

### FOREIGN MISSION WORK

**U. S. SENT MORE THAN 100 PRIESTS, NUNS AND LAY ASSISTANTS TO FIELDS AFAR IN 1921**

America's contributions in men and women to the foreign mission fields during 1921 were larger than ever before in her history. More than one hundred missionaries went forth to foreign lands; to Asia, to Africa, to Oceania and to the West Indies, to spread the gospel of Christ. Well over seventy priests were numbered among these missionaries, who came from many different societies as well as the ranks of the secular clergy, and who included teaching sisters, brothers and lay workers. New missionary fields, too, were assigned to American provinces of religious orders during the year and the ranks of the different seminaries and preparatory schools founded with mission work in view were multiplied beyond expectations.

The Jesuit Order sent no less than thirty-three missionaries to foreign climes, including Alaska, India and the Philippines. Of these the largest group went to the Philippines, twenty members of the order sailing in June to replace the Spanish Jesuits in educational institutions. The group was headed by the Rev. Francis Byrne, who had been appointed rector of Manila College. Five Jesuits left in January for Patna in India, which is one of the Jesuit missionary fields inland from Calcutta and about 200 miles from Mount Everest. Four Jesuits left in June for Jamaica.

**THE MISSION FIELDS OF CHINA**

The mission fields of China, which promise to be the scene of tremendous missionary activities on the part of Americans of every denomination, received last year the largest number of American Catholic missionaries in their history. China has now 1,900,150 Catholics.

The Congregation of the Missions, commonly called the Vincentians, sent its first band of missionaries to the Vicariate of Kiang-Si, in the province of Kiang-Si, in June. The Vicariate had been assigned to the congregation only a short time, when five priests and four scholastics embarked, sailing from the United States June 20. Kiang-Si has 9,000,000 inhabitants, of whom 9,000 are Catholics.

Near Kiang-Si lies the missionary field of Kwangtung and Kwang-Si, 25,000 miles of which has been assigned to the Catholic Foreign Missionary Society of Maryknoll, which is now spreading its branches to many parts of the United States. Five priests, six sisters and one lay worker departed from Maryknoll in September. The Maryknoll nuns, who were the first members of their order to leave for China, were headed by Sister Mary Paul of Reading, Pa. This brings the total of Maryknoll Missioners up to twenty-four.

From St. Columba's Mission House in Omaha there departed 13 priests, 4 lay brothers and 2 lay workers, members of the Chinese Mission Society, which has its mother house in China. They will labor in the province of Hupeh, with the city of Hanyang as headquarters. There are 4,000,000 people in this province, which is in central China, and the position of the province, as well as its means of communication with surrounding districts in China, makes it one of the most important missionary provinces.

The last group of Chinese missionaries to leave the United States was a band of five Passionists from St. Michael's Monastery in Hoboken, the first of their order to be dispatched to a new field in the province of Honan.

**INDIA AND OCEANIA**

The Bengalese missions in India attracted three priests and four Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross during the year, bringing the total number of American missionaries in that field up to twelve. Approximately one-third of the missionaries now working under the direction of Bishop Legrand are Americans.

The first American priests of the Society of Mary to leave directly from their studies for the mission fields were the Rev. Joseph Diehl of Augusta, Ga., for Samoa, where the Right Rev. Joseph Darnand has 10,000 Catholics under his care, and the Rev. Louis des Jardins, who was assigned to the Fiji Islands, where there are 12,000 Catholics under the care of the Right Rev. Charles Nicholas.

The Holy Ghost Fathers sent forth six priests, five of whom were ordained in October to the West Indies. The Fathers of La Salette dispatched two priests to the Madagascar missions in January.

The first contingent from the Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Holy Ghost of Techny, Ill., to be designated for the mission field in New Guinea, were named in October with orders to sail before the end of the year.

The Society of the Divine Word of Techny, Ill., sent out four sisters during the year and two missionaries have been designated to sail for New Guinea in March. The Society was recently assigned a district in Kansu, one of the most western Chinese provinces, which has a population of from 10,000,000 to 14,000,000.

