What is the future of the Catholic Church in India?

The conversion of India is the key the Catholic conquest of the

Orient.

India is the greatest religious potentiality of the eastern world. The Catholic Church in India is making provision to meet whatever situation a crisis may bring. The initial step is the emphasis of a policy long since inaugurated—the creation of a native church and hierarchy. The recent consecration of Monsignor Vazapilly as Vicar-Apostolic of Trichur, and the formation of a new diocese to be administered wholly by native priests are significant of the steps being taken to safeguard the faith against a day however remote when Europeans may possibly be driven out of may possibly be driven out of India.

The unrest is forcing 3,000,000 Catholics in India to better organization. It is causing the inevitable crumbling of the Hindu caste that almost impregnable barrier to India's evangelization. The development of a united Catholicity was the chief subject of an All-India Conference held just at the close of 1921.

In view of these facts and conditions the N. C. W. C. News Service has prepared a series of three articles on the missionary move-ment in India, based on recent advices received from that country and from statistics furnished by authorities on Indian Catholic missions. It is expected that they will be of value in interpreting the news that comes over the daily wires regarding that country.

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The Catholic missionary move-ment in India is witnessing the blossom time of its second spring.

There are now 3,000,000 Catholics in this great country of more than 300,000,000 people, of nearly two hundred different languages and of more than five hundred dialects, which is today seething with physically more sturdy and vigor-

There are two American missionary congregations—the Congrega-tion of the Holy Cross—which has had its laborers in the field since 1858 and the Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus. There are also missionary priests from many European countries in a fighting force for Catholicity that last year included priests from thirteen religious orders and foreign mis-sionary societies, brothers from twelve orders and congregations and sisters from sixty-four orders and

The native clergy, fifteen hundred in number, now have charge of three dioceses; Goa, Damaan and Mylopore, as well as the recently established Vicariate-Apostolic of Trichur, where the appointment of Monsignor Francis Vazapilly, the first purely native Bishop as Vicar-Apostolic has marked the first step in the formation of a native hier-

To the spread of the faith through this devoted army of laborers there are momentous obstacles which may be overcome only by tireless energy and inexhaustible patience.

THE BARRIER OF CASTE

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The most popular of the Hindu deities is the goddess Kali, black of face, fierce of eye and with blood tickling from her gory mouth and protruding tongue. In some Hindu households, at one time or another, mothers open the veins of their most on the missionary activities begun in 1500.

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CREATION OF NATIVE PRIESTHOOD SHOULD HAVE FARREACHING RESULTS
What is the future of the Catholic

What is the future of the Catholic be buried up to the neck and then permit their heads to be besmeared with honey, that bees and a host of flies and stinging insects may tor-ment them for days at a time. For Hindus in religion are intensely in earnest. This is shown by the fact that native converts will walk

Mass and receive Holy Communion.

But surpassing the mortifications of the people is the patience and superstitious fear with which these people will observe the caste system, which raises its pitiless social barriers to divide the people into classes at their birth. The greatest of all crimes, for a strict Hindu, is to break the rules of caste; an offence greater than murder or blasphemy.

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" SAINT " MACSWINEY

Among these Hindus, according to a recent contributor to the Catholic World, himself a non-Catholic, the foreign missionaries who can do the most effective work are the Irish Catholics, especially those who aspire to nationality for Ireland.

The world does not seem to realize" writes G. B. Lal, "how profound is the sympathy for Ireland among the vast bulk of the people of India. The Nationalist organizations—the Indian National Congress, the Sikh Conference, etc. went on record with resolutions of the deepest sympathy with the martyrdom of 'Mahatma Mac-Swiney.' The point to be noted is that the Indian masses, touched by nationalism, have already canonized

the late Lord Mayor MacSwiney as a 'Mahatma'—'Saint.'"
"Christianity," the same writer declares further, "rejected by the high-class Hindu when offered by the Scotch or English Protestant hand, may yet take root in India if brought there by Americans of Irish

is the Mohammedan of India, numbering 70,000,000, sleek, fat and physically more sturdy and vigorous than his Hindu neighbor. The Mohammedans in some sections of India are not as a rule, as intelligent as the Hindus, yet they are descendants of mighty and accom-plished progenitors who three hundred years ago wrote a remarkable literature and who reared the most beautiful monument on earth, the Taj Mahal, to the memory of a virtuous queen.

