

China.

(From the "Field Afar.")

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Wen Chow, China, August 28th, 1906.—The evening of August 1 we left Wen Chow for the town of Tchu-tobu, about 75 miles up the river. Father Tisserand, who has charge of the Tchu-tobu parish, 100 miles square, and the only missionary there, accompanied me.

We crawled into our boat at nine o'clock, but there was no move to it until three in the morning. The boatmen on these rivers move only with the tide. How the missionary longs to hear the puffing of a little steam engine on these vast bodies of water; to see the infernal steam launch scud the waves, ride the flood, and face the wind and tide! How pleasant to his ear would sound the whistle of the iron horse when it traverses these immense rice fields, winds through these exuberant valleys, and skirts the lofty mountain's flank! With the introduction of the railway and steam navigation, we hope for great results here for Holy Mother China. It is consoling to see that the Chinese are waking up to the new order of things, and preparing for the swifter means of bringing to them the joyful things of the redemption.

Last week a steam launch sailed out from this city on her maiden trip, and ploughed through the numerous time-honored canals that intersect the district. "She was the first that ever burst" upon these ancient waterways. She now makes regular trips to a point 25 miles off, where we have a chapel, and what formerly took a whole night to make in the sampan can now be made in a couple of hours. More enterprises are sure to follow, and the propagation of the faith shall thus be greatly facilitated in this harvest field of souls.

In our trip up the Wen Chow river, we were two days and three nights sweltering in the low-roofed sampans. The boatman coos in his weird way for the demon of the wind to blow and fill the flapping sail. He coos and coos in vain. We drag along at a snail's pace to the splashing of the ponderous oars. Tired of the fellow's cooing. I take out my Rosary and commune with our Virgin Mother, the Star of the Sea. The boatman utters a desperate yell to the demon, and I direct a thought to the Queen of Heaven. Instantly a brisk fresh wind springs up, blowing, the sails fill out, and the boatman hauls in his oar, a look of satisfaction on his face as if assured the demon heard his prayer. I thank our Blessed Mother as we proceed blithely on our way.

The scenery on this river is exceedingly delightful. This is an earthly paradise. The beauty of our Creator is manifest on all sides. In the gorgeous sunset, in the green and rugged hills, limpid waters, shady nooks and cooves that strew the river's winding banks.

But the mystery of evil has cast its fatal spell over men, the masterpieces of God's hand, in these regions, Satan holds over this people undisturbed sway. These poor creatures, made to the image and likeness of God, are sunk in the most foolish and absurd superstitions.

To note a few of these: While in the city of Tchu-tobu at our journey's end, where we have a large chapel, and about a hundred Christians, we witnessed a total eclipse of the moon. This threw the whole town into consternation. They believe that a great dog of the heavens tries to devour the moon. Confusion reigns, volleys of musketry are fired, rockets shoot up towards the mellow orb of night, the crackers and gunpowder rattle the sky. The devout prostrate and adore the moon, calling piteously to her not to refuse her light. Shrieks and yells fill the air. They implore the dog not to eat the moon. Old men with old hoarse voices that cannot rise, urge the boys to pierce the heavens with their shrill screams. The panic continues unabated till the dog has vanished far into the deep night; and the moon, saved from the peril of jaws of the canine, looks smilingly down once more on her kind benefactors. The people in their distress turns to the bonzas, on whose prayers they firmly rely. They call on the monasteries for succor, and woe to the bonzo who dares to refuse his aid. In a village near by Wen Chow, during this eclipse, a bonzo refused to pray and adore the moon, whereupon the villagers rushed upon him and put him to death.

Their notion of thunder and lightning is very fantastic. A man and his wife stalk the heavens. The husband is very ugly, having a hooked beak for a mouth, with hands and feet like eagle's talons. His skin is of no particular hue, and he has vampire wings beneath his arms. In his right hand he holds an enormous sledge, and a spike in his left. He carries a drum before him, which he whips around with hands and feet. Hitting the spike on the head causes the thunderclap, and whirling the drum makes the rolling.

Get the Most Out of Your Food

You don't eat it if your stomach is weak. A weak stomach does not digest all that is ordinarily taken into it. It gets tired easily, and what it fails to digest is wasted.