Three sisters, Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, left in September

### INCREASE IN STUDENTS

Perhaps no less remarkable than the great number of missionaries ready for foreign service. Twenty seminarians of the Congregation of the Holy Cross have taken the foreign mission vow as well as 15 brothers, many of whom are teachers. At St. Columba's Mission House in Omaha there are 27 priests, 4 brothers, 1 doctor, and 3 lay workers making ready for foreign fields. In addition there are 103 students preparing for vocation.

St. Mary's Mission House of the Society of the Divine Word, Techny, Ill., founded in 1899, has now 30 priests and 60 brothers together with 180 students, 8 novices and 40 seminarians, all of the latter being destined for services in foreign fields.

Protestant missionaries from the United States, however, far outnumber the Catholics. The Methodist Christian Advocate is authority for the statement that 593 registered students sailed for the foreign fields under commission from the several mission boards in 1920, the largest number of any year since the beginning in 1886. The Northern Baptists alone are said to have 10,000 missionary workers in the field.

The vast amount of missionary work yet to be done is indicated by the estimate that of 1,965 millions of people on the earth there are 490 millions of Christians, taking the term in a general sense, and including 279 million Catholics. There are 179 million members of the Evangelical Protestant denominations, 132 million Oriental Schismatics, 42 million Buddhists, Confucians and Shintoists, 234 million Mohammedans, 230 million Hindus, 174 million pagans and 12 million Jews.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sunday, Jan. 15.—St. Paul, the first hermit. Born in Upper Egypt in 280, he was rich and highly educated, but fearing temptations against his faith, he retired to the desert where he remained ninety years in prayer and meditation. He was miraculously fed by God, who, at his death, sent him St. Antony, who saw his body rise gloriously to heaven.

Monday, Jan. 16.—St. Honoratus, who founded the famous monastery at Lerins about the year 400. He was of a consular Roman family settled in Gaul and early embraced religion. He was consecrated Bishop of Arles in 426, three years before his death.

Tuesday, Jan. 17.—St. Antony, patriarch of monks. He was born in 251 in Upper Egypt and gave away all his possessions to lead the spiritual life in the desert. Many devils assailed him furiously but he overcame them. Finally Christ appeared to him in His Glory. Antony worked many miracles and founded the first monastery.

Wednesday, Jan. 18.—The Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome, found in ancient martyrologies and observed to commemorate the establishment there, by the Prince of the Apostles, of the seat of the ecclesiastical primacy.

Thursday, Jan. 19.—The Feast of the Holy Family. Also the feast of St. Canute, King of Denmark, whose piety eclipsed even his skill as a leader and prudence as a ruler. He was killed in 1086, dying with his arms outstretched before the altar.

Friday, Jan. 20.—St. Sebastian, an officer in the Roman army, who encouraged the brothers Marcus and Marcellinus to despise the world and die for Christ. He pleaded with Diocletian to stay his persecution of the church. Sebastian died a martyr, beaten to death with clubs.

Saturday, Jan. 21.—St. Agnes, virgin and martyr, who was scourged and subjected to the basest of insults because of her faith. Finally her head was severed from her body.

**THE REGENERATION OF SOCIETY**

An Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress was recently held with great splendor at Naples. The lively faith and generous charity that were observed in all those participating, in this great event have brought great consolation to the heart of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XV. The Holy Father expresses the well founded hope that the recent Congress will not only seal a new page in the glorious annals of the Church, but will constitute a new triumph of the Mystery of Love and will be the point of departure towards a more intense Eucharistic life and the principle of a greater diffusion of it in all social ranks.

Great advantages are derived from these diocesan assemblages that have for their aim to enkindle in the faithful a more ardent love for the Divine Prisoner of the Tabernacle. Not only the spiritual life of the faithful but also the whole social life of the world is

### uplifted and ennobled by the inexhaustible torrent of grace that flows uninterrupted from the Blessed Sacrament.

The Holy Eucharist is the principal nourishment of the Christian life. From It emanates the most beautiful Christian virtues, those strengthening remedies for human frailty, and those ineffable consolations which are so far above human means, to afford to poor suffering humanity, and that pledge of the supernatural life which we all hope one day will be fulfilled in us.

