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Comparisons

The triteness of the axiom "comparisons are odious" must give place frequently to the plain truth that "comparisons are necessary to obtain a true picture." After all man has only a limited intelligence and most things are necessarily relative to him.

As a concrete example suppose we compare the United States and India. The area of our own country is close to 3 million square miles while that of India is only 1,800,000. However, the

population of the latter is almost triple ours there are only 130,000,000 people in the United States as against 360,000,000 in India. For the final view let us remember that while there are some 23,000,000 Catholics in this country there are only about 4,000,000 in India. It is any wonder that His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, has urged us "to spare no effort to have the shadow of the Cross, in which are life and salvation, fall on the remote areas of the earth?"

"I Thirst"

The Redeemer's heartrending cry "I thirst" finds an echo in the soul of Father R. Bossi, missionary in Loikaw, Burma, whenever he thinks of his first visit to the village of Tarudda. Perched on the very height of a summit the village could only be reached by climbing a path so steep it looked like a staircase, and surrounded by ravines into which one always ran the risk of falling. However, Tarudda housed souls for whom the Master thirsted and Father Bossi undertook the trip to win those souls.

This good missionary encountered the physical thirst as well as the spiritual on this trip. Water, always a problem in Burma, seemed to be non-existent on the memorable trip, and, despite the most careful preparations, the water bags were empty. Only the kindly interest of the natives of Tarudda saved the priest and his porters, since they were forced to spend the night without a single drop of water, even though the thermometer registered 110 degrees. Sometimes it would be a good thing to remember that warm night in Tarudda while the January winds and rain sweep over us here in America.

The World's Best Boatmen

It remained for the Rev. H. Dolmasso, Silesian missionary from China, to give us a pen picture of the men whom he considers "the best boatmen in the world—the extraordinary Chinese who pull barges."

"The rivers in China," stated Father Dolmasso, "are the greatest riches that Providence has given this country. They are great rivers, slow and crowded with innumerable barges and junks which go up and down, delivering and collecting from huge steamers and tiny hamlets. For centuries these Chinese junks have been plying the rivers by the force of manpower only. Six or 10 men, bent and tied to a strong rope, propel them along the pathless river bank. Frequently the barge men have to bend almost to the ground in their efforts, or again they may have to wade waist-deep in the water to insure the steady progress of the junk."

For this arduous work they receive the magnificent pay of

St. Mary's (Elmira) NUNS LEARN FIRST AID

The Sisters of St. Mary's Convent have enrolled in a Certified Red Cross First Aid Class. It will commence on Saturday, Jan. 17 and the entire course will include a training period of twenty hours.

The ladies of the parish have been invited to enroll also and many have accepted this opportunity to prepare themselves for emergencies that may arise.

500 Men Attend Holy Name Rite

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than they, one whom the world has persecuted and would if it could take the very memory of His name from the hearts of men, and that Name too is Jesus.

"So you have the strange paradox, a name for which there has been displayed love, heroic in its devotion; and hatred diabolical in its intensity.

"Such is the brief history of the only Name under Heaven given to man whereby he must be saved.

Two Camps Offered

The preacher then went on to show how hatred has been demonstrated against the person of Christ. And the name, though hated, has been loved with heroic love, and demonstrated how that love has been shown in the history of the world. He concluded by asking in which of these camps did the Holy Name members wish to be numbered, showing that the world judges them, and often Christ by their words and actions.

Present in the sanctuary were: The Rev. James Keenan of Waverly; the Rev. Leo Schwab, Our Lady of Lourdes Church; the Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, and the Rev. Francis H. Vogt, St. Anthony's Church; the Rev. Raymond Heisel, St. John the Baptist Church; Rev. Edward Tolster and the Rev. Leslie G. Whalen, SS. Peter and Paul's Church; the Rev. Arthur C. Smith, St. Cecelia's Church; Rev. Edward McKay and Rev. Richard Stanton, St. Mary's parish, and the Rev. Hubert Bisky, St. Patrick's parish.

twenty American cents a day, together with a handful of rice, a few vegetables and dried fish. However, accustomed to hard work, little pay and a small amount of food, they can outdo European or American laborers.

An Important Duty

It is impossible to overemphasize the fact that missionary activity is an essentially practical carrying out of a divine command. Too many Catholics, although they may agree that the undertaking is more or less a necessary one, fail to realize that it is one of the most important features of the work of the Church. Moreover, they sometimes do not appreciate the specific duty they have to assist in the Propagation of the Faith.

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