Among the signs of a weak stomach are uneasiness after eating, fits of nervous headache, and disagreeable belching. "I have been troubled with dyspepsia for years, and tried every remedy I heard of, but never got anything that gave me relief until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla. I cannot praise this medicine too highly for the good it has done me. I always take it in the spring and fall and would not be without it." W. A. ROSS, Belleville, Ont.

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Heaven sends him to strike devils lurking in holes and caverns, and men given up to vice. His wife is a beautiful woman; she holds a mirror with both hands, in which are reflected the victims laid low by her husband.

To the objection that there are many wicked men in prison who escape their death blow to the thunder man, they readily reply: "These men's sins are known, and being now in God's hands, justice will surely be meted out to them, while the office of the thunder man is to strike down those whose sins are hidden, and cannot otherwise be brought to justice."

To the objection that thunder is without life, they reply: "No, for its freaks denote intelligence. We often see men and objects thrust aside by it unharmed, in its pursuit of some particular person whom it strikes dead, which proves the innocence of the former and guilt of the latter."

We still object: "Why does not heaven accuse the culprit of his sin?" and the reply is: "Heaven does accuse. Do we not see red and blue marks on the stricken bodies. These are the observers of heaven, but which we are not supposed to read or understand." The lightning strikes trees and animals, which certainly cannot sin, is easily explained by these people who claim that devils work in the trunks of trees and in the bodies of animals. They hide even in the udder of pigs.

It is consoling to see that these superstitions are on the wane in China, the rising generation ignores them, and we have every reason to believe that in the near future they will be consigned to the long list of fallen man's strange ravings.

But a more serious situation confronts us. Will China, on discarding her idols turn to the true God, or like her sister nation, Japan, go to the other extreme and sink into rank materialism? The situation at present is critical. These pagans have a keen sense of religion which the church alone can evolve and render fruitful for eternal life. She alone can appease these multitudes hungry and eager for the truth. No doubt God will soon march his forces upon this shifting scene, and save these lost tribes so long bound fast in the demon's fetters, and now ready to shake them off. The Church alone can substitute sublime ideals worthy of the soul of man, in place of the foolish inventions of Satan, to the absurdities of which this people is at last awakening.

And without delay the Church must play her role, for there are already formidable agencies on the scene working the destruction of souls. The devil, seeing that his old fallacies must inevitably give way to modern science, is carrying on a more cunning and deadly campaign. The foul press is vigorously pushing forward its disastrous propaganda. European works on sound morals are not translated, there being no call for them, while the filthiest trash from abroad finds a ready market everywhere, and is greedily devoured by this unthinking and unlearned people. The modern Chinese schools are preparing the way for materialism and rationalism.

Confucius is still adored in these schools, and our Christian young men who attend them are put to severe trials in their faith by unscrupulous pedagogues. They are not obliged to adore, but if they refuse, they receive no merit for their labors, and they finish their course without diplomas, to their great detriment in after life.

They often come to us complaining of the indignities imposed upon them, but we can do nothing. In our poverty we cannot erect a suitable building nor engage competent professors. Several young men have left schools and are coming to me for English; but as I am obliged to be away most of my time, giving missions through the district, these eager scholars lose courage and make little progress in the language.

With a little aid from our generous benefactors in America, we can greatly ameliorate the condition of the Chinese Catholic youth, and keep

abreast with these modern schools, which are the only means of acquiring at present a superior education in China. These seats of learning are springing up everywhere. The bonzes in their monasteries are trembling at the approach of their near dissolution; for the government is intent on converting the monasteries into schools. Only a few days ago some bonzes came to our residence in Wen Chow offering to sign over to us six of their monasteries, evidently with the hope that in the name of the Catholic Church their monasteries might be spared; or at least that some money might be secured by their transaction so that they would not be left penniless after being turned out by the government.

Five of the monks feigningly promised to become Catholics. It is needless to say that we did not fall into their trap and their proposal was rejected; as they have no right to dispose of these monasteries which belong to the people as a body. Failing to catch us, they resolved to join the Japanese bonzes who enjoy many privileges at present in China.

