

helps itself and in the other has it given them by a priest? The elders still break the bread of which they themselves partake, though why they should be allowed to do so, and not the congregation, is hard to understand. The only reasons I could find for the change were that it took less bread and less time. The first was probably a joke, though, if so, in very bad taste—and the second is a true nineteenth century objection. We cannot afford to take away any of the reverence which pertains to the Eucharist, in order to save five or ten minutes time. There is too little reverence already in the world, let us keep what of it we can.

In the Roman Catholic church the sacrament is administered by a priest, consecrated and set apart, here by the minister and six layman elders. It is not hard to see which is the more solemn.

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COLLEGE NEWS.

DR. SMITH.

THE following account of the recent attack upon the missionaries is from a letter by Dr. Smith, dated Oct. 30th, 1891. Dr. Smith was accompanying Mr. MacDougall upon his first trip so far into Honan.

"I heard a few loud voices and saw in the uncertain light the outline of a number of figures standing in the yard and in a large room and quite a crowd standing in the doorway of a little room off the big one. A ray of light falling on one figure showed me a man half naked, and dirty with blood all over his face and neck and at once it dawned upon me that I had come in the middle of an outbreak. About three o'clock in the afternoon a crowd of beggars, no doubt hired for the purpose, came to the front gate howling and crying for money. A few hundred cash were sent out to them, but they had high ideas and demanded more. Quite a crowd of opium wretches and others gathered, and soon the brethren heard a crash and got up to see what was the trouble, and on reaching the door were met by a large mob, headed by three or four half naked men with drawn knives and bloody faces. These men rushed at our brethren and dragged them out to the gate, at the same time making several thrusts with their knives.

Mr. McGillivray had his queue twisted in a very rough manner. The brethren, however, escaped back to the room without any great injury. Three separate attacks were thus made, and in great straits the brethren were forced to promise to give them all the money in the house. Their demand was for 200 strings of cash (about \$80 in gold), and the money on hand at the house amounted to less than \$30 in gold. We arrived on the scene just as the money was about to be handed over. We requested the men who were talking peace to retire while we prayed to our heavenly Father.

Our abrupt arrival seemed to dismay them a little, and this request still more so. We called them in thereafter and handed over the money saying at the same time, that we had a plan to settle this matter. In a very short time they returned with the silver, no doubt because they were afraid. This is undoubtedly the result of the stories that are all over the land. Professional beggars have frequently been a source of annoyance to foreigners. They cut themselves with stones and do many other things to produce effect. This morning the beggars returned and forced their way in at the back of the compound and told that one of the men thus mutilated yesterday had died, and that we were responsible. We managed to get them out without much difficulty, and then we strongly barricaded all the gates. Mr. McGillivray has gone to the city to claim the protection of the officials and we await with anxiety the outcome of the affair."

CONVERSAZIONE.

Our annual Conversazione was held on Friday, the 18th of last month, and was a great success, perhaps the best we have yet had. The decoration committee did their work well, and the building never looked better. Our old friend the skeleton, whom we have missed for several years, was again in his place, looking as handsome as life. The "beauty and chivalry" began to arrive shortly before eight, and kept on doing so for over two hours. The following delegates from other colleges were present: Mr. Wilkinson, Wycliffe; Mr. Cooper, Toronto; Mr. Kerr, Victoria, and Mr. Stone, McMaster. The concert programme was excellent, better even than last year. The committee wisely had