the front cover of the Holy Childhood Annals.

More power to you, boys and girls of the Sixth Grade. We're counting on you next year. Don't let us down, will you?

Not to be outdone we find three other grades from St. Andrew's in line of march. There is the Fifth Grade with their little Negro baby named John Francis Randall, the Third grade with another little colored baby whom they are naming Mary Theresa Xavier and the First grade big as giants and proud as peacocks with a Chinese boy called Thomas James Geiger.

To all the boys and girls of St. Andrew's to the priests and sisters too, we say thanks kids for all your good work.

Yes, and in second place is another old friend, the Sixth grade of Holy Family School, Auburn.

"Enclosed we are sending you eleven dollars for the adoption of two Blackfeet Indians, a boy and a girl. We wish to have them named Martin and Marie. This is our sixth adoption." Robert Morgan.

Nice going boys and girls. You sure did noble work and we are more than proud of you.

Shoulder to shoulder march three other schools with their last minute ransoms.

The enclosed is for the ransom of one baby boy from the territory of Father Patrick Cleary, stationed in Korea. Please name our baby William in honor of our pastor." First & Second Grades, St. Joseph, Wayland.

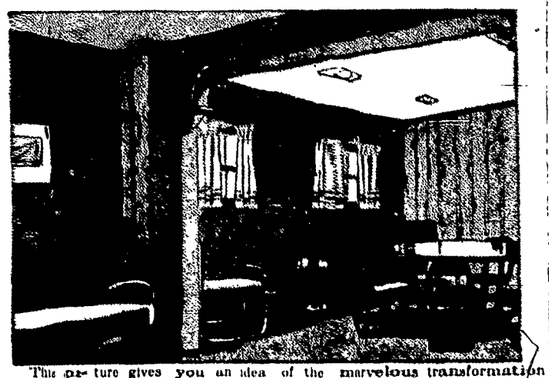
Here comes the last shot out of the gun, and on the last day of school too. We wish to buy a Chinese baby. We would like him called John Baptist after our Catechist Reverend Father O'Regan. We are going to keep up our missionary work during the summer by prayer and by saving some of our spending money in the mite box which each of us has taken home. Third & Fourth Grades, St. Joseph's, Rochester.

And here are the First Graders from St. Peter and Paul's in Rochester naming their little Chinese boy Edward. And here's how they got their ransom money. The father of Edward, after whom the baby is named, takes movies of picnics, graduations, First Communions, etc. Edward wanted to buy a pagan. He asked his Dad to show the movies to his friends charging 5 cents admission. A grand idea, isn't it?

Not to be outdone by others the Third Grade of St. Anthony's reports that they have saved $1.87 for the missions. No! quite enough to adopt a baby so they tell us to use it as we see fit. You may be sure boys and girls every penny counts and although you didn't see the guy we do thank you for trying and we will make good use of your donation.

Before closing our column for the year may I ask a question. How about those mission prayers? When you left school a few days ago you were resolved to say them every day. Well how about it. Have you. Check up now and see if you have been faithful to this little practice. Remember nothing stops the mission like your prayers. If you feel that you have been faithful keep up the good work. If you find yourself slipping a little bit jack yourself up and get busy. We're counting on those prayers and I'm sure you're not going to fail us.

Yes, This Is a Basement



This picture gives you an idea of the marvelous transformation that basements are undergoing nowadays at very reasonable cost, too. Modern composition wall finish materials afford handsome walls are quickly installed. Modern ceiling materials save money on ceiling treatment. For further information on this subject, write the "Housing Editor," CATHOLIC COURIER, 50 Chestnut St.

Society For Propagation of The Faith

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MISSION INTENTION.—"That Missions May Flourish Among the 42 Million Inhabitants of Java."

The Holy Father is voicing a very special need of the Precious Blood in asking prayers for the conversion of the Javanese, for these 42 millions of souls are very dear to the Sacred Heart of the Redeemer of the world.

Java is south of the equator, forming a part of Holland's far-flung possessions known as the Dutch East Indies. The people are Malay but there is a conglomeration of Chinese and Asiatics with a large European population. The Church has made great strides since two of her preats landed in the Islands in 1808. However, they are depending upon your prayer that this work may be rewarded with even greater success.

China Looks to Church

A special Child Welfare Committee has been organized in China by Madam Chang-Kai-Schek. Its purpose is to care for 20,000 war orphans gathered from the war areas of North China. The Committee has asked the Catholic Missions in Hankow to receive these children and look after them. The first batch of 500 has arrived and they have been put under the care of the Canossian Sisters.

