

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF CANADA

A GREAT WORK

We can scarcely exaggerate the value to our missionaries of the encouraging help which we give them. We are daily facing the task, as many of them are, of visiting numberless churches and mission stations, of supplying from meagre resources the means of travel and of equipping churches as well as we might easily appreciate the value of outside cooperation and help.

We heard of a missionary recently who is saying Mass at fifty-two different points. When the Bishop spoke of moving him to more favorable conditions, he begged to be left at his post. This missionary is getting aid from Extension and appreciates all we can do. Men like him give us courage to appeal, week after week, for assistance for the men in the pioneer fields.

We know very well that they cannot make their case known when they are many. There would be no result from innumerable appeals that had no organization behind them. It is necessary that like conditions requiring relief have a common centre where their cause can be made known and given attention. But if this be the only possible chance for the missionary to be given attention it is equally essential that there be organized support.

THE POPE'S APPRECIATION

When the Extension Society was founded this was well understood by the Holy Father who gave his sanction to the work and the Prelates whose co-operation made the Society possible. It was then decided to make an annual appeal. It was also decided to make membership in the Society a question of importance. The matter being brought to the attention of the Holy See, innumerable spiritual advantages were immediately attached to show how the Pope valued this work. He doubtless hoped that all Catholics in Canada would rally to aid the missions and thus give to those who had not the opportunity from any other source the great grace of having the sacraments administered among them.

OUR PATRON

In founding the Society the Holy Father, Pius X., named St. Philip Neri as the heavenly patron of the Society.

The life of this holy priest cannot but edify anyone who knows it and praise the excellence of the choice for such a society as the Catholic Church Extension. Though known as the "Apostle of Rome," St. Philip was a native of Florence and the son of a notary of that city. In his early life the saint was instructed by the Dominicans at San Marco, a spot then renowned by the memories of Savonarola. From Florence the young man went to S. Germano, near Monte Cassino, to aid in business a cousin who lived there. The boy, then sixteen, soon contracted friendship with the Benedictines, and in a deep cleft in the mountain nearby young Philip passed many an hour in prayer. In 1583 he came to Rome and lodged with a friend from Florence who gave him room and other necessities for instructing his two sons.

Two years later he began his philosophy at the Sapienza and completed the study of theology at the Augustinians. He then devoted his time to the care of the poor and sick, aided pilgrims and convalescents. He met with St. Ignatius in his early work and many of his companions joined the society. Around St. Philip grew up, however, The Oratory, a society for prayer and mutual edification. The saint was yet a layman. It was only in 1551, when he was thirty-six years of age, that this noted man of God would consent to be elevated to the priesthood. His life then became a more intensified apostolate for souls. "An earnest enforcement of interior religion, a jealousy of formal ceremonies, an insisting on obedience rather than sacrifice, on mental discipline rather than fasting, a mortification of the reason, that illumination and freedom of spirit which comes of love; further, a mild and tender rule for the Confessional; frequent confessions, frequent communions, special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, these are peculiarities of a particular school in the Church, and St. Ignatius and St. Philip are masters in it." Thus does Cardinal Newman speak. This spirit governed The Oratory. The "aim of subduing this variegated, many-colored world to the unity of divine service" was his. Every class of society in Rome came under the influence of this holy man and of his devoted companions. Striking results followed his work. His life of union with God ended on May 27th, 1593, in the eightieth year of his age. The great effect of his apostolate remained. The man of God built on the most solid of all foundations, love of God, imitation of Christ, subjection of the mind and will to God's holy law and love of our neighbor. Surely with such a heavenly patron the cause of the Catholic Church Extension must triumph.

SPIRITUAL BENEFITS

The spiritual favors granted the members of the Society are very valuable.

A plenary indulgence, to each member, on the day of admission, on the Feast of St. Philip Neri, the Immaculate Conception, St. Ann, St. Francis de Sales, St. Rose of Lima, the Holy Apostles, and at the hour of death.

To every member of the Society an indulgence of seven years and seven times forty days for every good work done in the interests of the Extension Society.

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The above indulgences, plenary and partial, may be applied to the souls in purgatory.

Priests who are moderators or directors of the Society may enjoy a privileged altar three times a week; Founders and Life Members, six times a week. (Brief of Pius X.)

Moreover, all contributors share in the countless Masses and prayers offered up by the priests and people aided by the Society.

May our members never forget these great blessings and may they endeavor to have others share them! But we know that no work of God can prosper without prayer, so we ask their constant assistance. Say every day this prayer for the Extension Society:

"St. Philip, our Holy Patron, who was so careful for the souls of thy brethren when on earth, grant through thy powerful intercession, we may care for the souls of our brethren and so ask God to bless the Church Extension Society, through which our desires may be realized through Christ our Lord. Amen." Donations may be addressed to:

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THE METHODISTS IN ROME

VULGAR AND UNSCRUPULOUS PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE POPE

The Methodist propaganda, always very active in Italy, has attained very large proportions during and since the War, and has culminated in the disgraceful project to erect a counter-Vatican on the hill known as Monte Mario, which is immediately behind St. Peter's, and closes the panorama of Rome towards the north. This shameful proposal has raised a storm of protest on the part of all decent-minded Italians, of whatever religious tendency they may be, and the press has initiated a vigorous campaign against the project in the name of the national dignity, and for the preservation of the national religion from insult and for the observance of the aesthetic fitness of things, which his hitherto maintained Monte Mario clear of buildings on that slope which immediately surmounts Rome and the Vatican.

