

Nearly a score of Catholic men and women who intervened to help the workers were also arrested and jailed. And to put a climax to the story, within a few days of this scandal the Guadalajara authorities, condemned without compensation, and began to raze to the ground, a whole street of workingmen's houses—significantly occupied by the families of those men who had stood out against the rads.

The Catholic laborers of Mexico are organized and are organizing more and more. Women's, as well as men's, unions are increasing in number. The Catholic Church in Mexico is frankly on the fighting line for social reform. True, twenty-five thousand is a small number in the midst of half a dozen million workingmen. But it is a brave, a vigorous and a healthy beginning. It is nothing sporadic; it has permanency in it.

I have seen large groups of these organized Catholic workers gathered in meetings, poor, yes, and ignorant, less personable than any such groups would appear at home in America. But they were orderly, they were enthusiastic, they had the light of faith and determination in their faces. And they have leaders, not only in their bishops and priests, but lay leaders, who are devoted heart and soul to the cause of Christian social reform, and who are ready to sacrifice their lives (as some of their comrades have already done) in the struggle against the anti-Christian powers that seek to crush them.

This, as I have said, is one of the most hopeful of all the signs of hope that I have seen in "the Mexican mess." The only hope, after all, in this "mess," is the Catholic Church. She alone not only understands but loves these people. She knows their limitations, their simplicities, their needs. She knows that social reform, which looks only to the body, to the immediate material need, is fatal; that it destroys. She knows that to lift the Mexican masses up, to hold them to the plane of progress and decent living, their souls as well as their bodies must be fed—they must be given something to live for, as well as something to live on. She knows that the rationalistic, godless, atheistic "social reform" of Marxian socialism means not only the loss of soul, but the ultimate material ruin of Mexico, of her fields and her factories, of her agriculture and her industries. Given over to that Mexico, with its vast masses of ignorant, indolent, half-primitive workers, veritable children of the southern soil and sun that nurtures them, would rot and collapse from sheer ingrowth of self-poison, from the disintegration of rank political corruption. Knowing this she works tirelessly, far-sightedly, for the only kind of social reform that can ever save Mexico—Christian social reform based on the principle of man for God and his brother, not man for himself alone.

NOTABLE TRAITS IN LATE CARD. BEGIN

A few notable traits brought to light by the death of the Primate of Canada will no doubt appeal to our readers.

CARDINAL BEGIN'S SPIRITUAL WILL

Two wills, a spiritual one and another regarding his belongings, have been left by His Eminence, the late Cardinal Begin, in his lifetime Primate of Canada.

The last mentioned will has not been given out for publication and is known to contain a few bequests for charitable purposes. The estate is a very small one as any funds he might have had at any time of his life were used for the education of poor pupils.

The Spiritual Will, however, of the deceased has been given out by the authorities at the Cardinal's Palace. It is dated December 16th, 1917. His Eminence first reminds his soul to God and asks forgiveness for any neglect in his duties.

His Eminence also states he asks all those he might have offended for forgiveness and forgives everyone who might have offended him.

He asks the blessing of God for the members of the clergy and the faithful, and thanks those who have cooperated with him in trying to relieve the poor.

The only request contained is that the singing at his funeral be rendered by the young singers of the Basilica Choir.

CARDINAL'S QUOTA TO "PETER'S PENCE"

A letter addressed to the late Cardinal Begin by the Private Secretary of His Holiness the Pope, thanking the Cardinal for the generous contribution made to "Peter's Pence" by the Archdiocese following the last collection for the church funds, has been made public at the Archbishop's Palace. A sum of 146,000 lire was sent from this district, and the Papeal Secretary thanks the late Cardinal, Archbishop Roy, Bishop Langlois, the members of the clergy and the faithful for their great generosity and wishes to convey to them all the Holy Father's apostolic blessing.

No cause, little or great, left the kindly pastor unmoved. All who approached him were sure of a sympathetic welcome. Even in his busiest moments, he would listen to you as if you were his only concern. In the same month of July which saw the Primate pass away, there died in far off Marseilles, France,

another whole-souled priest, whose great aim in life was to lead souls to God through the practice of Perfect Charity and Contrition. This was Father Frederick Rouvier, S. J.