Pope Benedict in a letter that glows with love of His Eucharistic Lord, commends to the faithful another aspect of these Eucharistic Congresses that should not be allowed to pass unnoticed at this time. The Holy Father says: "The August Sacrament together with healing the wounds of hearts and disposing to meekness and charity after the example of the Divine Master, carries an efficacious remedy for the re-establishment of that universal peace which vainly is sought through other means than those taught by the same Jesus Christ, clement and peace loving King. Who lives among us throbbing with love under the sacred veils of the Eucharist."

In vain will men strive from academic halls or legislative chambers for the amelioration of the world. That world which will rise again is to be changed, that which has been changed once and for all by the presence of Christ among men. He came into the world to save it from the sins and the errors and the follies that were rapidly whirling it to destruction.

He alone among men could pronounce over his work the words "consummatum est"—it is completed. The work which His Father gave Him to do, He did. But before ascending into Heaven He left a memorial of His presence, that should be a remembrance of His work, a source of grace, and a pledge of continued success to His faithful followers.

The Holy Eucharist is the means left by Christ Our Lord through which the regeneration of society is to be accomplished. Regeneration will come not by any mighty cataclysm, not by an instantaneous transformation of hearts, but slowly and gradually. Society will be reconstructed, as Pope Benedict has pointed out on frequent occasions, through the individual.

Hence it is consoling to the heart of the Holy Father and to the whole Christian world to see in these Eucharistic Congresses, such as has been recently observed in Naples, the revival of that spirit which in former ages revived and regenerated society just when it was beginning to become decadent.

The presence of Christ in the individual unites him to the Saviour. The abiding presence of Christ in the Church makes it holy and without blemish. So will the presence of Christ in society, purify it even as He is pure, and give it power to do all things in Him Who strengthens it.—The Pilot.

**TO HONOR ENGLISH MARTYRS**

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, Jan. 9.—Announcement of the formation of a new parish, dedicated to the English Martyrs, at Whalley in the Salford diocese, means the restoration of Catholic worship in a spot from which the so-called Reformers felt that he had eradicated forever every remnant of the true faith for four miles from St. Mary's Church. Whalley is sacred to Catholics through the fact that there stood the only great abbey, which, in the ages of faith, adorned Lancashire, and still more hallowed by the memory of the martyrdom of its last abbot, John Paslew, with two of his monks, during the persecution of Henry VIII.

One by one the historic and picturesque places of Catholic England are being won back by the Church.

**A LACK OF RETICENCE**

Frankness, sincerity and candor are very beautiful and desirable traits. They impart to childhood and innocence that wonderful charm which is so irresistible and appeals to every human heart. But from these delightful qualities to the bold and vulgar outspokenness of our generation, there is a far cry. The present age has lost the sense of reserve and cast aside the art of reticence. In this process, it has become coarse in moral fibre and vulgar in manner.

N. refinement of life is possible without reticence. There is a phase of human nature, the existence of which need not be denied, but yet which does not form a topic of polite conversation or a matter of which man is inclined to boast. The novel of today prides into things which social conventions have veiled with much wisdom. It is difficult to shock the present generation; mercilessly it has torn to shreds all veils by which humanity concealed its frailties.

For this sad condition, largely the pseudo-science of the day is to blame. This false science delights in robbing man of his dignity and emphasizing his kinship with the animal. It laughs at modesty and labors hard to destroy this fine sentiment, which loudly proclaims that man is superior to the animal. The very fact that man is conscious

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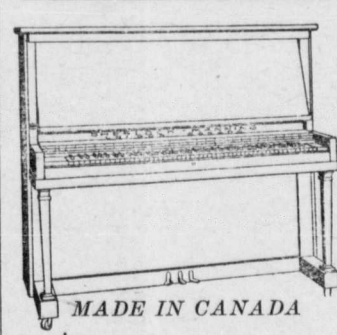
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