

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

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An Introduction to the Chinese

A startling introduction makes the newly arrived Father Howard Trube known to his adopted people in the Kiating section of South China. Father Trube, a Maryknoll missionary from New York City, tells the story himself.

For the past few weeks, a couple of injured legs have kept me in bed. It all came about when the motorcycle that I was riding went through a bridge. Once through the base and I lay in a river and waited the arrival of some good Samaritan. He was a long time coming. It was an hour before I actually got out of that water. Four days before the trudge back to the mission could begin. During that time men had to return to their homes to secure a ladder on which to carry me to the level of the road. Once there a sedan chair which was to carry me had to be made from bamboo trees. Many curious folk stopped to gaze and not a few ridiculed the salutation they had often heard the Christians give to one another: "God bless and protect you." Of course they would believe that I had received no protection. The truth of the matter was not pointed out to them. I had received great protection. I fell into a stream of water and could very easily have drowned. The motorcycle could have fallen on me and broken a couple of arms, ribs, collarbone, and skull. The Lord did protect me.

It was good to start life in China or in any other place with a few trials. My little trial introduced me to Chinese people better than life at the mission would have done. I was sent to Kiating Hospital the best in the southern part of China, where I came into contact with Chinese boys and young men who were the nurses.

St. Francis Xavier

Since Dec 3rd was one of the great festivals for members of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith it might be well for us to review a little of the story of the saint whose feast is celebrated. The untiring Francis Xavier began his mission apostolate four hundred years ago when he sailed from Lisbon for India. That voyage, lasting thirteen months rather than the usual six months terminated in May 1542, when the newly ordained Jesuit landed at Goa. In the street of this capital city of Portuguese India he began his preaching. Then he extended it out through the lanes of the surrounding countryside. Eventually he reached the Fishery Coast where he instructed the humble pearl divers in truths far more precious than the baubles which they wrested from the ocean's bed.

Meanwhile the nations of the north beckoned to this Paul of the 16th century. Japan closed against foreigners presented a challenge which brooked no evasion, while the Flowery Kingdom loomed large as an unlimited storehouse of souls to be won to Christ. We know that St. Francis Xavier never realized his hope of ministering to the natives on China's mainland but we know also that he landed and worked in Japan whose people he learned to know and to love.

Holy Mother the Church has honored Francis Xavier among her saints, and today, four centuries after he began his apostolate, he is still the inspiration and model of all missionaries. We urge members of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith therefore to have recourse to this mighty advocate. He has the power to plead for the restoration of peace to this war-torn world, a peace which will be extended through the efforts of the Xaviers of the 20th century, the missionaries of the Catholic Church.

Former Protestant Church Becomes Catholic Mission

FRESNO: A former Protestant Nazarene Church has been purchased at Merced by the Very Rev. Michael Stack, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church and will be used as a mission for more than 500 Mexican fruit and farm laborers and railroad employes. It will also serve as a catechetical center for Catholic children in public schools.

The fear of the Lord driveth out sin.

Blind, She Smiles for Prelate



Rosita Gonzales, a little blind girl of St. Joseph's Home for the Blind, Jersey City smiles as she receives a Holy Childhood Banner from the hands of the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Archbishop of Newark, during a recent rally held at Seton Hall College, attended by some 3,000 delegates. The Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood is an official Mission-Aid Society of the Holy See for Catholic children. Very Rev. Richard Ackerman, C. S. S., of Pittsburgh, is National Director (N.C.W.C.)

Holy Childhood Association

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CHAPEL STARTED

I know that all of you boys and girls are thrilled with the news on the front page this morning. How do you like the looks of the Mission Chapel being built in China with your sacrifice money? We think it's pretty swell, and I know that you do, too. Just think boys and girls, you and you alone are responsible for this new House of God, and because of it many little boys and girls of China, together with their Mothers and Dads will come to know God just as we do, and they can go and worship Him and say a little prayer for you, their benefactors in the new Queen of Peace Chapel. You certainly must feel good this morning to know what good you are accomplishing, and as for us, why we could shout your praises from the highest roof tops!