When the English translation of the latter's admirable book, "The Conquest of Heaven," was presented to Cardinal Begin, His Eminence at once, spontaneously and unsolicited, offered the following letter:

Archbishop's Palace, Quebec.
October 27th, 1924.

Dear Friend:
I am happy to approve the English translation of "The Conquest of Heaven," by Father Frederick Rouvier, S. J., and to add my own praise to that of the seven cardinals and many bishops who have already so unreservedly recommended this admirable book.

Jansenism, that most insidious of all heresies, pictured God as a merciless judge who would exclude the vast majority of mankind from Heaven. Men's hearts were thus almost instinctively turned from their Maker.

Now "The Conquest of Heaven" convincingly proves from Scripture, the Fathers and the foremost spiritual writers, that God is above all a God of love, *Deus caritas est*, that He wills all men to be saved and none to perish, and that Heaven is within sure and easy reach of every one who merely forms the habit of making frequent acts of Perfect Charity and Contrition.

Many, deeming it impossible to produce such acts, never attempt to do so. How greatly they are mistaken! It is lucidly and forcefully demonstrated by the author. With a little practice, through the consideration of the Sacred Heart's unfathomable love for us all, especially in the Passion, and in Holy Communion, all souls can easily learn to make acts of Charity and Contrition sufficiently perfect to obtain, if not the remission of all temporal punishment due to sin, at least pardon for mortal sin. What a priceless blessing for the countless souls, not only of infidels and non-Catholics, but also of Catholics suddenly snatched away by death before the priest can hear their confession.

I gladly bless "The Conquest of Heaven," and pray that it may be as widely read and do as much good in its English rendering as it has done and still continues to do in French, and also that priests will preach it, in order to accustom the faithful to make more frequent acts of Perfect Charity and Contrition.

Accept the expression of my affectionate sentiments in Our Lord.

L. N. CARD. BEGIN,
Arch. of Quebec.

OTTAWA BOYS' CLUB

By One of its Directors

On October 1st, 1925, the Ottawa Boys' Club completed the second year of its existence. It may interest the readers of the CATHOLIC RECORD to give a brief description of the aims and achievements of this club. Many cities and towns are now about to undertake in a systematic way boys' work and Ottawa's experience may be helpful to others.

The Ottawa Boys' Club is under the exclusive control of Catholics but is open to all boys irrespective of creed. The Club puts into practice the universality of Catholic charity by welcoming and serving any boy, whatever his religion. Last year of the 823 boys who used the Club, 100 were Protestants, 8 Eastern Orthodox and 1 a Jew. The following extracts from the annual report will give a general idea of the nature and achievements of the Club.

PURPOSE OF THE CLUB

The Club was established on October 1st, 1923, to provide boys with social, physical and educational opportunities under the proper leadership, to give boys supervised occupation during leisure hours; to instill in them principles of honesty, cleanliness, sportsmanship, courage and self-reliance—to make better citizens for Canada. It is now generally recognized that in a large city a club of this nature is a necessary supplement to home, church and school.

ACHIEVING OUR AIM

With the clubhouse at 79 Laurier Avenue West (opposite Carlier Square), as general headquarters and with Mr. Fred McCann, expert on boy work, directing the programme, progress is being made toward the objective that is leaving its impress on the community. In the clubhouse there are now work-shops for vocational training, gymnasium, shower baths, game room, billiard and pool tables and a library. More than one thousand dollars is being spent on improvements to the building required by the rapid expansion of the club. Healthful outdoor games are an important feature of the programme. The library has been taken over by the Catholic Girls' Club who not merely have donated 2,000 books suitable for boys but also provide a capable volunteer librarian who has full charge of this branch of the club's activities.

MEMBERSHIP GROWING

Comparing the second club year, ended September 30th, 1925, with the first, definite expansion is shown in every department and important new activities have been added. The total membership of 838 is an increase of 282. The jump in

attendance of boys from 20,672 to 27,350 demonstrates how the club is attracting boys under its influence. The membership is made up of boys from seven years to twenty, with but fifty over seventeen. They come from 38 churches of every creed in the city, from 38 Public, Separate and Secondary schools and represent nearly every race.