Madam Chiang Kai-Schek readily recognizes the work of our Sisters. We can well follow her example by giving to the Sisters the material means of continuing this work.

Foundress from Chicago

A Chicago girl, Miss Mary Hubrich went to China a few years ago. She opened a dispensary in Wuchang and gathered about her a little group of native women to help with the work. They were known as the "Good Works Society of St. Joseph." In 1933 the Holy See permitted the reorganization of the group as a religious community which now numbers ten professed sisters, seven novices and a score of postulants and aspirants.

The Sisters conduct a number of dispensaries, Holy Childhood establishments, Catechumenates and a school. A great deal of time is spent visiting the sick and afflicted in their homes and city institutions. Their report extending from December, 1924, to July, 1937, is truly inspiring. It notes that 486,106 patients have received medical treatment, 5,300 adults were baptized and 23,268 infants in danger of death.

It is work such as this that should arouse our curiosity and spur us on to great efforts for the missions. The work which these good sisters have accomplished has been made possible by the generosity of Catholics at home. Their needs have increased immeasurably in the past few months and they look to America especially to lighten their burden. Can we refuse them?

China's Annual Report

Mission statistics for China, covering the twelve months ending June 30, 1937, have just become available with the appearance of the 1938 "Annuaire," which has just been issued from the press of the Jesuit Fathers at Zikawei, Shanghai. It is clear from the information given that the consoling progress of recent years has, on the whole, been maintained.

570,384 souls were regenerated in baptism during this period. Of these, 89,267 were adults, or, in other words, converts in the strict sense of the word. As was predicted a year ago, the Catholic population crossed the three million mark, the present figure being 3,018,338.

The best index to the vitality of the Faith amongst the Chinese is furnished by the figures regarding their use of the Sacraments. 1,461,717 persons made their annual confession and 1,372,998 their annual Communion. Confessions and Communions of devotion, apart from those of obligation, reached astronomical proportions: 10,110,874 for the former, and 28,273,337 for the latter. In only 5,336 marriages out of total of 23,436 was one of the parties non-Catholic, despite the overwhelmingly non-Christian environment.

The native element among the mission personnel continues imposing. Chinese priests now number 1,898, which is 70 more than last year. Chinese Sisters increased by 143 to total of 3,769; Chinese Brothers now number 762, an augmentation of 73 for the year. The total of ecclesiastical divisions, corresponding to dioceses in Catholic countries, now stands at 135. Twenty-three of these, roughly, one-sixth are in charge of Chinese bishops and prefects are staffed almost completely with Chinese clergy.

Catholic education too, underwent a steady development in line with progress in other fields. Their combined enrollment amounts to 432,903 students. However, the Church has no time to rest on its laurels. How much remains to be done in this vast and populous country may be judged from two simple deductions: out of every 154 inhabitants of China only one is Catholic - not much over one-half of one per cent and, while the total number of clergy may seem imposing, the fact remains that there is, on an average, but one priest for every 100,000 of the population. One of the Holy Father's favorite maxims, to the effect that nothing may be considered accomplished so long as some part of it still remains to be done, applies here.

Director's Visit

The National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in this country was accorded a private audience with the Holy Father on his recent visit to the Eternal City. His Holiness has a sincere and deep affection for the Catholics of the United States and he praised highly the work being accomplished for the Society in this country.

The heart of the Supreme Pontiff is saddened ineffably by the present stage of European and Eastern affairs, and the strong face of the former rugged Alpine climber is deeply furrowed. The Holy Father said to Msgr. McDonnell, "The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is my greatest consolation during these trying times and American generosity is the hope of the mission world today."

Surely if American Catholics have any consideration for Peter's successor, they will make every effort to fulfill his hopes and desires. Christ's Vicar will be immeasurably consoled with your membership in that organization which is closest to his heart, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Priest Reported Slain

PARIS — (NC) — Word has reached here from Moscow that the Soviet tribunal at Ufan Baser sentenced to death an Orthodox priest named Demetry, a Buddhist Monk named Mul-Kiev and six other persons. The sentence was executed immediately.

Queries

Q I have to put a new roof on my house, so I would like to know what you recommend. The present roof is of old wood shingles.

A New edge-grain No. 1 red cedar or southern cypress shingles could be used, or one of the many composition shingles, or a metal roof with standing seams of either copper or tin or galvanized iron or felt asphalt shingles in strips or individual shingles could be used. If the wood shingles or one of the other materials is used they can go on right over the old roof.

