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"The nicest picture we ever saw" was the comment of the boys and girls of Sacred Heart School, Rochester, about the movie, The Flying Priest Over the Arctic. And tucked into this note of thanks was a check for \$34 to be added to our Chapel Fund. A thousand thanks, boys and girls!

An Eskimo Baby— With Fur, Please

This week's mail brought a sheet of adoptions from St. Andrew's School, leading them all were the little First Graders (North) who asked for an Eskimo baby with fur, to be called Winifred Ann Copenhagen. I am sure that we shall not find it hard to take care of this request. The Eskimos are great hunters and they must dress in furs to keep warm. I know the little Eskimo girls have hoods and jackets and boots lined or trimmed with furs their fathers have prepared and their mothers have sewn for them.

The Fourth Grade Girls have also chosen an Eskimo Baby to be called Joseph, and the Seventh South has named its little girl of the Northland, Anne Catherine.

When I visited St. Salome's School, the boys and girls gave me their application for the adoption of two Indian babies, Pierre and Mary. We shall handle this application right along. Keep up the good work!

More Bricks for the Chapel

Some more bricks were added to the Chapel which we are planning to build when the pupils of St. Joseph's Grammar School and St. Joseph's Commercial School turned over to me their offerings of five and ten dollars. We are deeply grateful for the sacrifices which the students made to add their share to our growing fund.

A Gift for St. Joseph

A letter from St. Anthony's School tells the whole story. Enclosed you will find a check for fifteen dollars which we would like you to send to the Sisters of St. Joseph in Selma, Alabama.

This represents the savings of the Sixth Grade. We want to make this a special gift for the Feast of St. Joseph, and send with it many prayers for their success. Mary Petrone, pupils of the Sixth Grade.

Another little Eskimo boy is added to our adoption list. The boys of the Sixth Grade of Nazareth Hall have chosen the name John Paul for their adopted cousin from the Land of the Midnight Sun. They have already collected \$1.30 to start the ransom money for their next adoption.

The pupils of Nazareth Hall worked hard to have an all-out attendance at the mission movie which netted \$5.33 for our Chapel. The pupils of the Fourth Grade at Nazareth Hall have gone from the Arctic Circle to the Equator for their ransom. They want a little African boy to be baptized James Richard.

As a tribute to their Pastor, the boys and girls of the Fifth and Sixth Grades of St. John's School, Spencerport, have named their newly-adopted baby, Emmett George. They have chosen a Chinese baby for their friend.

Three More Returns

St. Boniface, Sacred Heart, and Holy Cross reporting? As a result of our visit we can add these generous gifts to our Chapel Fund.

St. Boniface \$26.65
Sacred Heart 4.00
Holy Cross 14.00

St. Boniface pupils enclose likewise an offering of \$10 for Father Udephonse, a Benedictine Father working in North Dakota among the Indians.

The Corning mail is in. St. Mary's School, Corning reports that the Second Grade has ransomed a Chinese baby. The name

U. S. Troops in Erin Stream To Mass By All Means Possible

LONDON.—Catholic soldiers among the American troops in Northern Ireland stream to Mass on Sundays in all kinds of conveyances, according to reports printed in the dailies here.

Some go by machine, others go by pony trap, and many walk. Churches welcome the doughboys. There are no compulsory church parades, it is stated.

the pupils have chosen for their baby is Mary Thomas

A truly missionary letter came from the Eighth Grade of St. Patrick's School, Corning — "The pupils of the Eighth Grade of St. Patrick's School are happy to give \$5 for the ransom of a pagan baby Leo Schaller, who contributed the most, had the honor of naming the baby, Leo Bernard, Kenny Packard and Freda Moses are the god-parents."

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that a conquering race entering a territory, already well populated drove out entirely or killed off entirely the original inhabitants. "Race" is a word that is very much misunderstood or abused today. If it means a people descended from one parent stock, there is today no race in Europe or in the Americas. But a word in daily use must have some definite meaning. And it has. Everybody knows what we mean when we speak of the Irish race, the Jewish race, etc. But it is probable that in no country in Europe has there been a mixture of so many races as in Ireland; and the Jews themselves admit that they are not all descendants of Abraham "according to the flesh."

ENORMOUS RESERVE

But to pursue this question further would be tedious. Returning to Ireland, where the "founders" came over from Spain or from Central Europe, they must have brought with them an enormous reserve force of vitality, seeing that they survived so many wars, rebellions, evictions, persecutions, and the draconian laws enacted by the unselfish British Empire in its endeavor to extend democracy and the good life to the sister, or step-sister island.

In his supplementary volume to Lingard's History Hilaire Belloc poses the question: How explain the fact that Ireland survived? He answers "I cannot explain it. Personally I consider it a miracle. By all the laws," he says, "which govern the relations between historical cause and effect the Irish nation and the Catholic faith in Ireland should have perished. Yet they survived."

But the key to the problem is found in the Catholic faith. One argument given by Belloc for the "miracle" is that no nation can survive when deprived of its leaders for long generations. Ireland, he says, was so deprived. This is not exactly true. Deprived she was of military and political leaders; but not of religious leaders, the priests, and especially the Bishops.

Cardinal Manning notes that it was the presence of a Hierarchy which saved the faith in Ireland, the lack of a Hierarchy that lost the faith in England. And John Mitchell, Protestant historian, says that in the darkest days of persecution the priests and the Bishops stood constantly by their people and kept up communication with Rome. "Bishops and Archbishops," he writes, "made their way to the Continent as sailors before the mast, and journeyed on to Rome as pilgrims on foot; and returning to Ireland they moved among their people, from house to house, dressed as mendicants; or they attended country dances as pipers or fiddlers; and while the dance proceeded they would be found in another room or in a cave instructing the faithful or hearing their confessions."

Such were the leaders who preserved the faith and handed it down to us who celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Let us thank God for it, the only thing that can comfort and save us in this mad world.

I have said they must have had originally an enormous reserve fund of vitality. Notwithstanding all the wars and persecutions they survived. Notwithstanding all attempts to kill them off they increased and multiplied. Thus they not only kept Ireland going as a distinct nation but overflowed into other parts of the world — and finally to Rochester. In this process of expansion, like Agnes MacArdie they were not embarrassed by planned parenthood, birth control, companionship marriages and easy divorce. Their Catholic faith saved them from all that. Let us thank God for it on St. Patrick's Day.

The word, "genuflect" derives from the Latin: it means literally, to bend the knee.

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