THE ATTENDANCE

Gymnasium evenings.....	5,018
Gymnasium afternoons.....	1,018
Game Room.....	5,987
Boxing Class.....	417
Wolf Clubs.....	741
Boy Scouts.....	665
First Aid Class.....	212
Plumbing Class.....	71
Carpentry Class.....	401
Playgrounds.....	1,708
Other special sittings.....	680
Billiard and Reading Rooms.....	7,806
Philharmonic Orchestra.....	1,044
Boys' own orchestra.....	165
Social entertainments.....	1,350
Sunday concerts.....	9,500
Hockey Games.....	885
Summer Camp.....	81

SECOND ANNUAL CAMP

The summer camp conducted for six weeks during July and August at Mink Lake, Douglas, Renfrew County, saw the 1924 attendance figures of 66 (boys and staff) jump to 81 boys and 28 staff. There were 34 visitors the first year and 65 the second. Total attendance was 174 against 100 in 1924. Boy weeks at the camp were 264 and staff weeks 48. The gross cost of this outing which was of immense value to the boys in improving health and education, for a programme of interesting studies was carried out, was \$1,789.80. Boys paid \$562.90 in fees, making the net cost of the camp \$1,226.90. The Club is very grateful to the Catholic parish of Douglas, which gave free use of its camping grounds and to the priests who said Mass at the camp each week.

WELFARE WORK

An important branch of the club has been the probation work of the Supervisor, Mr. McCann, in connection with the Ottawa Juvenile Court. Thirty-five boys were handed over to him by Judge J. F. McKinley for guidance. Many others called "preventive cases" were taken care of by him with splendid results. Mr. McCann made 450 visits to boys' homes on welfare work, while a capable corps of volunteer leaders also handled many cases of which no detailed record could be kept.

CO-OPERATED IN WORK

Apart from a splendid staff of volunteers, the club has rendered invaluable assistance to the supervisor, a number of organizations showed their approval of the club's endeavours by assisting in various ways in accomplishing the results of which only a brief summary is given.

THE DIRECTORS

The success of the club would be impossible without an efficient Board of Directors. The clerical Directors are ex-officio and consist of a chaplain appointed by the Archbishop of Ottawa and the parish priests of the five senior English speaking parishes of Ottawa, namely: Very Rev. Canons Fay and Fitzgerald, Rev. Fathers Cornell and Brownrigg and Rev. Dr. J. J. O'Gorman (Chaplain). The elective Directors consist of 31 laymen prominent in the profession, business and philanthropic life of the city as the following list shows: Dr. B. G. Connolly, President, Dr. Roy Harris, Vice-President, T. G. Lowrey, Secretary, W. J. Halpin, Treasurer, Dr. J. A. Amyot, C.M.G., W. J. Benbrik, E. J. Daly, John Gleeson, T. P. Gorman, Lt.-Col. J. A. Gillies, Patrick Graham, John Grimes, J. J. Heney, J. D. Larose, John J. Lyons, P. H. Murphy, J. F. Meagher, Thos. Mulvey, K. C., J. G. McGuire, T. D'Arcy McGee, W. H. McAuliffe, H. J. McNulty, Lt.-Col. J. A. McKenna, W. P. J. O'Meara, J. W. O'Brien, L. N. Poult, Dr. F. P. Quinn, W. L. Scott, K. C., Dr. H. L. Sims, Col. D. R. Street, Dr. C. A. Young.

The Executive Secretary of the Boy Club Federation of America, Mr. C. J. Atkinson, of New York City, who has personally inspected 225 of these clubs, visited the Ottawa Boys' Club ten days ago and pronounced it to be one of the more progressive. He congratulated the supporters and supervisor of the Club on the results attained.

THE OTTAWA CITIZEN'S TRIBUTE

The following editorial, which appeared in the Ottawa Citizen, October 13th, 1925, is a striking proof that the people of Ottawa realize how much good the club is doing:

OTTAWA BOYS' CLUB

"The Ottawa Boys' Club represents a community work which should enlist the sympathy of all who have the interest of the city at heart. There are thousands of boys in Ottawa who today are growing up deprived of the opportunities and influences for good that are essential if they are to cross the threshold of manhood adequately equipped for citizenship.