Q I am greatly disturbed over my kitchen floors. I just can't keep them clean. How can I best finish them to make them easy to care for?

A If the floor is of wood get some of the best spar varnish and after cleaning the floor thoroughly and letting dry completely put on two coats of the varnish. Three coats would do better but two will do. The alternative is to cover it with linoleum.

Q Our chimney stands up alone for about 12 feet is there any way to brace it?

A Yes anchor it with an iron rod fastening one end to the chimney and the other to the rafters of the roof. If not possible to pierce the chimney you can put an iron band around the chimney to which the rod may be attached.

Q I read somewhere that it is dangerous to keep oil rags and mops in a closet where is it safe to keep them?

A Put cord loops on the ends of the mops and brooms and hang them on hooks in a utility room or back hall, or on the rear porch. If you cut holes near the top of the door or cut off a half inch from the top and bottom of the door to allow for ventilation, they may be safely kept in a closet.

Q What causes paint to blister?

A Excess moisture in wood, which is drawn to the surface by heat either from the sun or other sources will cause paint to blister. Always be sure that the surface to be painted is thoroughly dry before work is begun.

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Fr. Lord Urges Youth To Renounce 'Isolation'

"The isolation policy of American Catholics is the greatest single factor which has contributed to the growth of 'pink' organizations in the country," the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, SJ said in an interview with the CATHOLIC COURIER here Saturday, June 25.

As a result of the best Catholic people joining only their own clubs and societies many valuable organizations have been developed but meanwhile other institutions have grown up and the Communists have succeeded in placing men in key positions.

At a Sodality convention in an eastern city Father Lord continued a young man offered a resolution condemning the Communistic tendencies of the American Student's Union. I asked the young man, 'Have you ever attended a meeting of the Union?' 'No' he replied. 'Then how have you the nerve to offer such a resolution? You have done nothing to show them your side and Communists have entered the organization.'

Urges Catholic Viewpoint

Another young man arose declared himself to be a member of the American Student's Union and invited the other to attend the next meeting and tell the members the Catholic point of view.

"I would urge Father Lord said trained Catholic people going into outside neutral organizations to counteract the pink influences."

Definitely Leftist

Regarding the much-debated picture Blockade Father Lord said: While every attempt has been made to eliminate insignia and mask the identity of both sides the picture is definitely Leftist as was The Last Train From Madrid.

"Both pictures were pretty poor entertainment. In other words you can't make a good entertainment from propaganda."

Rochester Sodalities came in for sincere praise from the National Director of the organization. They have done a fine job. The parish groups are among the finest in the country as the schools have trained young people to go into the parish units after leaving school.

Recalling a survey made by the CATHOLIC COURIER in 1933, Father Lord said: "Of the people engaged in parish work, the vast majority come from the high schools. This would indicate that young people are realizing their responsibility to their parish."

"In 12 sodality conventions I attended this past year, he continued, "there were 18,500 delegates present. Further it is pleasing to note that the sodalists are becoming more public minded. A new interest in such topics as the colored problem and public works show this is true."

FRANCISCAN EDUCATORS Review Youth Problems At Annual Conference

RENSSELAER, N. Y. (NC) — Only intelligent prayerful leadership can solve the pressing problem of youth in a world gone mad with materialism and false philosophy, it was emphasized at the twentieth annual meeting of the Franciscan Education Conference just held at St. Anthony-on-Hudson, seminary of the Friars Minor Conventual, here.

More than 50 priests took part in the meeting. They came from points as far distant as the Pacific Coast and represented the three divisions of the Franciscan family, the Friars Minor, the Friars Minor Conventual and the Friars Minor Capuchin.

Presenting the first paper, "The Youth Movement a World Movement," the Rev. Ralph Ohlmann, OFM, of Oldenburg, Ind., showed that the problem is a very real one and calls for the adaptation of already existing agencies to cope with it. He decried the solutions being applied to the problems in Mexico, Germany, Russia and Italy.

Discussing the psychological aspects of the present-day youth problem, the Rev. John Loftus, OMC, of Mount St. Francis Pro-Seminary, Mt. St. Francis, Ind., emphasized the idealism of youth and the problems of adolescence. The Rev. Damian Lyons, OFM, of Holy Name College, Washington, D. C., presented a statistical survey of the Catholic youth movement in the United States.

