FATHER FRASER'S LETTERS FROM CHINA

We are now giving to our readers some of the Father Fraser's letters which for one reason or another were not published at the time they were received. These realistic pictures of active Chinese missionary work sis that "In the beginning God creatare, we believe, well calculated to

Taichowfu, China, Nov 15, 1917.

My dear Friends.—Accept my heartfelt thanks for the many sacrifices you made during this year in sending me alms to keep my mission from bankruptcy. May Our Lord reward you generously and grant all your intentions! Last saturday I set out for Da Zie

to celebrate the Sunday and also inspect a lot I recently bought for

On arriving in the afternoon after a twenty miles journey I was sorry to hear that one of the Catholics of the town had died sarly that very morning without the Sacraments "but," they added "strange to say, he is still warm." I hastened to his bedside and gave him conditional absolution and when my mission box arrived an hour later he being still warm though the day was very cold I administered extreme unction. cold I administered extreme unction. His eyes which were glazad and open up till then slowly closed and the body gradually became cold. They then told me the whole story. The poor man had lain fifty days on his bed of sickness, always desiring the priest, but being very poor and the other inmates of his home pagans, like the man in the Gospel who had no man to place him in the pool no man to place him in the pool after the moving of the waters, had no means of sending for him. How earnestly he prayed for the priest's coming! He would spend hours repeating the only prayers he knew. His pagen daughter asked him what he was murmuring and he prevented

he was murmuring and he answered:
"I am too weak to explain. I am
saying the Lord's prayer." Friday,
the day before his death, she gave
him some soup but calling to mind
the precept of abstinence he spat it
out and ordered her to rinse his
mouth several times. He head the nouth several times. He heard that the priest was to come the next day and was overjoyed, but he said: "I am afraid I cannot last till then and I will be lost, dying without the sacraments. Be sure and clean up the house for the priest's visit. Any old rags will do for my inner garments out let my outer clothes be neat, as I am going into the presence of my er and be sure to place my crucifix and other articles of devotion in my coffin for fear they should fall into the hands of pagans and be desecrated." At midnight he died to all appearances but coming to again he said: "The King of Heaven told me to go back, that I could not enter." (It was the first time I heard of a Christian calling God by that name. They call Him Lord of Heaven.) Towards dawn he again went into an again year, into an again dead because went into an agony, died and became cold, but on my arrival warmed again which, as I said above, induced me to administer the last sacra-ments. I firmly believe Our Lord

> Yours very gratefully, J. M. FRASER.

OUR BEGINNING AND

END

(REV. B. X. O'REILLY) Some forty years ago Thomas Henry Huxley the English biologist, completed his theory of human life. The scientific world accepted it as the last lesson and has since worked on his thought that the whole universe is a great big machine running with absolute regularity, producing fixed types but werking without the hand of any engineer. From the professor of natural history in Aberdsen University comes a volume deen University comes a volume which completely upsets the generally accepted theory of Huxley. The professor shows it to be groundless hypothesis unsupported by facts and wholly inadequate to explain the laws of the universe. of the universe or the secret of hu-

of the universe of the scatter of man life.

Belief "in God the Creator of heaven and earth" is the basis of all religious and theological truth. It underlies all the other truth concerning God. The proposition that God is the absolute primary source of all other reality, in itself though of all ether reality, in itself though not in the order of our attainment, is also the first philosophical truth. The Fourth Laternal Council defined

independent Sovereign, it is quite obvious that God is the Creator of all things efinite. We read in Geneed heaven and earth." Some have stimulate interest in the later and still more important phase of Canadian participation in the glorious work of the conversion of China to which Father Fraser is now consecrating his energy and his zeal enlightened by a rich experience.

Catholic Mission Taichowfu, China, Nov 15, 1917.

My dear Friends.—Accept my this idea of the creation of the universe. It is true that there are a few ambiguous expressions in the works of Origen and Tertullian, but they are more than overbalanced by other unmistakable declarations of

these same writers. From a purely rational view there is no other way to adequately solve the existence of the universe save by an act of creation. The materialist would have that the matter of which the universe composed is self existing. What is self existing must be essentially necessary, immutable an finite. The matter of which the world is made is not necessary. There is no intrinsic reason for its existence. It is definitely deter-mined in extension and space. It is not immutable for we can see changes in it on all sides. It depends upon the natural forces and therefore not absolute as a selfexistent being must be. There can be no question that it is finite be-cause we ourselves can limit its extension. If the natural forces were infinite there could be no

These scientists have argued back by a process of evolution to the original atom. When they reach whence it came. If it was eternally active it would be older than geologists themselves claim. If this atom was not endowed with an eternal activity by what process or power did it become active? It must have become active either by some power that was in itself or some power that existed before it. If the power of motion was intrinsic the scientist does not explain how these different elements became separated into their various species in kind and number. To say that the original atom was started in motion by some external cause means that there is a God.

To put the whole question in a few words: The scientist that does not believe in a Creator must explain not only the origin of the universe from the atom but must equally explain both the atom and the power that started it in motion towards the process of evolution; he must explain the constant and universal order that we find in the formation of the earth, he cannot attribute it to chance; he must explain by what process these atoms assembled in the present particular order and not

When we say that God created all things we do not deny that there may have been a process of evolu-tion. It is not claimed that the "six days" mentioned in Genesis are days as we understand them or nec-essarily specific parts of time. The Catholic Biblical scholars are allowed means. I firmly believe Our Lord heard his prayer and did not allow his soul to depart until purified. He was a good man and very faithful to the church ever since his conversion from paganism a few years ago. He never missed Mass or Communion when the priest came to his town. when the priest came to his town, days signify nothing more than a always came to Taichowfu for the always came to Taichowfu for the big feasts and on ordinary Sundays recited the prayers in common with the other Christians in the rented lofts which we call a chapel. May he rest in peace.

