

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CHINA.

FROM THE "MESSENGER OF THE SACRED HEART"

Regarding the recent trouble in China, the daily press has given utterance to certain mysterious hints...

The Imperial Government having for a long time authorized the propagation of the Catholic religion, and Catholic churches having, in consequence, been established in all the provinces of China...

1st. In the ecclesiastical hierarchy, bishops shall be entitled to the same rank and dignity as viceroys and governors...

2nd. Bishops shall make a list of the priests appointed to take charge of affairs and interview the authorities...

3rd. It would be useless for bishops living away from cities to visit the provincial capital for the purpose of being received by the viceroy or the governor...

4th. If any grave or important matter concerning a mission in any province should arise, the bishop and missionaries in office shall appeal to the minister of the interior...

5th. As occasions arise, the local authorities shall counsel the people, exhorting them to unite with the Christians...

6th. Bishops and priests shall likewise exhort all Christians to strive earnestly toward maintaining the good repute of the Catholic religion...

7th. In any suit between the people and the Christians, the local authorities shall judge and rule with equity...

8th. Clearly the purpose of the decree is to give the Catholic missionaries an official standing, enabling them to deal 'privately' with viceroys and mandarins in local questions touching religious matters...

HOW IRISH NAMES HAVE CHANGED.

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was formerly denied them, all representations having to be made through the consuls or ministers of the different foreign governments.

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"Globe," which has so often been manifested towards Catholics, dictates a course that must surely be applauded—the permitting Catholics to spend all their own funds in securing proper education for their children.

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"It does not matter who does it," said I, "I came here looking for a cook."

"We have only one girl just at present and she is now talking with a woman who may engage her. If this woman does not engage her you may see her."

"Miss So-and-So was certainly not prepossessing and her manner as pert. I waited until the woman found that the girl would not work for the wages which she was willing to pay and she withdrew in my favor. Miss So-and-So ordered the girl to go upstairs and then she began to cross-examine me."

"This cook," she said, "will not work for \$16 a month. Are you willing to pay \$18?"

"Yes," I answered, "and more if the girl will work for it."

"Where do you live?"

"In New Rochelle."

"How many servants do you employ?"

"I answered that question and half a dozen others, all the time waiting patiently to see the girl, when Miss So-and-So suddenly asked: 'What is your religion?'"

"I am a Roman Catholic," said I, thinking that she was merely anxious to know the name of the church going to a good home. Miss So-and-So's severe countenance became actually frosty.

"A Roman Catholic!" she exclaimed, in much the same way as she might have addressed me if I were a Chinese Boxer; "and you come here for a servant?"

"Certainly," said I, in surprise, "and why not?"

"Why didn't you go to your priest?" she asked. "Don't you know that we never send our girls into Catholic families? We never do such a thing."

"Why not?" I asked, still somewhat puzzled.

"Catholics abuse Protestant girls," I know the Catholics thoroughly because I was once a missionary among them. They are bigots and they will not treat our girls decently."

"If the woman had told me that I was afflicted with smallpox she could not have shown more horror. I told her that we did not mind Methodist missionaries in the least, and that I had never heard of such narrowness. I told her some other things which occurred to me at the time, but I was too disgusted and angry to do the subject justice. Just as I was finishing my comments in came Miss Blank, who was the head of the mission."

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we will not permit our Methodist girls to go to Catholic families. 'Why it is perfectly obvious, said Miss Blank in a superior way. 'But it isn't obvious to me, said I, 'and it is not worth discussing with either of you. I never had an experience of this sort before and I did not know that such people as you are existed in New York. It would be a waste of time, however, to prolong this discussion or to tell you what I think of you.'

"I left the house, and I really felt as if these two women thought that I had contaminated it. I have engaged servants from all sorts of missions before and I never had such question raised. I do not know whether this rule is that of this downtown Methodist mission or whether it was prepared by these two women in accordance with their own narrow prejudice."

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THE IRISH UNIVERSITY. — Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., leader of the Irish Party, contributes a very interesting article to an American magazine entitled "The Present Position of the Irish Question," in which he thus summarizes the Catholic University question.

"This problem is probably little known in America, and it may be of interest to explain it in a few words. The British Government, in the days of Elizabeth, founded and endowed the University of Dublin as an exclusively Protestant institution for the purpose of planting the Protestant religion in Ireland. It remained exclusively Protestant for two hundred years, and, notwithstanding some efforts made within the last fifty years to extend the benefits of the education given there to other denominations, it remains practically a Protestant institution at the present day. The governing body is entirely Protestant; the teaching body is entirely Protestant, and its traditions are entirely Protestant. It has a Protestant divinity school within its walls, a Protestant chapel, a Protestant service and Protestant preachers."

"Under the circumstances Catholic parents do not send their children to the Dublin university. No one wants to tamper with existing endowments. What is asked is simply equality: The demand is based upon the fact that Catholics pay taxes as well as Protestants, that they are equally anxious to get university education and equally fit to profit by it. This claim is now supported by leading men on both sides of the House of Commons, and its triumph is inevitable."

