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### LETTER FROM FRASER

All Hallows College, Dublin, June 22, 1919. My Dear Friends of the CATHOLIC

On my way to Rome I have stopped a few days in Ireland. I gave illustrated lectures on the missions of Chinain All Hallows, Maynooth, Black rock and the Dominican Convent and tomorrow night to one hundred and fitty students preparing to be teachers in the Catholic Schools of Ireland. Ialso visited Dalgan Park in the west of Ireland seat of Irish teachers in the Catholic Schools of Ireland. Ialso visited Dalgan Park in the west of Ireland seat of Irish Mission to China and assisted at the ordination of two students. They have secured a beautiful site for their work of educating priests for China—a spacious stone building in the centre of an immense park. There are twenty seven priests and over thirty seminarians preparing for missionary labors in China. Many more are asking for admission. Some of the priests are engaged in the college as professors, some the college as professors, some the college as professors, some are preaching on the Chinese Missions in the Churches of Ireland and some doing the same in the United States. They generously gave me one of their students, a Subeacen, to help me in my work and I have made arrangements for transference to our China Mission College in Almente, Ontario. Today I assisted at a most inspiring

ceremony here in All Hallows College-the elevation to the priesth of twenty-two students destined for missions, literally all over the world. As they lay on their faces in a great semicircle with the Bishop in the semicircle with the Bisnop in the center, and all was pomp and splendor, the scene bore a striking resemblance to that described in the Appealypse where the ancients prostrate themselves before the Throne and the Lamb. and the Lamb. And then which was all over and the newly ordained, dressed in priestly vestments, were tree to bestow their blessing on their And then when it numerous friends, who had come from all parts of Ireland, the scene of joy and congratulation was in-

I learned from two priests, guests from the United States, the good news that a companion priest in their dio-cese, a friend of mine, has obtained per-mission from his Bishop to join me in my present work.

Everything then looks very promising and I am sure the Hely Father will be deligated at the work for the Chinese Missions begun in Canada and bestow on it his choisest blessing. Before the end of the week I shall be in Rome. A little prayer, please the success of this great work and for the conversion of China.

Yours very gratefully, J. M. FRASER.

### ASSIMILATION

The saying that "in our time we read too much and think too little has started us pendering on the subject of assimilation. Not what read makes us learned but we make our own by assimilation, just as it is not eating but digestion that gives us bodily strength, and not bearing the word of God but doing it hearing the word of God but doing it that makes us religious. There is an analogy between these three kinds of assimilation, but not a complete likeness, as will be seen discally in each there is an active. directly. In each there is an active and passive factor, but the resultant likeness is not in each at the same When we take feod we assimilate it to ourselves, we make it part ilate it to ourselves, we make it part of our bodily substance. It is the active force of digestion that brings about this wenderful result in plants, in animals, and in men. The food ceases to be what it was and becomes something quite different: muscle, nerve, bone, tooth, hair and so forth.

The object remains the tour mind becomes some a stricken world.—Boston Pilot. thing different. Our mind is being assimilated to the object: it becomes knowing from having been ignorant. Cognition is the conformation of the mind to truth. Still, while food is mind to truth. Still, while food is entirely passive in the process of digestion, the mind is active in the assimilation of knowledge. With its memory it retains the information, with its thinking power its amalga mates it with the knowledge already mates it with the knowledge already possessed. This requires arraination and deliberate effort. The stomach acts spontaneously when supplied with food. So does the mind somewith food. So does the mind some-times when an exceptionally interest-ing subject is presented to it, or when a man finds himself in an embarrassing situation that requires embarrassing situation that requires mental strategy for deliverance. But that the mind may do so habitually requires sustained effort. This is why much reading is of little profit to the lazy thinkers. "I am afraid of the reader of one book "is an afraid of the reader of one book "is an old saying. He who has thoroughly mastered one book, and done much thinking on its contents, is a much more formidable opponent than he who has devoured a library. Why, the Fathers of the Church were pretty good theologians, and their almost exclusive book was the Bible. This brings us to the analogy of religion. We hear it semetimes said, "That man got religion at a recent

religion. We hear it semetimes said,
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revival." Well, that may have been
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More yet than in cognition true religion revival." Well, that may have been but a doubtful blessing. It would have been betterifreligion had gothim. Moreyetthan in cognition true religion consists in the conformation of man's whole being to the object of religion. Man's mind must be conformed to the truth of God by faith, and man's will to the holiness of God by being of one will with Him. This is the

