

French missionaries who left home and country to plunge into the forests of five continents, carrying thither the Good Tidings. It was the French who brought religion to our shores in the seventeenth century, and it is their descendants who are doing their share in keeping it here. France is still the land of good works and missionary enterprise ; the birthplace of innumerable Orders and Congregations ; the home of the great organizations like the Propagation of the Faith, the Foreign Missions, the Apostleship of Prayer, etc. It would be an unutterable calamity, not to France alone, but to the universal Church, were the designs of the sectaries carried out, and France deprived of the means of educating future apostles ; the whole Church would feel the blow. So that it is no exaggeration to say that when we pray for the prosperity of the Faith in France, we are serving the dearest interests of the Catholic Church.

The reproach that is frequently cast up against the children of this " Eldest Daughter of the Church " is that they allow their government to be usurped by a comparatively few sectaries, to the detriment of religion and society ; that they do not take advantage of the privilege they have of universal suffrage, and once for all, hurl from power the Masonic tools whose open impiety brings discredit on their nation.

Frenchmen apparently do not realize what a weapon they have in the ballot-box ; otherwise, their apathy is utterly inexplicable. They have so many ways open to them to make their power felt : voting, petitions, personal influence are all at their disposal.

Members of the Apostleship have a power greater than these, the power of prayer. Let us not hesitate, during the present month, to make good use of it in the interests of the nation of France. Let us ask God to either change the hearts of her rulers or bring to nought their infamous designs.

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