Diocesan Holy Name Union

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

We call the attention of our members to the report of the Advisory Committee on Education which committee was appointed by the President in September 1936 and which transmitted its report to Congress February 23, 1938. As a result of this report, legislation will be passed by the Federal Congress touching upon various phases of education. Both as citizens and as Catholics we should take a keen interest in this report and in any legislation proposed as a result of the recommendations contained in it.

We again remind our members that the matter of Christian education is a vital matter. If our Christian civilization is to be maintained it must be supported by the practice of religion. We can have no real understanding of religion without true education. We therefore urge our members to interest themselves actively in whatever pertains to the furtherance of Christian education.

8th Congress Trip Plans Announced

NEW YORK, N. Y. — James Boring Company, Inc., official travel agents for the 8th National Eucharistic Congress to be held in New Orleans next October 17 to 20, announced this week the charter of the S. S. Iroquois, crack liner of the Clyde-Mallory service, to operate as a cruise ship to New Orleans, via Florida and Cuba, in connection with the Congress.

At very low cost it will be possible for passengers to sail from New York on the Iroquois on October 11, visit Miami and Havana en route to New Orleans, use the ship for a hotel during the period of the Congress, and return through the West Indies to New York on October 26.

An optional program, using train or motor coach to New Orleans and returning to New York on the Iroquois has also been arranged for those who wish to visit other interesting cities and the picturesque countryside of the South en route to the Congress.

BUSINESS REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

THROWING LIGHT ON BETTER VALUES

Noted Shoe Man Opens New Store

Geo. S. Kauffman former shoe manufacturer has opened the Monroe Shoe Salon at 334 Monroe Ave. Mr. Kauffman has had 25 years' experience with the best corrective shoe manufacturers. He was formerly with the W. B. Coes Shoe company in Syracuse. He's having full range of styles patterns lasts and fittings for ladies. Previous to Coes Mr. Kauffman was with F. W. Minor of Batavia, N. Y. and John S. Gray in Syracuse, N. Y.

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Smiths Predominate In Security Roster

The Smiths 470.190 of them lead all other family names in the 30,000,000 social security account numbers which have been assigned under the Federal old-age insurance program. Mr. Kruesi manager of the Rochester Field Office of the Social Security Board reported today as the result of a survey made in Washington.

Following the Smiths come 348,550 Johnsons with 237,750 Browns in third place. These were followed by 249,312 Williamses, 228,480 Millers and 223,540 Joneses. In keeping its records the Social Security Board's Bureau of Old Age Insurance groups all variations in the spelling of a name. Thus Schmidt, Schmitz and Smythe are considered part of the Smith family.

Mr. Kruesi also reported that the Bureau's survey shows the shortest family name in the records is E.

"Merry Madcaps" At Auburn Park

AUBURN — For another week through July 10 dancers at Emma Jettick Park will hear the superb music of Mike Riley and his band. Laughter really combines with music when this band plays for Mike Riley and his Merry Madcaps contribute much in songs and comedy together with swing music.

Among the many schools and organizations choosing Emma Jettick Park for their picnics and outings recently were Elmira Catholic High, St. Michael's of Penn Yan, St. Mary's of Skaneateles, Our Lady of Pompei Syracuse and St. Hyacinth's, Auburn.

Unions Praised For Wage Fights

PITTSBURGH (NC) — The reason for the present slight epidemic of strikes" which he said is not understood by the general public is that the unions both C. I. O. and A. F. of L. are fighting wage cuts and in doing so are rendering a service to society as a whole, the Rev. Charles Owen Rice of the Catholic Radical Alliance declared here. He was speaking at a meeting in Bohemian Hall held under the auspices of the A. F. of L. union at the H. J. Heinz Co.

"Disastrous wage cuts were a feature of the last depression" said Father Rice. "They helped prolong the depression. In preventing such wage cuts during the present crisis, the unions are helping to hurry the end of the depression."

Parish Employment Bureau Helps Many

PITTSBURGH, (NC) — The free Employment Bureau of the Sacred Heart Church, here, secured jobs for 903 persons during the year ending June 15. Of these, 361 were permanent positions, while 542 were day work. The employment service is free.

In addition to this Sister Mary Thomas who is in charge of the Employment Bureau, distributed 5,674 pieces of clothing, 647 pairs of shoes and 2,566 bushel baskets of food to the worthy poor. Sacred Heart Parish has its own Social Service Department and looks after all of its own poor and renders service to all of the worthy poor of the parish, the work being entrusted to the Sisters of Charity under the supervision of the pastor, Rev. Thomas F. Coakley.

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