

CHINESE MISLED TAUGHT THAT UNITED STATES IS ENTIRELY PROTESTANT

Washington, July 25.—American Catholic missionaries in China are constantly having to fight the propaganda of Protestant missionaries in the Orient that Catholics are negligible in the United States and that this nation has been developed wholly by Protestants, according to the Rev. Bernard F. Meyer, A. F. M., who has just returned to America after a seven-year stay in China.

Father Meyer has recently been made Superior of one of the five Maryknoll missions in China, and is now engaged in an effort to interest American Catholics more thoroughly in the mission effort in the Orient. His headquarters are at Wuchow, where the present disturbances in China have been felt heavily. This week he addressed the Sisters at the Catholic University Summer School conducted here under the auspices of the Sisters' College.

A practical purpose underlies the effort to convince the Chinese that America is altogether Protestant, Father Meyer says. The United States has for years enjoyed an unrivalled position of esteem in China, bred largely of three things: the American "Open Door" policy, which is credited with preventing the partition of China; the remission by the United States of its share of the Boxer indemnity, and the fact that the United States has appropriated no territory in the form of a "foreign concession" in China.

While emphasizing these acts of friendship and justice toward China by the United States, Protestant missionaries tell the Chinese that this sense of fairness and that American progressiveness are due to the fact that the United States is wholly a Protestant country, says Father Meyer. Thus they credit to their own creeds the greatness and magnanimity of America, then offer this friendly, wonder-working religion to the pagan.

On the other hand, Father Meyer declares, the Catholic faith until recently has been linked up in the Chinese mind with France, which enjoys no such popularity in China as does America, because the French can boast no more gestures of friendship toward the Chinese than any other European nation. The French protectorate over Catholic missions in China lends color to the insinuation that France is Catholicism. This idea, is assiduously promoted by Protestant missionaries at the same time they insist that America's attitude toward the Orient is wholly the result of Protestantism.

If this false propaganda is a handicap to Catholic missionaries in China, the French protectorate is all the more reason that American Catholic missions in China should be pushed vigorously and American Catholic missionaries strongly supported, so that the impression already created may be torn down, and the truth of the universality of the Catholic Church impressed upon the Chinese. Furthermore, the advantage the American enjoys in China should be utilized by Catholic missionaries as well as Protestants.

Protestant missionaries in China are making good progress, continued the returned worker. Entering the field as late as the '50's, they now have about 400,000 adult communicants. Money is plentifully supplied them, and they have erected schools, colleges, hospitals and every other institution they have divided virtually the entire country among the various sects, to present the appearance of unity, and have so contrived their publicity campaign that when Christianity is spoken of, the meaning is taken to be Protestantism. Many graduates of Protestant schools are in the postal, telegraph, railway and other administrations, and there are large department stores run exclusively by Protestant Chinese. In one of these stores a fine is assessed if a worker does not attend the Protestant religious services each Sunday. For the promoting of their program, the Protestant churches have the largest printing plant in the East at Shanghai.

Catholics, on the other hand, while pursuing their missionary work in

China with the same zeal which has characterized it for centuries, find themselves seriously hampered by lack of money with which to provide the educational and charitable foundations the Protestant missionaries can boast. Catholics in China at the time of the Boxer Uprising numbered about 800,000, says Father Meyer, and they now total more than 2,000,000. Yet with adequate facilities, the work could be pressed much more rapidly.

Father Meyer's own district is an example. It is as large as the State of New Jersey and has a pagan population of 2,000,000, with only 30 scattered Catholic families, at one station. Wuchow itself has a native population of 100,000, without a single Catholic. Yet there are three Protestant missions in the district, with one large endowed hospital. It is estimated that 10 more Catholic country stations should be opened, at a cost of \$5,000 each, but when Father Meyer took over the district he had just \$105 with which to work. It is to seek relief from this situation, by impressing upon American Catholics the importance of the Chinese field and its need, that the young priest came back to the United States.