"It is the work of the Ottawa Boys' Club to bring as many of these boys as possible within its sphere of influence and to help train them into living clean and healthful occupied lives. This work it has been carrying on for the last two

years. During that time the club has proved of the utmost value in boyhood development and has shown the need that existed for such an organization. It has kept scores of boys from mischief, and directed them along paths that lead to manliness and self-reliance. It has been praised by boys' work experts for the efficiency of its activities.

"Of course this work is not carried on for nothing. For the current year the sum of \$12,000 is required. This amount will be sufficient to take care of 1,200 boys, the number it is expected will come under the guidance of the club. It is for the boys that an appeal is being made to Ottawa citizens for the needed amount. The campaign will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week."

THE OTTAWA JOURNAL'S TRIBUTE

The Ottawa Journal is equally appreciative, on October 18th, it devoted the following editorial to the club:

MEN IN THE MAKING

"A famous English social worker said recently that no less than half a million boys in a period of ten years in London became either criminals or chronic loafers solely on account of the fact that they had no proper care and guidance in their formative years.

"No agency in the city has done distinction in the special attention she has devoted to the vital problem of the under-privileged boy. Local workers have realized the truth that not only is 'the boy the father of the man,' but that he actually is the man—that the habits good or bad, which he forms in his youth will be those in which he must be encased as in a suit of armor through his whole life.

"No agency in the city has done finer work for juveniles than the Ottawa Boys' Club. An attendance record in excess of 37,000 visits by the youth of the city in a single year to this organization's splendid clubhouse on Laurier avenue is some indication of the high place it has taken in the boyhood life of the community.

"Not only are the boys kept off the streets and away from bad company in the autumn and winter season, but last summer nearly one hundred youngsters found real joy and inspiration for successful manhood in the club's outdoor camp at Mink Lake. The membership is made up of 823 boys mostly from seven to seventeen years of age and they are drawn from every nationality and every creed in the city.

The welfare work of the Ottawa Boys' Club in connection with the Juvenile Court, said a prominent city official recently, 'outside entirely of their other splendid efforts has earned them the respect of everyone who has any knowledge of the dangers of boyhood.'

"But this great work cannot be carried on without funds. Last year's financial statement showed a small balance on the right side of the ledger, but if the good work is to continue more money is urgently needed. The club is asking for \$12,000 for the year's work and the response to the appeal could be both prompt and generous."

FINANCE

Last year's receipts amounted to \$12,526.49, of which amount over \$10,000 consisted of direct donation. Only a paltry membership fee is required of the boys. The chief item of the expenditure was that for salaries, namely \$4,548.25. A club of this nature cannot function properly without a professional supervisor who is an expert in boy work, a capable caretaker, and several part-time paid workers. These are supplemented by the volunteer workers whose assistance is indispensable.

The successful functioning of the Ottawa Boys' Club will require each year a donation from the citizens of Ottawa of at least \$10,000. The collecting of this sum is undertaken by the Club directors and volunteers, workers and by teams provided by Ottawa Council Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Holy Name Society, Blessed Sacrament Holy Name Society, Ottawa Subdivision Catholic Women's League, Catholic Girls' Club, Holy Family Subdivision Catholic Women's League, Ottawa Junior Division Catholic Women's League, Ladies Auxiliary Division No. 4, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Alumnae of Gloucester St. Convent, St. Mary's Parish Children of Mary and the Blessed Sacrament Tabernacle Society.

For the collection to be a success from one half to two thirds the amount must be obtained from persons contributing from \$25.00 to \$500.00 each. Last year two gave \$500.00, two gave \$300.00, two gave \$250.00, four gave \$200.00, eighteen gave \$100.00, one of whom was His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa, three gave \$75.00, twenty-two gave \$50.00, and fifty-eight gave \$25.00 each, while four others gave other sums larger than \$25.00. The combined contributions of the 114 persons who gave \$25.00 or more each, amounted to over \$6,700.00.

