

POST OFFICE SOLVES A LABOR PROBLEM

TO GIVE CONTINUOUS EMPLOYMENT AND IMPROVED SERVICE

Among the many problems confronting the present Government on taking office was the re-establishment of returned soldiers, particularly those who through disabilities sustained on Active Service, were unable to follow their previous occupations.

Especially was this a vital question as regards those Departments which require large numbers of employees to carry on the work both at Ottawa and throughout the Country.

Since the conclusion of the Great War returned soldiers have been given preference in the matter of employment in the Civil Service. One of the most extensive and wide-spread channels of employment has been the Post Office Department.

A great number of returned men were taken on in the several City Post Offices and other branches of the Postal Service to replace permanent employees who left the Service for various reasons. In addition, a large number have been afforded temporary employment from year to year during the holiday period—April to October—to relieve members of the regular staffs on annual leave.

Heretofore, temporary men taken on for holiday relief purposes were, with very few exceptions, totally untrained in Post Office work. Moreover, their services were dispensed with at the end of October—a very unfavorable time of the year owing to the difficulty of securing other work to tide them over the winter months. From a labor standpoint this was most unsatisfactory.

Representations were annually received from numerous organizations of all classes asking the Government to retain those temporary men for the winter months. This was done by recalling those whose services had been dispensed with and retaining those still on duty with the result that the offices were overmanned for a part of the year; unnecessary expenditure in the way of salaries was incurred; the working output of the staff individually was lessened; and the efficiency of the staff thereby impaired.

With a view to obviating the necessity of releasing the annual leave help at the end of the holiday period and to increase the efficiency of the Service the Postmaster General directed the officers of the Department to go into the whole matter thoroughly. A proposition has now been approved by Postmaster General Murphy whereby the annual leave will be spread over a period of ten months—February to November—instead of six months as formerly and by the establishment of what is known as a Postal Pool.

The Postal Pool will constitute a permanent relief staff to take care of annual leave, sick leave, Christmas rush work and other emergencies. This will mean that a full staff of trained employees will be available at all times. Also the taking on of green hands at the beginning of each holiday season will be eliminated and the temporary help required at Christmas will be materially reduced.

The Postal Pool will virtually provide a training ground for Post Office employees from which they will be drafted to the regular staff as vacancies occur. All new employees entering the Service will be first attached to the Postal Pool and will be assigned work suitable to their capabilities. While undergoing the training they will enjoy all the privileges of Civil Servants.

Employees in the Postal Pool giving a satisfactory service will be advanced to the regular staff as vacancies occur. In this way continuous employment will be given instead of annual temporary employment as in previous years.

The officers of the Department are unanimously of the opinion that the morale of the staffs of the City Post Offices will be improved, and that a more efficient as well as a more economical service will obtain.

PONTIFICAL COURT CLUB OF BRITAIN

London, Aug. 1.—British members of the Pontifical Court who hold appointments from the Holy See, either as prelates or lay chamberlains, have an organization known as the Pontifical Court Club, which meets occasionally at the Archbishop's House, Westminster.

With Cardinal Bourne's permission the Pontifical Court Club has just held its general meeting at the Cardinal's residence, at which a resolution was passed to make a donation to the Holy Father from the funds of the club, and also to tender a resolution to King George expressing the club's loyalty and devotion and keen appreciation of the British Sovereign's recent visit to His Holiness.

BETHLEHEM VISITED

BY MISSIONARY ON TRIP AROUND GLOBE

By Rev. Michael Mathis, C. S. C.
(Written for the N. C. W. G. News Service)

Washington, D. C., August 6.—One evening about four o'clock we drove over to Bethlehem in an automobile. The drive requires less than a half hour. We passed Rachel's Tomb on the way. The town itself was much larger and up to date than I had anticipated. It crowns and even extends some distance in the hollow of a great break in the Judean plateau. The break forms a mighty amphitheater whose square-roofed houses and green fields are in striking contrast to the stones and barrenness of the surrounding country.

The Basilica which now covers the sacred cave is the only large church built by St. Helena which remains intact to the present day. It owes its preservation to the fact that during the Persian invasion, when most of the fourth century Christian shrines were destroyed, a large fresco of the adoration of the Magi ornamented the facade. As the Magi were represented in the traditional Persian costumes, the Church of the Nativity was mistaken for a Persian shrine, and thus spared.

We spent the night in Bethlehem and were happy to gaze into the same skies, brilliant with stars, which the Holy Family and the Magi also looked upon. In the morning I had the pleasure of offering up the Holy Sacrifice where Christ Jesus was born. I was surrounded by a group of fifty Bethlehem boys who answered all the prayers of the Mass in unison and the recited Holy Communion. The Catholic parish at Bethlehem is, by the way, one of the largest of those conducted by the Franciscans in Palestine. It numbers some 5,000 souls. Another impressive place was the room hallowed by the biblical work of St. Jerome. This room has been converted into a chapel, and close by is the tomb of St. Jerome and those of Saints Paula and Eustochium the holy Roman matrons who assisted the Saint in his labors.

TREMENDOUS CONTRASTS

The ride in an auto from Jerusalem to Jericho, the Dead Sea, and Jordan was full of thrills and instruction; thrilling because the road hangs on the brink of precipices, and instructive because the journey gave us an idea of those contrasts of heights and depths, of stony barrenness and riotous fertility, of desert and water, without which the vocabulary of the Sacred Text can hardly be grasped in its full significance. Again and again our hearts were in our mouths as we turned on two wheels around corners beyond which yawned dark, ugly, and apparently fathomless depths. When one realizes that the Judean plateau averages 2,000 feet, that the Dead Sea is 1,300 feet below the level of the sea, and that the Dead Sea itself is 1,300 feet deep, one understands why the Jews instinctively called this bitter sea of salt the "Depths." Now I appreciate more fully than before the meaning of so simple a sentence as "Jesus went down to Jericho from Jerusalem."