THER assimilation of religion, all the change being on the part of a man. Here, indeed, we have, what we have not got in food or in objects of knowledge, the active principle of grace which alone makes possible, and has the leading role throughout, the process of man's assimilation to God. But, nevertheless, man must

means of salvation, there are so few saints. If Christ says, "My yoke is sweet and My burden is light," this applies to those who consistently from their youth up have borne the

### TESTIMONY OF HISTORY

We are living in troublous times. We are living in troublous times. All around rage the elements of disorder. Pessimists predict that the economic structure reared with such pain and toil by human hands will crumble, and that a new social system will vice upon the rains of the em will rise upon the ruins of the

We know not what the future may bring, but this we do know, that the only stable element in the world today is the Catholic Church. When all else is fluid she is firm and immovable as the rock upon which she was founded. For she was not built by human hands. She was not built by God.

She has received a divine commis-She has received a divine commission that preserves her forever impregnable from within, and impregnable from without. Behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world," This is the secret of her perennial youth. This is why she is able at all great crisis in history to inject noise and

We can take comfort in the fact that what the Church has done so well in the past she is doing today, saving the world from a relapse into barbarism. The great War is one of the giant cataclysms that the follies of men have produced periodically in history. Other great upheavale have occurred in the past and will in all occurred in the past and will in all probability occur in the future. The parsecutions of pagan Rome, the fury of destruction.

It is the same today. History is It is the same today. History is repeating itself. Against Bolshevism, divorce, irreligion and injustice, the Casholic Church is continuing her centuries - long struggle. When something quite different: muscle, nerve, bone, tooth, hair and so forth.

On the contrary, when we read, or interest of the thing but our mind that is changed. The object remains the contract of the contra

### BOLSHEVISM IN AMERICA

because, as he says, a democratic country can make pregress wishout the use of force, which in autocratic countries is sometimes the highest form of patrictism. Force used to dethrone democracy, as advocated by the I. W. W. and Bolshevist, is treathe I. W. W. and Bolshevist, is treason to the masses of the people.
G. P. Steinmetz, manager of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y., discusses the danger of Bolshevism in this country in the April number of the American Mag. Bolshevism in this country in the April number of the American Magazine. He calls himself a Socialist of the evelutionary kind. In America, he asserts, the majority always

Organized labor is bringing about more satisfactory industrial organiz-ation, and the great work of recon-

God. But, nevertheless, man must be intensely active, too, if the result is to be achieved.

This is why, in spite of abundant means of salvation there are so few

thus will they be able to pay adequate wages to their employees.

In the meantime the policy of "treating 'em rough," that some misguided persons advocate should be used against all those who protest against the present avils of care. against the present evils of our in-dustrial system is fundamentally wrong, and received a stinging re-tort from President Wilson in his address before a French academy on May 10. If the grievances com-plained of really exist they should be remedied; if not, let the fools talk, says the President. He added: "Men speak too often of State as a thing which would ignore the indi-

thing which would ignore the individual, as a thing which was privi-leged to dominate the fortune of nen by a sort of inherent and sacred authority. Now as an utter democrat, I have never been able to accept that view of the State. My views of the State is that it must stop and listen to what I have to say, no matter how humble I am, and each man has the rith the state. and each man has the right to have and each man has the right to have his voice heard and his counsel heeded, insofar as it is worthy of him. I have always been among those who believe that the greatest freedom of speech was the greatest safety, because if a man is a fool the best thing to do is to encourage him to advertise the fact by speaking. It cannot be so easily discovered if you allow him to remain silent and look wise, but if you let him speak, the secret is out and the world knows that he is a fool."