It must be said that we also have considerable liberty at present here. These poor pagans are kindly disposed towards us. The Church has a mysterious attraction for those who come to learn of her mission. They are aware of her sublime maxims but fear her sweet yoke. If they offend our Christians even in trivial secular matters they are prompt to make amends in their own peculiar way, setting off fire-crackers in front of the church or chapel or presenting us with two candles. The mandarins are just and equitable towards us. They throw open to us the gates of their walled cities, and no scorn or reflection is cast upon us as we pass through their thronged streets. The custom officers stationed at points along the river need only to hear the word zang-wei—the missionary is on the boat—and we pass without inspection.

Never was there a more favorable moment in China for Holy Mother Church. The harvest is indeed ripe; unfortunately, the reapers, are few. In this district of Wen Chow, alone, which measures 100 miles from north to south, by 180 from east to west, there are about 6,000,000 souls, but we have at present only five missionaries.

When shall we see apostles from the New World, valiant soldiers of the Cross turn to these fields of hidden treasure? In this district there are towns and villages in which a missionary's foot has never yet trod. We need undaunted souls to explore these vast regions teeming with immortal souls. To tell this simple but deluded people of our kind and provident Father who rules the winds and the waves, who guides the sun and moon and stars in their unerring course, who feeds the birds of the air and the fishes of the sea, and clothes the flowers of the field with bloom who guards his intelligent creatures with a special care; to tell them of our Virgin Mother who has crushed the head of the dragon they adore; to point out to them the true celestial kingdom, not one inhabited by monsters, but a land of eternal peace and joy, the glorious abode of angels and saints.

When noble generous souls from the New World shall come, Holy Mother Church will then have secured her last great triumph and our heavenly Fatherland a royal people to crown our labors throughout the long eternal years.

Yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary.

WILLIAM FRASER.

A Remarkable Career.

Rev. Ignatius Koob, S. J., who died the other day at San Remo, Italy, had a remarkable career. Born in British Guiana, of Protestant parents, he took to the sea and became captain of a merchantman. It was at this time that he began to entertain serious misgivings as to the validity of the creed he professed. When on a voyage Captain Koob got shipwrecked and saved his life by holding on to a piece of wood. During these trying hours he vowed that if his life were spared he would lose no time in embracing the Catholic faith. Saved almost by a miracle, the captain was received into the Catholic Church and soon followed up his conversion by joining the Society of Jesus. He was sent to India and held various appointments in the Bengal mission. Among other things he was the architect of St. Mary's Seminary, Karacong, and the Patal Seminary at Kandy. Possessed of marvellous eloquence, the words he preached went straight to the hearts of his hearers, so that the mere rumor that Father Koob would occupy the pulpit on a certain day was enough to attract vast crowds

to the church. Failing health necessitated his return to Europe, where he did sterling work as a missionary. The last months of his life Father Koob spent at San Remo, Italy. Father Koob was a man of imposing presence, a ripe scholar, wonderfully informed on about every subject and a linguist of a high order. He wielded a graceful and facile pen and was contributor to several Catholic periodicals.

A story is going the rounds about Edward J. Phelps when United States Minister to England telling a man from a Western State that he need not ask them for tickets to the House of Commons, and being taken aback at the answer: "Don't worry over that. Buffalo Bill has supplied me." Mr. Phelps was reputed to be rather shy of his fellow-countrymen unless their social standing was satisfactory to his fastidiousness. But we have mentioned the incident merely for the purpose of recording another of which it reminds us. A Canadian priest and an American priest being in London called on the American Consul, who treated them rather coolly and made them feel that they were taking up his valuable time. From the United States Consulate they went to the office of the High Commissioner for Canada. Lord Strathcona received them as cordially as though they had been personal friends, invited them to dinner at his house, and learning that they were going to a part of Scotland where he had an estate gave them a letter to his steward instructing him to do anything he could for them. The Canadian priest who belongs to this diocese is not yet persuaded that a greater press of business on the part of the American Consul entirely explains the contrast.—Casket.

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SECOND CLASS. Possible marks 1600. Necessary for a pass 960. Joseph Steel, Little Pond, 1088. Harold Raymond, Ramore, 1010. Augustine Gallant, St. Dunstan's, 981. Edna Moyse, Central Bedouque, 971. Passed in Geometry. Angelina Theriault, Tignish. Hettie Luxton, Coleman.

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