The desert was practically from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea is called the Wilderness. Here the Master fasted forty days. It was also the training school of St. John the Baptist and of the prophets generally; and it was the cherished abode of the ancient anchorites whose caves and hermitages can still be seen on the Limestone hills of the wilderness. As we lingered over precipices or got a glimpse of the mountain walls of Moab across the Dead Sea we felt a sense of great spaces and profound depths.

In striking contrast to the red, barren, rocky, hot, treeless, grassless, and waterless waste of the Wilderness, lies the green, fertile, loamy, cool, luxuriant oasis of Jericho, with its pools and streams of water. As our automobile rushed down into Jericho, the suddenness of the contrast between height and depth, between desert sands and running water, between bushless waste and riotous verdure was overpowering.

EFFECT ON BIBLE LANGUAGE

We could only marvel at God's providence in selecting such a land of tremendous contrasts for schooling His sacred writers in the use of a vocabulary which is fitted for the task of conveying to man the mighty truths of Divine revelation. This is specially true of prophetic diction, for these great contrasts were the symbols of the prophetic themes; the abiding justice and providence of God were as steadfast as the immovable Judean hills; God's unfathomable judgments are "depths," and His salvation is like the vast spaces of the Judean plateau as spring rushes upon the wilderness, so is God's power to bring life to His people; Jehovah and even the Jews march upon high places, as if mountain tops were a common road.

If these great outlines are touched here and there with flowers

or a mist, or a bird's nest, or a patch of meadow, or a quiet pool, or a green olive tree, it is to illustrate human beauty which comes upon the earth as fair as her wild flowers and as quickly pass away, like a vapor that appeareth for a moment on the hillside and then vanishes; or it is to symbolize God's provision for his people: "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters."

THE UPPER ROOM

Before saying farewell to our devoted hosts we made a final pilgrimage to the Cenacle where Our Blessed Saviour celebrated the Last Supper and from which the Apostles came forth on Pentecost Sunday as heralds of the new Gospel of Love. It was pathetic to realize that this Upper Room so sacred with memories is now a Mohammedan mosque. Up to 1555 it was a Christian shrine, and from the 15th century was the headquarters of the Franciscan guardians of the Holy Places. But in that year the Padres were expelled by the Mohammedans who have retained the house to the present day on the plea that immediately behind it is the alleged tomb of David.

Yet in spite of this unjust seizure, Catholics always enjoyed the right of celebrating Mass in the room hallowed by the institution of the Holy Eucharist, at least on Holy Thursday, until a few months ago when the suspicion that the Franciscans were endeavoring to regain possession of the Cenacle prompted the Mohammedans to turn the room into a mosque and thereby to exclude Christians from any act of worship in one of the most sacred spots on earth.

MARYKNOLL'S SUCCESS IN CHINA

New York, Aug. 1.—A strong movement for conversion to the Catholic faith has been reported by Maryknoll missionaries operating in South China. In one of the Maryknoll missions five thousand Chinese have been rolled as catechumens. When this mission was taken over by the Maryknoll Fathers, four years ago, the prospect of making many converts was very poor. The Protestant mission which had been established there for many years was so disheartened that the missionary and his wife actually withdrew from the district, leaving the property to be sold.

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OBITUARY

MRS. JULIA ANN QUINN

We regret to announce the death at the family residence, Merrickville, on Saturday, July 21st, of a very estimable lady in the person of Mrs. Julia Ann Quinn, aged seventy-four years and four months, relict of the late Joseph Quinn. The deceased lady was noted for a charitable and kind disposition and was always imbued with a true Christian spirit. In passing to her eternal reward she will be missed by a large number of personal friends amongst all classes who held her in high esteem. The funeral was a striking evidence of this, being one of the largest seen in this locality. The late Mrs. Quinn early in life taught school for many years in Merrickville and vicinity, and by her kind, gentle and zealous ways endeavored herself in the hearts of her pupils. The funeral cortege left her late residence at nine o'clock on Monday morning to St. Ann's church, where a Solemn Requiem Mass was chanted by Rev. Father M. E. Crowley for the repose of her soul, after which interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. The deceased is survived by three brothers, also two sisters, as well as many nephews and nieces. Of the brothers, Thomas and John live in Merrickville and Charles in Philadelphia, Pa. Of the sisters, Margaret lives in Merrickville and Sister M. Denise in the religious order of St. Joseph at St. Paul, Minn. Two of the nieces are sisters in religion in the order of St. Benedict at Duluth, Minn. One nephew, Chas. A. McGill, is a student of St. Michael's College, Toronto. The number of spiritual offerings silently spoke of the high esteem in which the deceased was held by her many friends. The pallbearers were John Keegan, Patrick McCabe, James Brennan, Joseph Kelly, William and Vincent O'Donnell. May her soul rest in peace.

It is a good job for some of those who ask for justice that they don't get it.

DIED

TURNER.—In New York, N. Y., on July 18th, Mrs. James Turner. May her soul rest in peace.

DEVINE.—At Ramsay, on Sunday, July 29, Mrs. Andrew Devine, aged eighty years. May her soul rest in peace.

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