Archibishop Mundelein of Chicago recently expressed his view of Bolsh. evism in the following words, wor-

thy of quotation:
Bolsheviki means the majority, Bolsheviki means the inajority, and the majority are always the poor. And so, if the American business man will learn the lesson to treat his workman fairly and justly is the secret of her perennial youth.
This is why she is able at all great crisis in history to inject poise and balance into the councils of men and save civilization from chaos and confusion.

It is one of the enigmas of history that men of the world have always failed to recognize this patent fact. It is one of the enigmas of history that men of the world have always failed to recognize this patent fact that the Church is the great stabilizer of human society. This studied blindness in regard to the Catholic Church, this sin against the light of history, will always continue, for Christ Himself has said that the world will always be found arrayed against His Church. It is a sign of her holiness. By this mark she is known as the true Church of Christ.

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(Special)

ing requirements of the customers. \$150,87 The progress made was referred to particularly by General Manager particularly by General Manager Mascn, who pointed out that liquid assets now amounted to over 57 p c. of the total liabilities to the public, or actual cash assets were the strongest in the history of the bank, representing approximately 22 p.c. of total liabilities to the public. Large gains were also made in deposits, the Dominion Victory Loan. The in-crease in deposits during the war public in both savings and general and capital, agriculture, commerce

public in both savings and general commercial lives. None of these figures include deposits of the Dominion Government.

The general statement of assets and liabilities everywhere reflects the progress mads, the total assets of the bank now standing as \$28,635 924 as compared with \$23,675,773 at the end of the previous year. Total deposits now stand at \$18,500,000, as compared with \$14,600,000 at the end.

other than Canadian, amount to \$2,-416,266, as compared with \$2,727,832.

Toronto - July - The reports sub- | This amount, added to profit and Toronto — July — The reports submitted at the annual meeting of the Home Bank of Canada indicated that the bink has enjoyed one of the most satisfactory years in its history

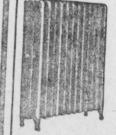
Steady progress has been made during the past few years and advantage has been taken of it to place the bank in a strong financial position and at the same time meet the growing requirements of the customers.

This amount, added to profit and loss, brought the total amount available for distribution up to \$389,484. This was applied as follows: Dividends, \$97,378; Government tax on note circulation. \$19,348; written off bank in a strong financial position and at the same time meet the growing requirements of the customers. \$150,871 at the end of the previous

gains were also made in deposits, the increase for the past twelve months having amounted to over three and a half millions, notwithstanding the fact that 0.508 of the depositors had fact that 9,508 of the depositors had subscribed over \$4,900,000 to the last produce freight loads for our transportation system. Shipbuilding must peried had amounted to over ten million dollars, an increase of over 105 p.c. and reflects the increased departments of the Government in finance and tariff regulations, labour

mpared with \$14,600,000 at the end work will be inconveniently handicompared with \$14,600,000 at the end of the previous year.

With the larger resources at its disposal, the bank has been able to extend its general lines of business and the current loans and discounts in Canada row stand at \$12,393,795 as compared with \$11,307,680. Call and short loans in Canada have gained to \$3,092,826, 86 cempared with \$939,909. Dominion and Provincial Government securities \$2,757,866 against \$1,548,211, which Canadian municipal securities and British forseign and colonial public securities, each of the figures of cur national bookkeping. In 1913 statistics were which tended to show that Canada was then financially in a most unenviable position. Within seven months from the date these adverse figures were given currency we had declared for active participation in the European war and disproved all sconomic pean war and disproved all sconomic deductions. In the year 1918 as many \$100 000 Added to Rest Account
The Profit and Loss Account is also of special interest to shareholders, as it reflects a gain in profits and has permitted of an appropriation to rest account of \$100,000. The net profits for the year amounted to \$288,753, equivalent to 10 63 p.c. of the paid up capital and reserve fund.



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