Gandhi, the leader of the non-o-operative movement in India is a Hindu. Shakut and Mohammed Ali, who like Gandhi, have been jailed by the British Government, are Mohammedans.

GREAT MISSIONARY CONQUESTS

Catholicity in India dates back to Apostolic times. The East Indian Church was founded by the Apostle St. Thomas and his Christians of the Syro-Malabar rite sent a bishop to the Council of Nice in 325. These Christians fell into Nestorianism about the year 500, but a new era for the Catholic Church began with the opening of the world by the great navigators of Spain and Portugal. The first band of missionabout 1500 and St. Francis Xavier ment took place in St. P introduced the Jesuits into India. tery, Alliston. R. I. P. The first of these is the caste system of the Hindus—and the Hindus represent three-fourths of the population of India. Hinduism the population of India. Hinduism the population of India. Hinduism the population of the suppression of the sup is creedless. It has no moral code. Jesuits in Portuguese territory and O'Connor, which took place at her Indeed, sin, in its true sense, the outbreak of the French revoluscarcely exists in the conception of the Hindu.

tion were however events that brought a halt to missionary activi-

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East Indians owing allegiance to the Holy See. Within the last

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But the future promises to see

greater strides. Perhaps the most significant event from a Catholic point of view, held Madras, a great missionary move-ment whose purpose was the con-version of India and the Orient. In the words of one of the native Catholic leaders:
"The Marian Congress is the

beginning of the great push. The Congress should not be an isolated demonstration of our faith; it ought twenty-five miles fasting to hear to be the initiation of a missionary Mass and receive Holy Communion. effort that will conquer the Orient

OBITUARY

REV. H. J. GIBNEY On Wednesday morning, March 29th, their occurred at his home in Alliston the death of one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens in the person of Rev. Father H. J. Gibney. Born in Toronto, Aug. 10, 1846, educated in St. Michael's College, where he completed his academic studies in 1869, he proceeded to the Grand Seminary and having finished his theological course he was ordained in the Cathedral, Toronto, by Archbishop Lynch, Aug. 25th, 1872. After nine month's curacy at St. Paul's, Power St., he appointed Pastor of North Adjala Parish in the summer of 1878. Here he resided nine years and during this time he attended the distant mission of West Mona. In 875 he took steps to erect St. Paul's Church, Alliston, the cornerstone of which was laid May 28, 1876 Up to the year 1882 the pastoral residence was beside the church in North Adjala when Rev. Father Gibney transferred it to Alliston, where he had already erected a handsome presbytery. Kindly and refined he made friends on every side and this friendship continued throughout his life. Owing to failing health and advancing years he terminated his long pastorate of forty-seven years and two months on Sept. 20th, 1920. So much was attached to his people, whom he had served for so many years, he chose to spend his declining years in their midst. In recent years his heart gave him trouble and notwithstanding the greatest possible care and best medical attention he succumbed to the disease at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. The funeral took place Saturday morning, April 1st. Father O'Brien, present pastor, assisted by Very Rev. Dean Hand as Deacon and Rev.

Father Wm. McCann as Subdeacon and Rev. Father Wilson as master ceremonies sang the funeral ss. His life long friend Dean Harris preached a very eloquent sermon to a congregation of his many friends who filled the church. Another life long friend Father E. Murray presided at the organ. In the sanctuary were present: His Grace Archbishop N. McNeil, who administered the last absolution, also Monsignor M. J. Whelan ; Monsignor J. Kidd, president of St. Augustine's Se minary;

Carberry, Orillia; Father Flannigan, Uptergrove; Father McCabb gan, Uptergrove; Father McCabb, Toronto; Father Minehan, Toronto; Father W. Heydon, Toronto, Father Sullivan, C.S. S. R., Toronto, Father Barcello, Toronto; Father Thos. Heydon, C. S. B., Windsor; Rev. Robert Walsh, Colgan; Rev. aries, the Franciscans, reached India J. F. Kehoe, North Adjala. Interabout 1500 and St. Francis Xavier ment took place in St. Paul's Ceme-

In the death of Mrs. Daniel

of charming dispositi n of friend-ship and kindliness that endeared Thomas Morkin. May her soul rest hands to appease Kali with human blood.

The Holy See. Within the last ling sacrifices made in the name of religion, as among that class of religion, as among that class of religion, as a mong that class of rel mont, Montreal, Mary A. mont, Montreal, Mary A. widow of the late Michael May her soul rest in peace.