Father Meyer went to China with the little pioneer band of four missionaries sent from Maryknoll in 1913. Maryknoll now has 90 missionaries in the Chinese field, 45 of them priests, and its five missions in China and Korea have a combined population of 12,000,000.

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PRAYERS OF CHRISTIAN WORLD ASKED FOR CHILD

Rome, July 25.—There have been many touching incidents to stir the emotions and sympathies of the Holy Year pilgrims to Rome, but one case in particular, has awakened so much interest that it has been made the subject of an appeal by the Holy Year Committee to the whole Christian world.

The case is that of Luigi Carcano, of Vicobellignano, in the province of Cremona, Italy, the father of a little girl four and a half years old who became deaf, dumb and blind as the result of meningitis at the age of six months.

In vain the poor father, an humble workman, appealed to the resources of science. In vain, with fervent faith in supernatural cures has he taken his little one to the most famous shrines of Europe.

With unshaken confidence he had looked forward to the Holy Year as a season of supernatural graces. Arranging on his bicycle a carrier for the child, he traveled in this manner all the way to Rome, stopping in Florence to visit a famous clinic where he was told once again that his daughter's case was hopeless. All along the way he was received with Christian charity and upon his arrival in Rome was given food and lodging by the Holy Year Committee.

Carrying his little girl in his arms, the poor father started on his visits to the basilicas, where he prayed long and fervently on the tombs of the Apostles and Martyrs, and was finally admitted to the presence of the Holy Father whom he asked to bless his little one. He had hoped for so much from the blessing of the Pope—miracles have occurred in the past and still continue to occur, why should he not hope for one for his child? As though to confirm him in his hope, while praying at the tomb of the holy Pontiff Pius X., he was joined by a pious Polish lady who had been miraculously cured at Lourdes. This lady remained with him until the time of his departure, devoting herself with loving care to the little girl and encouraging the poor father not to despair.

The sight of the poor child and the suffering of the father drew tears from the eyes of all who came across them during their stay in Rome, and the Holy Year Committee, in its official Bulletin, has asked all Christian people to pray for Luigi Carcano and his unfortunate little girl.

OBITUARY

MRS. JOHN CONNOLLY

Another of the early residents of North Bay was called to rest in the death on Thursday morning of Scholastica Grouard, beloved wife of John Connolly, 265 Cassels Street. The late Mrs. Connolly came to North Bay in the year 1889 and with her husband was closely identified with the early history of the town so that her death removes another link with the past. The deceased has been in failing health since last November but not until three weeks ago when the members of her family were called home were hopes relinquished for her ultimate recovery. However, her strong spirit enabled her to rally at that time and her condition improved until Wednesday when she took a weak turn and passed away shortly after 6 o'clock Thursday morning.

The late Mrs. Connolly was formerly of Carleton Place, and was a well-known teacher of that town. She was born in Ottawa in 1863. The deceased was ever devoted to the interests of her home and family and yet found time to take an active part in charitable and religious enterprises and was an esteemed member of the Sacred Heart League. For some time, Mrs. Connolly was also secretary of the North Bay branch of the Catholic Women's League but it was to the work of St. Anthony's Society that she was most devoted. Her many ministrations through this society will live long in the memory and esteem of many citizens of North Bay and vicinity. Mrs. Connolly's loss is mourned by her husband, three sons, Bertrand, of Connaught, Trevor and Wilfrid of North Bay, and five daughters, Sister St. Rita of Mount St. Joseph, Peterboro, Rev. Mother Mary of St. Agnes Convent, Fort William, Rita, Muriel and Vivian, of North Bay. A sad feature of Mrs. Connolly's death is the absence of her daughter Muriel who is on the European pilgrimage with Right Rev. Bishop Scollard's party. One brother, James Grouard, of Superior, Wis., and two sisters, Mrs. A. W. Worley, of Duluth, Minn., and Mrs. A. Grimard, Salt Lake City, Utah, also survive.

