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It is precisely such considerations that impelled the foundation of the Catholic Church Extension Society of Canada. Incorporated civilly, erected canonically, it is a corporation which with changing personnel will go on continuously gathering in contributions from all Catholics; even those of little faith and restricted vision must feel that it is a duty to give something. This organization is in touch with the conditions and knows the needs of the Church in the West. Is there a better New Year's resolution than that of supporting it loyally in spirit of faith and with a sense of duty as Canadians and as Catholics?

Then there is that great work of Father Fraser's Chinese Mission. This is not new; it has struck its roots deep into our hearts and is of vigorous growth; but it has taken a new phase. The work that appealed to our imagination and to our faith is to become something greater and deeper, something that will, we have said, perpetuate itself forever. We have said it before, but in such matters we must repeat; for we have some now, others in a month's time, and others again six months hence. And so we remind you again

The United Farmers of Ontario are now in favor of a sweeping measure of reciprocity with the United States. In 1911 that issue, in a more modest form, was before them. No doubt many voted for or against the measure from reasoned motives; but many opposed it by flag-waving appeals to a factitious patriotism and national prejudice. It is refreshing to read that a reminiscent farmer at their convention the other day expressed himself in these vigorous terms: "No traitor will ever dare claim, now that the blood of the two nations has been mingled in France, say, 'No truck or trade with the snakes.'" Such a measure of reci-

"The Russian word 'Bolshevik' has been coined comparatively re-

To the bourgeois and intellectual elements who had at first resisted, he gave the choice: 'Obey or starve.' And now those who had starved were obeying and training soldiers or emissaries for abroad. He believed that Bolshevism meant fighting but disorganization, he

belong to a higher order. The Eucharist

And the crucifix, pictures of Our Lord, His Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, our patron saints, the Holy Father, and possibly the bishop of the diocese or some venerated pastor. This is the environment in which we have grown up to manhood and womanhood. These are the things that are most influenced our lives. In contrast this with the atmosphere which surrounds our non-Catholic neighbors in their homes. Their lives are daily rest upon highly colored representations of Queen Victoria, King Edward VII., the present King of England inset on a background of Union Jack, Wellington shaking hands with Blucher on the field of Waterloo, the Death of Nelson and many King Billie crossing the line. There may be there some intimate texts some nice religious

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WHILE, HOWEVER, it is not given to genius to celebrate, as some other men have celebrated, a "restauration" it is her privilege at least to witness the downfall of the power which brought about her own moral ruin. When the War broke out four years ago, the one-time press emerged so far from her element as to let it be known that she looked forward to the issue of conflict with hope and confidence in the liberation of her country from the long menace of Prussian domination to which the defeat of 1871 had exposed her, and to the sacred integrity of France by the redemption of her lost Provinces. In the glory of France herself, not mere tenure by her house of

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PURITY OF THE IRISH

the people of Ireland have always on a holy pride in the established fact that their country is the purest on this corrupt and festering globe. Impurity is one of the sins which are practically unknown in certain parts of that fair island. The roses that bloom so red on Irish cheeks is the rose of purity, and it is watered and nurtured there by the life-giving sacrament of the Catholic Church. Commenting on the chastity of the daughters of Erin, the *America* quotes the testimony of an English officer to prove that the men of Ireland also are distinguished by an attractive virtue :

“That the daughters of Erin are chaste and among women everywhere for chastity is a commonplace of past prehistory; that their fathers, sons, husbands, and sons are also typically clean in their language and lives is not perhaps as well known as it is often adverted to. The history of a recent war book, however, tribute to the