DRUNKARDS IN DENMARK. — When the police in Denmark find a man helplessly drunk in the streets they drive the patient in a cab to the station, where he sobers off; then they take him home. The cabman makes his charge, the police doctor makes his, the agents make their claim for special duty, and this bill

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HIGH LANGUAGE.—The best part of Ireland's history, the really Irish part, cannot be read at all without a knowledge of Gaelic, says Father Reilly, of the diocese of Tuam. The right and genuine idea of Ireland, the true discernment of Irish affairs, of those lofty spirits who discuss them to our people abroad, can never be grasped through the medium of the English tongue. History written by Keating is intrinsically a different thing from history written by Macgeoghegan, or Haverty, or Joyce. Keating's mind was Irish of the soul of Erin. His language was the Gaelic of his native hills. The choice of his matter, the shape of his thought, the strain of his style, the incidents, the anecdotes he narrated, all of a radically different fountain, of a essentially atmosphere from anything attempted, or attemptable, in the same line in English. In the days of the supremacy of our national tongue we fascinated and bewitched the enemy and the stranger. We charmed the foreigner into complete assimilation with the life and aspirations of our country. We converted his nature into ours; we made him more Irish than ourselves.

Various Notes.

CONDEMN USE OF ALUM. — The committee on manufactures of the United States Senate were some time ago directed to investigate food adulterations, and accumulated a volume of testimony upon the subject from the best informed parties and highest scientific authorities in the country.

One of the greatest sources of danger to foods, the committee state in their report, exists in alum baking powder. The committee found, in testimony, they say, overwhelmingly condemnatory of the use of alum in baking powders, and recommended that such use be prohibited by law. Senator Mason, discussing in the Senate the report of the committee and the several bills introduced to carry the recommendations of the committee into effect, said: "When we made this report we made it based on the evidence before us, and the evidence is simply overwhelming. I do not care how big a lobby there may be here for the alum baking powder, I do not care how many memorials they publish, there is no place in the human economy of human food for this thing called alum. The overwhelming evidence of the leading physicians and scientists of this country is that it will do more harm to the human body, and that in many cases — if the gentleman will read the evidence, some of the physicians say they can trace cases in their own practice — there are diseases of the kidney due to the perpetual use of alum in their daily bread."

NUNS AS AGENTS. — A certain Catholic publishing house has recently sent out a circular in which it invites school Sisters to become its agents for the spread of a magazine, which it is getting out for young people. The Sisters are offered cash rewards for procuring new subscribers. We do not know how many of the school Sisters will accept the offer, but it would seem that for Catholic Sisters to make themselves the paid agents of any publication, would be a degradation of their station and a lowering of the high standards to which religious should aspire. —A.P. St. Louis Review.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. — The Hon. Jack Montgomery in his address on "The Sphere of the Catholic Layman" to which reference was made in our last issue, said: "The radical reformation of our public school system, so as to place it in harmony with the God-ordained rights and duties of parents and children, presents to-day to the Catholic layman and to the non-Catholic layman of this country, one of the grandest, richest and most promising fields for a harvest, both of human and of divine good, and everlasting happiness in the world to come, that ever stimulated the human ambition of the patriot or fired the religious zeal of the saint. This, too, is a work that belongs peculiarly to laymen, and not to the clergy. It is a work that can only be accomplished through the ballot box and in the halls of legislation."

THE MAN FOR THE PLACE. — An advertisement in a newspaper calling for "a first-class bookkeeper at \$3 a week" drew forth the following answer, the only one attracted by the munificent salary: "I am a young man thirty-seven years of age, well educated, a business experience of twenty-three years, being connected with the United States Embassy at Madagascar, and feel confident if you will give me a trial I can prove my worth to you. I am not only an expert bookkeeper, proficient stenographer and typewriter, excellent operator and erudite college graduate, but have several other accomplishments which might make me desirable. I am an experienced snow-shoveller, a first-class peanut-coaster, have some knowledge of removing superfluous hair and clipping puppy dogs' ears; have a medal for reciting 'Curfew Shall Not Ring To-Night,' am a skilled chiropodist and a practical farmer; can also cook, take care of horses, repair trousers, open oysters and repair umbrellas. Being possessed of great physical beauty, I would not only be useful, but would be ornamental to the household. I have the sacred precincts of your office that delightful artistic charm that a Salsom vase or a stuffed billy goat would. As to salary, I would feel that I was robbing the widow and swiping a spongetake from the orphan if I were to take advantage of your munificence by accepting the too fabulous sum of \$3 per week, and I would be entirely willing to give you my services for less, and by accepting \$1.37 per week would give you an opportunity of not only increasing your donation to the church, paying your butcher and keep up your life insurance, but also to found a home for indigent flypaper salesmen and endow a free bed in the cat home."

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