CREIGHTON.—At St. Josep pital, London, on Monday, o Sacred Heart. Her charity and kindness were great, for her foremost thought was to be able to be of service to some one. Her devotion to the Rosary was wonderful. She has thus left to her children a lasting example of that good old

genuine Irish faith and piety. Sister M. St. Patrick of the Loretto Orders, Toronto, Rev. Sister St. Catherine of Sienna of the Grey Nuns of the Cross, Ottawa, The Misses Lizzie, Annie, Jessie at home, Mrs. J. M Benvit of Verner, Ont., two sons James and Daniel.

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gave evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased was held. On Thursday morning the 6th inst. her sorrowing friends and relatives gathered to pay their last tribute of respect when her remains tribute of respect when her remains good home. Address Mrs. J. A. Cuthbert Box 886, Orillia, Ont. were borne to John's church where Requiem Mass was chanted by Rev. Gerald H. Gorman, P. P. of Osgoode and thence to John's cemetery where she was laid to rest in the family plot.

family plot.

Many tributes of sympathy were received from friends some of whom were: Rev. Father Fay, Rev. Father A. J. Gorman, Rev. Father

Tierney, Rev. Father Leighane, Chicago, Rev. Father Lynch, Chicago, Rev. Father Perrin, S. J., Chicago, Rev. Mother Albert and Community in India in recent years, was the Grey Nuns of the Cross, Ottawa, Marian Congress of last year in Rev. Mother Pulcheria and Community of the Loretta Order, Toronto, Rev. Mother Irene and Community of Woodlawn Convent, Chicago, Rev. Sisters and pupils of St. Bride's school Chicago, Rev. Sisters, teachers and pupils of Our Lady's school, Ottawa. Numerous spiritual offerings were received from friends and relatives.

THE CANADIAN PILGRIMAGE

A large party of Canadian people sailed from St. John, on April 21st, by the Canadian Pacific steamer "Corsican" for the Canadian Pilgrimage to Rome under the direction of Thos. Cook & Son. The party numbered about eighty people, including many prominent church dignitaries, and have as Spiritual Directors,—Rev. Father E. J. Devine, S. J., Editor, Canadian Messenger of the Sacred Heart; Messenger of the Sacred Heart; Rev. Father Joseph Papin Archambault, S. J.; and Mgr. S. J. Doucet, Vicar General of the Diocese of Chatham, N. B.; Mgr. P. L. Belliveau of Grandigue, N. B.; Rev. Father E. J. Cornell, O. M. I. Parish Priest St. Joseph's Church, Ottawa; Rev. Father R. T. Lapointe, Vicar of the Basilica of Ottawa: Rev. Father J. C. Car-Ottawa; Rev. Father J. C. Carberry of Orillia, Ontario; Rev. Father J. B. Tetreau of St.-Pie-de-Bagot; Rev. Father Napoleon Paquette of Marquis, Sask.; Rev. Father John Mireault of St. Elizabeth Many Peres Father A. beth, Man.; Rev. Father A. J. Trudel of Lameque, N. B.; Rev. Father J. B. Bernier of Lauzon, Que., etc.

Prominent laymen have also secured membership for this interesting tour. Among these we note the names of Dr. Victor Morin, L. L. D., President Royal Society of Canada, Canadian Authors Associa-tion, Canadian Association of Notaries, St. Jean Baptiste Society, etc., Professor J. B. Lagace, M. A., Professor of the History of Arts at Montreal University; Mi. Norbert Decelles, former Senator and Director General of the French Canadian Artisan Society of Woonsocket, R. I.; Mr. P. C. Tremblay Honorary Conservator of the Chateau de Ramsay of Montreal His Grace Bishop Emard of Valleyfield, as well as Canon Laframboise and Canon Bissonnette, also of Valleyfield, will accompany the tour

as far as Paris. On Thursday, April 20th, at eight o'clock in the morning a low Mass was celebrated in the church of Notre Dame de Bonsecours, the Mariners Shrine, by Rev. Father Archambault, to implore the Divine 123 Church St. Blessing on the Pilgrims during their vovage.

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DIED

DELANEY.—At Ottawa, Ont., on March 28, 1922, Mr. Patrick Delaney, aged seventy-four years May his soul rest in peace.

CREIGHTON.—At St. Joseph's Hospital, London, on Monday, April 10, 1922, James Creighton, in his seventieth year. May his soul rest in peace.

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