

THE CLAIMS OF JAPAN

When we read the records of conversions made by St. Francis Xavier at this distant day we are astonished. We have come to think that an elaborate machine is needed to bring the Pagan into the fold. We think of churches, hospitals, orphanages, subsidies, and a hundred other needs of the modern missionary. How could a man, single-handed, repeat the miracle of Pentecost? That a fabulous number was brought under the yoke of Christ we know. Further, we know that the faith had sunk deep into the souls of these converts. A pathetic incident, already familiar, is repeated by an American, who on the eve of his work was called away by a sudden death. Two hundred years after the death of Blessed Charles Spinola, the successor of St. Francis Xavier, another Jesuit relates that a committee called to see him. They had never seen a priest. When they found out that there was one who possessed the credentials that their forefathers mentioned their joy was unbounded. For nearly three centuries these people had kept the faith unswayed. We are now told that it is almost impossible to make converts in Japan. What has changed? Of course Protestant missionary activity has become too often merely philanthropy, and nothing more. Possibly the people of Japan have become more materialistic. But surely, even a small remnant which was able, through the direct persecutions, to keep alive their faith without the aid of the priesthood must be of stern stuff. Father Price knew that the task of conversion would be a hard, but not an impossible one. And it really seems that the light that was kept burning through three dark centuries, would demand that we keep faith with that little band. They are the argument that Japan can be Christianized.—New World.

CATHOLIC ARMY HUTS

SOLDIERS' CHRISTMAS CHEER IN TORONTO

No better illustration of the splendid way in which the work of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Army Huts is appreciated by the returned and discharged soldiers of Toronto, could have been given than when no fewer than twelve hundred and fifty seven accepted invitations to be guests at the Toronto Hut for the whole of Christmas Day. That they enjoyed themselves, and the Christmas fare and entertainment which was provided, was shown when a committee of the guests waited on Mr. T. Mullins, secretary of the Toronto Hut at the close of the day, and expressed appreciation of the splendid treatment they had received, laying particular stress on the work of the Ladies Auxiliary of the K. of C. who officiated in the dining room, and attended to the needs of the inner man.

The diningroom was tastefully decorated with appropriate Christmas hangings, and presented a splendid appearance. The guests were received by Mr. W. T. Kernahan, chairman of the Toronto Hut Committee, and sat down to dinner at noon. Between that hour and two o'clock upwards of six hundred men were served by the Ladies Committee, the dinner being in real old-fashioned Christmas style. With memories of Christmas Day of previous years, when Christmas dinner had consisted of "bully beef and biscuits," snatched while standing in a muddy trench, while keeping a wary eye on old Fritz across the way, it is needless to say that the boys did full justice to the splendid repast. The same meal was served between the hours of five and seven, and nearly five hundred more enjoyed the hospitality of the Knights of Columbus. Smokes were provided afterwards, and settling back in their chairs in the spacious lounge, they gave themselves up to thoughts half-humorous by contrast—of Christmas as spent in the mud of France and Belgium. By song and story the old days were recalled, and the cheerful gathering broke up about midnight, all races, colors, and creeds uniting in voting the Knights of Columbus "jolly good fellows."

And the soldiers? Yes there was sadness, too, as they recalled good pale, brothers, fathers and others dear to them who had "gone west," and who, poor chaps, would be deprived of the joys of Christmas until The Great Day, when they would all be united again. Nor were the soldiers themselves the only ones remembered by the Knights of Columbus on Christmas Day. In many Toronto homes, where the breadwinner had made the supreme sacrifice, a mist-eyed mother unpacked a large hamper, from which, amid squeals of delight from the little ones, she brought great parcels of fruit, bags of nuts, wonderful toys, puddings, candy, and last, but not by any means least, the turkey, without which no Christmas is complete.

To the soldiers in hospital, the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary paid a visit, every man receiving a box containing articles which no soldier could do without. From Hospital beds, from grateful mothers, and from the discharged men in Toronto, letters are being received daily—even the childish scrawl of the little one whose daddy will never come back, testifying to the work of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Army Huts on Christmas Day. And the work did not begin or end on Christmas Day. For the past year, a chain of Huts has been in operation, reaching from the Atlantic

to the Pacific, through which thousands of Canada's fighting men have been cared for. These Huts are still in operation, even though most of the soldiers are home. The work is not finished, for will it be finished until every member of the C. E. F. has secured a job and has re-established himself in every sense of the word. To this end the Information and Service Bureau has been established, 93 branches being now in operation in various parts of the Dominion. Thousands of returned men have secured positions through this bureau, and during the winter months an active campaign will be inaugurated, particularly among Catholic employers, in order that not a single one of these men who have sacrificed so much will have to bear any more.

THE GREAT CARDINAL

(Editorial in Cincinnati Enquirer, Oct. 26, 1919)

Perhaps no man living has exercised such momentous moral force in behalf of humanity as has this gentle Churchman who defied all the emperors of William and his misguided allies. He says: "I never doubted but that God's justice would prevail. I seemed to hear a voice say, 'Your duty is to serve liberty and justice and protect your people.' But to the Germans I said: 'You are invaders; we but tolerate you.'"

Perhaps no other man could have said that and continued to live. But mortal fear found no place in this man's soul. His immortal pastorel was read. Not one of his nearly 4,000 priests failed to read it from the altar. And that pastoral rang doom to German hopes from the banks of the Rhine to the borders of Poland; it shamed the recency of Austria, fired the enthusiasm of France and Italy, and found responsive echo in the great free heart of America.

Thus it was that the "Voice of Belgium," inspired by the courage of an unflinching faith, penetrated to the remotest frontiers of Christian civilization.

"I could not remain with sealed lips. I could not; not in the face of the woes of my countrymen."

These words awakened the chivalry of America. The imposing central figure in the world tragedy was not an Emperor clothed with unlimited power and authority, but a frail, venerable man whose authority was from God, and whose words were more powerful than glaive, or bayonet, or shrieking shell from mighty hell-throated howitzers.

The more thou knowest, and the better thou understandest, the more severe will be thy condemnation, unless thy life be proportionably more holy. Be not therefore excellent, for any uncommon skill in any art or science; but let the superior knowledge that is given thee, make thee more fearful and more watchful over thyself. Though thou knowest many things, having perfect understanding of them, consider how many more things there are of which thou knowest nothing at all.—Thomas a Kempis.

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