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Memory of the Very Rev. Edward Sorin.

By MAURICE FRANCIS BOGAN. Let others praise in him the saint—The champion of our Christ and God; Let others all his virtues praise; Above the head beneath the sod. For me, I love the poet best, Idealist! Idealist! Who sees beyond the clouds at rest. The clearer space with sunrise light...

MR. POPE'S LECTURE IN DEMAND.

Two literary and musical entertainments were held under the society's auspices during the year. At the first Mr. J. Pope's paper on 'Anglican claims' was read. The report says the paper was immediately published and a large number of copies disposed of both in Canada and the United States. It adds: 'The criticisms of the Catholic press were highly laudatory and applications are being constantly received to be supplied with this valuable addition to our current Catholic literature...'

Flash and blood. But a weak constitution was their heritage, and soon that dread disease—consumption, began to make inroads upon their health. For four years it clung tenaciously to them never relinquishing its fast hold. But they, however, did not yield. Through all this time they worked and labored steadily and faithfully, and not until their frail bodies were no longer able to withstand the attack did they give up. One of the Sisters entered the interior last September; the other followed soon after. As patients they were side by side. What happy and holy thoughts must have been theirs during the long days and nights of their lingering illness! What a wholesome communion between two saintly souls! The world is incapable of fathoming the depth of the supernatural joy which flooded those two holy souls during their last sojourn upon earth! On the morning of Thursday, October 17, the first of the Sisters passed peacefully and quietly away; without struggle or pain she went from earth to heaven, no doubt feeling a certain sorrowful emotion that her dying Sister was not with her in her joy. But she did not have long to wait, for as her body was being taken out of the room where she died, and as it was being carried past the bed, the other Sister turned her face towards it and exclaimed: 'Good-bye, dear sister, I will see you soon.' The very words were fulfilled in very truth, for at seven o'clock in the evening of that same day, she too was called away to the home of her Heavenly Father.

These Catholic missions of the Chinese Empire have a long history; taken as a whole, but most of the actually existing Apostolic Vicariates and churches date only from the present century. The first mission from the West was that of the Franciscan, John of Monte Corvino, created in 1307 'Archbishop of Cambalu' by Clement V. The brave friar, with seven companions, actually penetrated into China and made converts there. These Franciscan Bishops ruled in succession the See of 'Canton,' which has been identified with Peking. A political revolution, followed by a persecution, put an end to this first period of the Chinese missions.

This gives for the whole of China a Catholic population of upwards of 550,000 members and 900 priests. With regard to the numbers of Catholics in the various provinces included in the total, the number would be very largely increased. Thus, for instance, in the last return for the mission of North China-tung we find that besides the 16,246 baptized Catholics there are 4,976 catechumens. In the adjacent district of South China-tung the Catholics number only a little over 2,000, but at the time of the last report there were over 5,000 catechumens under instruction and awaiting baptism. Catholic missionary statistics are not compiled on the principle adopted by most Protestant missionary organizations of counting every 'adherent' a Christian.

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Catholic Truth Society.

The following account of the annual meeting of the Ottawa Catholic Truth Society appeared in the Ottawa Evening Journal of the 12th inst: 'Capital' was the word at the annual meeting of the Catholic Truth Society held in Ottawa University yesterday afternoon. From the Archbishop, who was present, yesterday to the humblest member, the opinion of the past year's work was the same. There was a fair attendance. The ladies were well represented. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. J. A. J. McKenna, and on the platform were Archbishop Duhamel, Father McGuckin, Secretary W. C. DesBrisay and the treasurer, Dr. MacCabe. In the audience was a well known local doctor who takes a leading part in matters controversial, but on the anti-Catholic side. The meeting opened with an address by Mr. J. A. J. McKenna, the president. Mr. McKenna expressed the hope that Catholics would continue to support the Truth society. He likened the power of the Catholic laity to a moral Niagara, stating that the mission of the Truth society was to stand a channel by which some of the power of this Niagara might be utilized to spread Catholic truth. While Catholics knew they had the faith in its fullness, had the whole and entire truth, had the church built by God, not by men, the church that had civilized and humanized mankind, they too often forgot the obligations that go with this privilege. The obligations of the clergy did not excuse the laity from their share of the work of spreading the truth. The achievements of the Truth society should encourage and attract the support of the laity.

Catholics of China.

The Catholic missions in China, writes a correspondent of the Liverpool Catholic Times, must have a special interest for every member of the Church at the present moment, when the progress of the Faith in China and Japan renders their condition so critical. It is doubtful whether even educated Catholics realize the fact that there is no province in the whole of the vast Chinese Empire in which the Faith is never preached by the Catholic Church, but at the cost of unwearied labors and in the face of ever-present danger, gathered together communities of Chinese Christians, which are in many cases under the direct direction of native Chinese priests. This is not the case only along the coasts and on the lower reaches of the great rivers, where gunboats show European flags and make the resident foreigners comparatively safe from any outbreak of Chinese fanaticism—away on the confines of the desert beyond the Great Wall, or far up in the provinces that border on the central Highlands of Asia, the Catholic missionary is to be found. There is not a square inch of territory in the vast Empire of the Celestial Kingdom which is not being evangelized by the Catholic Church. This is due to the fact that the Chinese are not a homogeneous race, but are composed of many different peoples, and each of these peoples has its own language, its own customs, and its own religious beliefs. The Catholic missionaries have been able to reach these remote and often dangerous places by the aid of the Chinese people, who have often converted to Christianity of their own accord, and have then acted as missionaries to their fellow-countrymen.

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