In addition 92 persons gave \$10.00, eight gave \$15.00, and four gave \$20.00, three gave \$8.00, and 122 gave \$5.00 each, or a total of \$1,754.00 from these 229 persons. It will be seen, therefore, that of the \$10,000.00 of donations last year, less than \$1,800.00 came from persons giving less than \$5.00. It is the business, therefore, of the collectors to get large sums from those who can afford to give that amount. Twenty-five cents from a

really poor person means a great contribution for him and consequently greater merit than \$25.00 from a rich person, but the club, while proud to receive the widow's mite, depends for its financial support chiefly upon the well to do. This year's canvass for funds was not yet over when these lines were written, but that it will be a success is evident from the fact that between Wednesday, October 14th, and Monday, October 19th, \$8,000.00 were collected. The club fills a necessary need in Ottawa and has come to stay.

CHINESE MISSION BURSSES



THE QUEEN OF APOSTLES AND THE HOLY SOULS

Very often, the souls of our dear departed are remembered at this time of the year. They, who in this life bestowed on us their affections and favours, now look to us to win for them a remittance of their purgation.

We love the souls of those dear ones. How appalling then is the voice of their pleading: "Have pity on me! Have pity on me! At least, you my friends."

Our love for these suffering souls compares in some measure with the longing desire which Mary, Queen of Apostles, has for the souls of millions of pagans who have yet to know the sweet Name of Christ. Souls that are precious to her, because God made them to love Him, and her Divine Son shed His Precious Blood to redeem them. But how can they love God if they know Him not? An abundance of Apostolic men can win them from the power of Satan, so the pleading of this multitude of abandoned ones for priests, "Have pity on me, have pity on me," opens a way for us to win merit for our own dear departed.

Let us unite our desires with that of the Queen of Apostles and build for our loved ones a glorious memorial. A bursse for the education of a priest to minister to these neglected pagan souls costs \$5,000. Any share in a Bursse may be donated for the Souls in Purgatory. Could there be a grander monument? The merits which we win from our share in the conversion of pagans to be applied as satisfaction for the penalties of our dear departed.

Address contributions to:

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C. T. MacDonald, Brook Village.....	1 00
Nellie English, St. John's, Nfld.....	5 00
Blessed Sacrament.....	624 80
Holy Name of Jesus.....	548 75
Comforter of the Afflicted.....	506 00
St. Francis Xavier.....	427 80

CORK MAY RECOVER RUBBER INDUSTRY

Dublin, Ireland.—The efforts of the Munster clergy to attract industrial enterprise to the South of Ireland are likely soon to have a remarkable outcome. The Dunlop Rubber Company is looking for a factory in the vicinity of Cork, and the old British military barracks are being considered as a likely situation.

This development is doubly notable, as it will mean the return of one of the greatest companies in the world to the country of its origin. The Dunlop concern began in Dublin, in Westland Row, now used as a government office; and the company there enjoyed two decades of unrivalled success before transferring itself to Great Britain. Its return to Ireland at this juncture would be specially welcome in view of the renewed prosperity of the rubber industry, which is now regarded as being assured of at least three years of continuous good fortune, thanks to the great American motor industry's demand for the commodity.

The clergy are convinced that the convenient position of Cork, from the viewpoint of American trade, gives an excellent opportunity to make it a centre of rubber activi-

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ties, while the presence of the Ford factory on the spot opens up other encouraging possibilities.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF CANADA

A WONDERFUL GRACE BY THE PRESIDENT

The following letter from a priest on one of the Western Missions tells of a wonderful grace accorded to a Catholic who had for years given up the practice of religion. There are many cases of this kind in the West. Children grow up, as did this woman's without religious instruction and the precious heritage of the Faith is lost.

We need money with which to make possible the practice of religion for those living in sparsely settled districts, where without assistance from outside they must remain beyond the reach of Church and Sacraments.

My dear Monsignor:

A few weeks ago I wrote describing some of our work in the West, and you saw fit to publish the letter in the Register. Since your experience in difficulty in getting people interested in our needs, I am writing again with the hope that accounts of ordinary things here may enkindle the hearts of your readers and stir them up to make sacrifices for the important work of Extension.