The funeral was held on Saturday, Aug. 1st, from the late residence, 265 Cassels St., to St. Mary's Cathedral where a solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Father J. J. O'Leary assisted by Rev. Father Bunyan of Callander and Rev. Father Flannery of Sturgeon Falls. The pall bearers were Messrs. C. McGuire, Jas. Devine, C. F. Smith, Jas. Casey, John Sava and J. P. Allen. Rev. Fathers O'Leary and Bunyan officiated at the grave. May her soul rest in peace.

LUTHERANS MAKE ROBE PILGRIMAGE TO SEE THE POPE

Madrid, July 26.—The Rome correspondent of El Debate has sent to his paper an interesting account of his interview with members of the Scandinavian pilgrimage to Rome. The writer had been struck by the fact that about one-third of the members of this pilgrimage were Protestants and that this was the first time in four hundred years that Lutherans had been received in pilgrimage at the Vatican. In greeting them the Holy Father, referring to the visit of Cardinal van Rossum to the Scandinavian countries last year, said: "I sent a Cardinal to invite you, the peoples of the North, before all others, to come to Rome for the Holy Year."

Interviewed by the correspondent of El Debate, as to the reasons which had led them to join a Catholic pilgrimage, the Protestant Scandinavians said: "We did not undertake the journey out of idle curiosity but because we wished to attend some of the ceremonies and see the Supreme Pontiff."

They added that the movement of thinking minds toward the Catholic Church in their country is so great that before the end of the year new pilgrimages to Rome will be organized.

COMMUNISTS ASSAULT CATHOLIC ATHLETES

Paris, July 20.—Violence instigated by communist politicians marked the athletic meet organized in the vicinity of Paris by a number of French and foreign Catholic athletic clubs. The meet was held on the athletic field of La Courneuve which belongs to some Catholic organizations. It was a very successful affair which won the applause of the public and the congratulations of the Archbishop of Paris.

In order to take the train, several societies had to pass through the industrial city of Saint Denis which has a communist municipal government. The mayor has issued an order forbidding any display of flag or any playing of bugles or beating of drums on the pretext that these are symbols of war. The societies obeyed the order. But two of them, coming from Belgium, had not heard of the

order and they arrived at the station of Saint Denis with flags unfurled. They were met by a certain number of militant communists who hissed them and began to pommel them. The Belgians returned the blows and a general fight began. The police intervened and separated the combatants, whereupon the communists turned their attention to the police. One of the communists was arrested. The mob immediately laid siege to the police headquarters and it became necessary to telephone to Paris for reinforcements, after which calm was reestablished. Several arrests were made.

A. O. H. CRUSADE TO SAVE YOUNG GIRLS

Atlantic City, Aug. 1.—A plea to the New Jersey Women's Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to launch a crusade against the sinister influences of the day in order to save their daughters, has been made by Mrs. Mary Horan of Pittsburgh, newly-elected national president of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Horan called on members of the Auxiliary to discourage smoking and drinking among young girls, and denounced immorality at bathing beaches. "Our young girls are being led to the brink of a vortex that can mean only their destruction. "I doubt that even in the days of pagan Rome they permitted women to degrade themselves as women do today, nor do I believe that there was even the desire among women so to grovel in the slime of immorality."

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MERCHANT.—At the home of his parents, 140 Brookland St., Sydney, N. S., July 28, 1925, James, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Merchant, aged twenty-two years. The funeral took place July 25, to Sacred Heart Church where Solemn Requiem High Mass was sung. Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery May his soul rest in peace.



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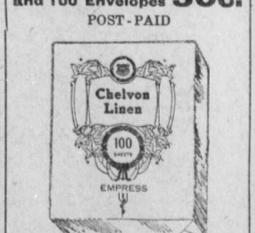
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