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Let us suppose for a moment that some un-American American, hearing that the teachers in the public school were giving quite a good deal of time during class hours to the instilling of principles of patriotism and of love of the flag, would insist that he sent his boy to school to learn the three R's, and that those who wished to learn patriotism and all about the flag might do so after class. What a howl of indignation would go up to heaven from millions of true American throats! "What!" the country would cry out, "connect in the child's mind patriotism and punishment!" Strange inconsistency! The after-class hours, when the child is fagged out, body and mind, are not good enough for the study of patriotism, but they are all sufficient for the study of Christianity!

The Catholic Church has ever taught that Christ and His doctrine have at least as good a right to enter the classroom during regular class hours as the copy book, the reader and the multiplication table. The study of religion during class hours has never been an obstacle to success in all secular branches. It is not the mere number of minutes given to any subject, that counts, as every teacher knows: it is the disposition of mind and will. Innumerable facts, too, bear me out in this statement; pupils who have given the allotted time to the study of religion have easily and repeatedly beaten on their own ground the secularist students. Theory and practice combine to prove that the only road to true and lasting success in educational matters is to listen sincerely to the One Teacher—God.

**JUSTICE TO THE FRIARS AT
LAST**

The friars in the Philippines have had many a hard knock since a short time before our war with Spain. First the Filipinos drove them from their parishes. The Friars were too Spanish to suit the followers of Aguinaldo. Next, when the Americans took possession of the Philippines, the friars were made the victims of all sorts of calumnies. Anything was not bad enough to say about a friar. Preachers, here who prior to the war with Spain, had an idea that the Philippines were some sort of canned goods, launched out Sunday after Sunday for quite a while against the poor friars. They were, in the preacher's notion, responsible for every thing that went wrong in the islands. If you asked a preacher where was the evidence on which he based his charges against the friars he would flash before you a newspaper interview with some colporteur who once upon a time saw Manila from a passing steamer, and if that did not convince you why here was a magazine article by a Protestant Episcopal Bishop, who, after the war, spent as long as six whole days in the

Philippines. Strange to say, some individuals declined to accept such testimony when their own investigations had proved to them that the Spanish friars had labored heroically and zealously for three centuries in the Philippines, and that the advancement of the natives in Christian civilization was to be credited solely to the work of the friars. Those who advanced this view were at first very much in the minority in this country. Slanders against the friars were carefully manufactured and circulated, and they were bound to have an effect upon the American people. But time has wrought a change in the American view of the Spanish friars. We no longer hear the cry, "The friars must go!" Instead honest Americans who have spent any considerable time in the Philippines do not hesitate to speak out in praise of what the Friars have done in the islands. Thus Major General Leonard Wood, military commander of the southern province, on the eve of his return to the Philippines, had this to say to a reporter of the Boston Transcript:

"The ease with which we have solved the Philippine colonization problem was due to our predecessors there. The Spanish had so done the preliminary work that it should not be difficult for us to take it up and complete it. Indeed, the Spanish did more for the Filipinos than any other colonizing nation has ever done for an Oriental people. Spain actually impressed her ideas and principles upon them. She gave them her religion and language and civilization. She did not merely scratch the surface. She really affected and influenced the lives of the natives. Malays they are, yet they are like no other Malays. In place of pure barbarism, cannibalism and idolatry, Spain implanted the Roman Catholic religion, which is today the religion of nine-tenths of the people. Spain also elevated the status of the Filipino woman. In other Oriental countries the woman is little better than a slave. In the Philippines, on the contrary, the woman is the 'business man' of the couple. She it is who really manages the estate or household, and it is almost more important that we get her good will and friendship than the man's. The work done by the Roman Catholic Friars in the three centuries Spain held the islands was wonderful, and cannot fail to excite our admiration. And in spite of her many troubles there Spain was continuing the work of Christianizing the islands when our war came on. She was, for example, just at that time, beginning to carry the work into the interior of Mindanao, and had introduced there light-draught gunboats to explore the inlets and rivers. Her officers sank these when war was declared, and I am just now engaged in raising some of them. Our people do not appreciate our debt to Spain. Suppose we had had to begin on an absolutely savage people, such as they were when Spain took them. Then our problem would have been many times more difficult. But with a Christian people to work on we had a basis upon which to build. You can see why I accord such a high place to Spain as a colonizing power."

The Spanish Friars have waited a long time for such a vindication. But truth is bound to triumph in the end. The anti-Catholic parson has long since given up abusing the friars, as too many Americans, who, like General Wood, have had a chance to learn for themselves of the wonders accomplished by the Spanish missionaries in the Philippines, are ready to confound the slanderer of the friars these days.—N.Y. "Catholic News."



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