Succession in the order in which the creative works were manifested to the angels. The eminent excepte that the christian explaints which is in perfect agreement with the Christian conception of the universe.

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The question resolves itself into the question resolves resent into the following few facts. From the Bible, the constant belief of the Jawish people, the universal testimony of the Fathers of the Christian Character was a part of the Christian control of the Fathers of the Christian character was a support of the Fathers of the Christian character was a support of the Fathers of the Christian character was a support of the Fathers of the Christian character was a support of the Fathers of the Christian character was a support of the Church, backed up by the argument from pure reasons, we must believe that the universe was brought into existence by some Eternal Creative power. Against that we find the unsupported hypotheses of a comparatively few scientists. Those who do not believe in the creation of the universe have not established their proposition. At most they have raised difficult objections but all of them have been satisfactorily answered. The fault of science during the past century was that it at-tempted to explain the universe withtempted to explain the universe with-out taking God in its calculations. It analysed down to the atom but it was forced to admit that it could not explain the atom. It dissected and analysed the human body down to its very elements, but it could not construct from these elements. to its very elements, but it could not construct from these elements a living, thinking man. The scientists of today, more honest than those of the last century, admit that an attempt to explain the universe without God was a failure. It was built on hypotheses without a shred of fact to support them.

specifically and explicitly stated in the Bible, but the teaching on God and the relation of the universe to Him unmistakably affirms creation. If He is the "beginning and the end of all things," if as Saint Paul says all things else are from Him and by Him and in Him, if He is, as the Psalmist tells us, the absolute and tine Birrell.

THE WESTERN FAIR

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London's popular Exhibition, the Western Fair, will be held this year from September 6th to the 13th. Prize list entry forms, hangers and other advertising matter will soon be ready to mail.

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OBITUARY

REV. MOTHER CLARE COSTER

The many friends in and about London, will regret to hear of the death of Mother Clare Coster, after a severe illness at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Sault Aux Recollets. Montreal, on Friday 11th instant. Mother Coster was widely known and much beloved, especially by her old pupils of the Sacred Heart Con-Queens Avenue, London, Ont. where she spent several years. The Requiem Service was held and inter ment took place at the Convent at the Sault. Requiescat in pace.

JAMES QUINN

On Saturday evening, June 7th one of the oldest and most respected residents of Lanark County was called by the Angel of death. Eighty-four years and seven months ago James Quinn was born on the farm on which he spent the whole period of his long life. The deceased was very much beloved and respected by all who knew him and those who were privileged to know him best loved him most. For some years he was councillor of Lanark. His wife, Was councillor of Lanark. His whe, Elizabeth McNaughton, died about fifteen years ago, while his family of eleven children all survive him. They are: Thomas and Patrick, on the homestead; Mrs. Hugh MoDonald of Drammond. William of Eagueon's of Drummond, William of Ferguson's Falls, Mrs. Patrick Murphy of Balderson, James E. of Edmonton, John and Frank, who reside on farms adjoin-ing the homestead; Sisters M. James and M. Edward, Sisters of Charity, Kingston, and Charles of Chapleau, The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of their many friends and acquaintances who realize the loss they have sustained in his death.

The funeral took place at Ferguson's Falls and was both large and impressive, the remains being borne to their last resting place by his six sons, testifying to the sincere sym pathy of the many friends of the bereaved family.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CATHOLIC

There are many Catholics who do uot realize how very generous God has been to them. They do not appreciate the fact that in giving us the gift of faith, He has given us the the gift of faith, He has given us the greatest gift He can give us in this life. Having this faith we are members of the true Church established by our Lord Jesus Christ. This Church is the Holy Roman Catholic Church—"yesterday, today and the same forever." Christ abides with this Church. Through this Church He teaches us the truths revealed by God, and which we are required by Him to accept and believe. The substance of these truths is found in the Apoetles Creed. Through the Church He explains to us what are our duties toward God, our neighbor and ourselves. These duties are contained in the Church He substance of these duties are contained in the Church He substance of these truths is found in the Church He explains to us what are our duties toward God, our neighbor and ourselves. These duties are contained in the Churchs He substance of these duties are contained in the Church He substance of these duties are contained in the Church He substance of these duties are contained in the Church He substance of these duties are contained in the Church He substance of these duties are contained in the Church He substance of the substance of these duties are contained in the Church He substance of the substance of these duties are contained in the Church He substance of the substan our auties toward God, our neighbor and ourselves. These duties are con-tained in the Commandments of God and the Church. Moreover, He has made His Church the dispenser of spiritual strength to help us serve God as He would have us serve Him. This strength comes to us principally through prayer and reprincipative in This strength comes to us principally through prayer and participation in the Sacraments. As Catholics, therefore, we know what is right in the matter of faith and morals. Besides this we have the means of persevering in the friendship of God, or of regaining it, if, uplartunately, we have

gaining it, if, unfortunately, we have lost it through the commission of sin. Do you ever think what a wonderful privilege it is to be a Catholic?
Do you realize that there are thou sands of men and women outside the true Church, men and women who in many ways are better than Many ways are better than you and I, who are ignorant of revealed truth, who are unsupported by the Sacraments? Thank God that He has made you a member of the true Church! Strive earnestly to live up to her teachings. Sarratings, we The Fourth Laternal Council defined that "Ged is the sole principle of all things visible and invisible, the Creater of all." This dectrine is plainly taught in the Holy Scripture. In Isaias we read, "I am the Lord that makes all things and there is none with Me." That the universe was created out of nothing is not so

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