A month ago, something occurred which caused me no small amount of joy and consolation. One evening about dusk I arrived at a little village about fifteen miles from where I was due to say Mass on the following morning. The travelling all day, on account of heavy rains, was very difficult, and as the weather had cleared, I judged it wise to spend the night there in the hope that during the intervening hours the roads might have a chance to dry a little.

A fireproof poplar wood in the kitchen stove around which we were seated, seemed to spread a feeling of comfort and cheer after a hard day's journey. I was about to retire when there occurred a rapping at the door, and upon its being opened, a voice inquired if there was a priest there. In answer they ushered in an overgrown boy who explained hurriedly that his mother was very ill and for three days had been asking for a priest. Some one had told them of my arrival and he had hurried over. On the way to his home, in reply to my questions, the boy stated that the family did not go to any church. His mother was a Catholic, though his father, who had died several years ago, was not, and he never remembered being in a church.

We reached the home, where all was excitement and the poor woman was greatly relieved to see me. This is her story:

"I was born in the East many years ago. My people were fervent Catholics, well-to-do, and gave me a good education. I belonged to the Children of Mary, and every first Sunday of the month received Holy Communion with the other girls of the parish. At last I obtained a teacher's certificate and was anxious to do something for myself. One day another girl who was going to the West persuaded me to accompany her. My parents strongly objected to this, but I was obstinate and in the end had my way. For several years I taught school, but was seldom within reach of a church or able to attend Mass. At first every couple of years I went home in summer and practiced my religion while there. Then came the death of my parents. Several times I travelled to the City to make my Easter duty, but by degrees grew careless. A young man, not a Catholic, began visiting me; we became engaged and later married outside the Church. I have five children grown up, none of them Catholics. Now I am going to die and what shall I do?"

A sweet consolation came to her when she had made her peace with God, but there was the great anxiety about her family. The three girls and two boys, brought up without any religion, were visibly affected by their mother's request that they should be Catholics. They are now studying catechism and I have great hopes of them.

There are many such examples in the West, but this case is unusual in the fact that at the very last God vouchsafed me a wonderful grace to the poor woman. She was well brought up and instructed, yet living far from God and religion

caused her to become careless. Then came the step of marrying outside the Church and she felt that everything was hopeless. Fortunately all that could be done in the way of reparation was accomplished before the end came. In many such cases persons fall away and never have an opportunity to get back.

The thought which brings the greatest amount of sadness to the heart of a priest here is that many Catholics have drifted and are drifting away for want of the helps of religion. Once in awhile we have the happiness to bring a wanderer back, but there are so many whom we never reach. Oh, if we could have more priests and more churches and more financial help to keep things going, what a blessing it would be! Extension is doing wonders, but if its resources were multiplied by donations of the faithful, the work of saving souls might be increased many hundred-fold.

This is the simple narration of a fact which may help to bring home to the friends of Extension actual conditions and needs in this western part of Canada.

Thanking you for past favours and begging God to bless Extension, I remain,

Yours respectfully,
J. F. D.

Many fathers, mothers, sons and daughters have children, brothers, sisters and friends out there. They write home more or less regularly, but do they ever speak of religion? Perhaps they are located far from a church and becoming indifferent too. The very money which you give to Extension Society may be instrumental in reclaiming one of them—if not a relative or friend, at least a soul dear to the Sacred Heart of Our Redeemer. Send donations to Extension Society and save souls in Western Canada.

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IRISH TRADE RETURNS SHOW SERIOUS DECLINE

Serious disappointment is felt at the shrinkage of Irish Free State trade. The official returns for the six months from January to June, 1925, show a decline of \$16,500,000 in the value of Ireland's exports as compared with the corresponding period of last year. There has been a decline in imports amounting to \$15,000,000.

The fall in exports is mainly accounted for by the slump in the livestock business. The exportation of cattle, sheep, pigs, horses, and poultry reveals a gross decrease of \$10,500,000. As Southern Ireland's income is principally derived from the exportation of livestock, the situation is regarded as calling for immediate attention.

Should \$100 have