

in order to reach them. Their complaint is that our religion is so cold and dry.

Most people who know a little about Bolivia believe it to be entirely Catholic. It is true that Romanism does to a large extent dominate it; but it also can be truly said that it is largely pagan. Away from the large cities will be found many Indians who are virtually heathen, with perhaps a few of the trappings of Rome. Many of the tribes in the interior are fierce and wild, and will kill and eat the white man if tra-

Christians should reverence it. By the people here Christ is considered great because He is the Son of Mary. Mary comes first and receives all the homage and worship due Jesus. The religion here is Mariolatry pure and simple. Jesus is always presented to them as a helpless, innocent babe, or as a dead Christ nailed to the cross, and never as a risen and powerful Saviour—One ready to help the heartbroken and needy. They are taught to look to Mary for all good; that she, being Queen of Heaven, com-



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velling among them unprotected. These do not know who God is.

I am afraid that many at home are not in sympathy with work in South American countries, believing that the Catholic Church is Christian, and therefore able to look after the spiritual needs of the people. Whatever the Catholic Church presumes to be at home, she is not Christian here. The name of Jesus is not revered as

manners, and is obeyed even by God Himself. How many of you can say, knowing this, that Bolivia is a Christian country and needs not the Gospel? Lack of reverence for God is not thought anything of; but to be lacking in reverence for Mary—some even in this day and generation are ready to lay violent hands upon all such sinners and heretics. In Cuzco, Peru, over the door of the Jesuit Church is this interpretation