It is only too true that the proposed buildings, which would include a residence for a Protestant bishop, schools, colleges—in a word, all the necessities of a regular Protestant university, besides marking an immense advance in the insidious Anglo-Saxon policy of infiltration, which have sought to undermine the faith of the people in this land during the last years. Always active and inspired by hatred of the Church, the Protestant propaganda has received immense aid by the advent of the Y. M. C. A., which society spares no expense or trouble in order to propagate its poisonous doctrines amongst the young.

It is a notable fact, for instance, and needless of comment that during the recent spiritualistic campaign, carried out by a prominent Roman daily newspaper, in which long articles in favor of spiritualism were published, answers given to enquirers and séances arranged for the interested, these séances were held in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A.!

ENGLAND'S SHARE

The immense expenses of the Protestant propaganda are defrayed chiefly by American gold, but English Protestantism takes also its share, and especially owing to the feverish activities of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It goes without saying that the methods of these propagandists are vile and disreputable in the extreme, and know no considerations of nicety or decency. It is well known that the Methodist College is the usual resort of the unfrocked priest. To cite only one case, it is generally known that the unhappy priest, Verdesi, who in 1911 denounced the Jesuit Father, Bricarelli, for violation of the confessional in denouncing certain modernists to Pius X., and was condemned for defamation in the subsequent action, was subsidized by the Methodists, of whom he is today a 'pastor.'

More disgusting is the method employed to entrap the poor. On the occasion of some domestic misfortune, and more particularly

when the head of the family is suddenly removed, a kindly philanthropist presents himself to the widow and offers her his consolations, at the same time expressing his desire to be of use, and concluding with an offer to undertake the education of one or all of the children, placing them in a Protestant college. The only sign of gratitude he asks for is that the sacrament of confession be abandoned! The reason of this demand is self-evident!

OBITUARY

PHYLLIS KELLET

The funeral of Phyllis Kellet, who died Monday afternoon, August 8th, 1921, in Corunna, was held on August 10th from the Catholic Church in Corunna. A solemn Requiem High Mass was sung by Father LaBelle, of Corunna, assisted by Fathers Poocek, Forstall and Brennan.

Monsignor Aylward of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sarnia, delivered a very impressive eulogy of Miss Kellet dealing with the many fine qualities of the deceased young lady.

Miss Kellet is survived by her mother Mrs. Ida Kellet; two aunts, Sister Hilda of Holy Convent, London, Ont., and Miss Minnie McParland, and an uncle, Charles McParland. Interment took place in the cemetery adjoining the Catholic Church at Corunna. R. I. P.

MRS. J. W. WRIGHT

On Saturday, August 20th, there passed to its eternal reward the soul of Mrs. J. W. Wright, 18 Southampton St., Guelph.

The deceased had been ailing in health for the last year, but not until two weeks ago did her illness assume serious nature, making her death come as a great shock to her many friends.

The late Mrs. Wright was the last and youngest member of the family of Denis Burns of Guelph.

Mrs. Wright was a noble example of a Catholic mother, no sacrifice for her faith ever being too great, and as a reward of her faithfulness to her God, she was granted one of the happiest and holiest of deaths, receiving Holy Communion the morning of her death, and being conscious to the end, calmly awaiting her death although suffering intensely from her illness.

The funeral took place from her late residence to the Church of Our Lady where Solemn High Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. F. W. Doyle, S.J., as celebrant, assisted by Rev. J. I. Bergin, S.J., as deacon, and Rev. J. Knox, S.J., as sub-deacon. At the conclusion of the Requiem the choir sang "Jerusalem, How do I Sigh for Thee."

The interment was made at the R. C. cemetery, services being conducted by Rev. N. Quirk, S. J.

The funeral was one of the largest ever held from the Church of Our Lady. Many spiritual and floral offerings were received showing the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Besides a sorrowing husband Mrs. Wright leaves nine children: James P. of Englehart, Albert F., Denis, Joseph and Mrs. F. P. Cummings of Pilkington, Sr. M. Ethelreda of St. Joseph's Community, Toronto, Sr. M. Anita of Notre Dame Community, Kitchener, and Misses Edith and Irene at home.

ALONE WITH THEE

Alone with Thee, a little while apart  
From all the world, I love to be away.  
And in the twilight calm, O Sacred Heart,  
I love to be alone with Thee and pray.  
Before Thy altar, silent and alone,  
What human tongue can tell the joy I feel  
To know I am, dear Lord, Thy very own,  
And Thou are near me when at eve I kneel.

DIED

JORDAN.—On Sunday, August 7th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Peter McGrath, McKillop, Mrs. Ann Jordan, widow of the late Patrick Jordan of Dublin, Ontario, in her eighty-ninth year. Deceased was a native of Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, Ireland. May her soul rest in peace.

CALLAGHAN.—At Montreal, Que., on August 16, 1921, Nell McDonald, beloved wife of S. J. Callaghan, 1256 St. Hubert St., aged fifty-five years. May her soul rest in peace.

DOYLE.—At Prescott, Ont., on April 12th, 1921, Teresa Doyle, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Doyle, aged thirty-five years. May her soul rest in peace.

O'FLAHERTY.—On Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1921, Mr. Gerald O'Flaherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Flaherty, 194 Cambria Street, Stratford. May his soul rest in peace.

MARRIAGE

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