PAPERS; MAGAZINES:

How are you coming along with your paper drive? If I'm any judge I'll bet a great many of you already have your quota of 200 pounds. You know that was no hard to get. Go around and ask all of your neighbors to give you a few and you'll be surprised to know how quickly they weigh up. There is really very little effort connected with it, but the results of this little effort are very very great. In the first place you are making it possible for something to be done for our loyal Negro people, through the work of the Blessed Martin de Porres House, and secondly, you are aiding national defense because there exists in our country an alarming shortage of waste paper which is so very vital to the defense program. So then let's all hustle about and see if we can't go over our quota. I know you can do it!

NEWSWEEK

Just when we were wondering where Holy Family, Auburn, was, along they came with a most interesting letter and a great big contribution to the missions. They sent along a total of \$13.25 for dues, and \$20.00 for ransoms. The Fourth Grade want two ransoms, a Chinese girl named Mary Ann and an Indian boy named Joseph. The Fifth grade won't let them get ahead so they want two ransoms also, an African girl named Elizabeth Ann and a Japanese boy named John Michael. Thank you a thousand times, boys and girls. It certainly seemed good to hear from you again!

Close on the heels of Holy Family came our friends from St. Andrew's with four ransoms also. From the far north the Sixth Grade

South want to save little Donald Paul Lang who will have Nathalie Giesler and Anthony Bernardi for his godparents. Stella Marie is to be the name of the little Chinese girl who is being saved by the Fifth Grade South. Mary Siegfried and John Ferdinand will be her godparents. "South of the border down Mexico way" comes little Betty Heilmann who is being rescued by the girls of the Fourth Grade. John Gagner and Dorothy Meylor are her godparents. To the very extreme end of the continent go the Second Grade North for Elaine Nickel whom they wish to save in the land of the Eskimo. It is needless to say that we thank you boys and girls a thousand times for your continued interest and enthusiasm in the missions. God will bless you for it.

Nativity School in Bebekport are proudly flashing two checks before us this morning. One tells us that they are paying dues to the amount of \$11.00 and the other tells us that the little tots in the First and Second Grades have been saving their pennies to ransom a little Indian baby named Mary Teresa. And thanks to you for this fine contribution.

Next we have several schools with one adoption each to their credit this week. The first one comes from St. Mary's in Waterloo where the little tots again lead the parade with the ransom of Jacob Anthony, named after the two boys who gave the most money. The next two highest contributors are the godparents Gerald McGuane and Elizabeth Ann Millman. The Third Graders of St. Francis Xavier School want two ransoms, a colored baby. They gave us no name so we're going to name him after the patron of the missions and the patron of their school, the great missionary Francis Xavier. Out in St. Maria the Kindergarten, First and Second Grades have already saved enough for their second ransom. This time they would like an African boy to be named Peter William with Mary Kathryn Winters and Francis Nasca for the godparents. Frances Connelly of the Sixth Grade of Corpus Christi writes in to say that her grade would like to rescue little Leila Ann, an African girl. Leila Marie is the choice of name for the little African girl being rescued by the Eighth Graders of St. John's School, Clyde. They want Richard Mann and Leila Fredendall for her godparents.

The old law of supply and demand probably is what makes life cheap. Youngstown "Vindicator."

Patronize the better movies as well as condemning the bad ones.

HEADS CLERGY UNION
Vatican City The Most Rev. Edward P. Roche, Archbishop of St. John, Newfoundland, has been appointed President of the Missionary Union of the Clergy in Newfoundland.

DEDICATE ARMY CHAPEL
Scott Field, Ill. The first of three new army chapels at this army post has been dedicated. The Most Rev. Henry Althoff, Bishop of Belleville, took part in the program.

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