

who had sought and obtained permission from the Propaganda to undertake the arduous task of winning success where so many of their predecessors had confessed defeat.

There is no doubt about the zeal with which the newcomers addressed themselves to the work. The need was surely great for the population of the Soudan is variously estimated at anything between forty and a hundred millions of souls, of whom scarcely a hundred besides the foreign traders and consuls at Khartum were Christians.

After thirteen years of tireless and heroic labors, after many of the missionaries had given up their lives in the exhaustive work, and after the united efforts of priests and nuns, the most liberal estimate placed on their activity, did not reckon the Catholics of the Soudan at a higher figure than 800. Surely in any service but that of God, such unrewarded labors could bring nothing but utter discouragement. These Italian priests, some of whom had gone to Africa because, after 1872, they had been expelled from Italy or rather "suppressed," placed themselves under the patronage of the Austrian Emperor. That was before Italy indulged her wild dream of "colonial expansion," which received such a sharp rebuke from the Negus of Abyssinia two years ago at Adowa. They had churches at Berber, Khartum and in El Obeid, the capital of Kordofan.

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**INFAMOUS MARGARET SHEPHERD**

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various crimes and sentenced to terms of imprisonment.

7. She has been confined in Hoxton Lunatic asylum, England.

8. She was an inmate of the House of the Good Shepherd, Arno's Vale, Bristol, where she was placed for reformation.

9. Afterwards she was taken by the Salvation Army in England while leading a life of shame and the Army found her utterly incorrigible and disreputable and had to cast her off.

10. In nearly every place she has been she has left unpaid debts for accounts run and money borrowed.

11. She is in the cause of slandering Catholics for money.

12. Even the Apaists in the East and in Canada were compelled to cast her off.

This is the character of the woman whom the Chronicle and Examiner have set before the people of San Francisco in the garb of a Sister of Charity. The evidence which sustains these accusations was in the hands of the editors of those papers several days ago. Therefore they cannot plead ignorance. They knew what they were doing and they believed that the time had come to forget the lessons of the past few years ago revive the war upon Catholic men.

I may in conclusion ask our non-Catholic fellow-citizens one question. There are many converts from Protestantism to Catholicism. Did you ever hear of a converted Protestant lecturing about the iniquity of the Protestant churches or about the

immorality of Protestant women? A true convert is not so minded, and were a hypocrite to undertake such a campaign Catholics would be the first to protest against such a desecration of the Catholic name.

To all liberal-minded men and women let me offer this word of advice. The Shepherd woman is here with a manager and their sole object is to make money. Keep away from her hall, keep away from the approaches thereto; let there be no sign to give her the chance to raise the cry that she is persecuted. They that love dirt, obscene birds, may glut themselves at her meetings. No others would be seen entering her doors. Where the carrion is there shall the kites be gathered together.

And if any one should not know what Catholic women are, let them go to the soldiers who are waiting their country's call at Camp Merritt, Camp Miller or Camp Barrett. Let him inquire there what these Catholic ladies are doing day in and day out for the boys in blue without fee and without reward. While a mercenary adventuress is using the Chronicle and Examiner to slander them for hire they are, like the master they worship, quietly and unostentatiously doing good. Oh, it is a cruel thing that men should be found to offer even the shadow of an insult to these angels of God on earth.

Yours truly,  
PETER C. YORKE.

**VIGOROUS OLD AGE.**

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**THE PROPAGANDA ON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.**

Catholic Citizen (Milwaukee).

Rt. Rev. Bishop Messmer furnishes The Citizen the following correct statement of a matter which will be of general interest to the Catholic public:

While the part of my audience with the Holy Father referring to what had happened in a parish of the diocese is correctly reported, the rest is not. I regret that most of the Catholic papers give a false report of the other fact I mentioned at the German Catholic congress, by attributing to the Holy Father what is an answer of the Propaganda. In my report concerning the diocese, which I had to submit to the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda, I stated that in my diocese we still meet with a good deal of opposition in regard to Catholic schools, ESPECIALLY from English speaking Catholics. In its answer to my report, dated July 25, 1898, the Sacred Congregation says: "It is

to be greatly regretted that not a few Catholic parents in your diocese are very careless in sending their children to non-Catholic schools, not without injury to their Christian education. Let priests most zealously try by every suitable means, yet with great prudence, to bring such parents to a right mind in this matter. At the same time all ought to work together in order that Catholic schools, which should not be inferior to non-Catholic schools, may increase as much as possible. But where it is impossible to establish a Catholic school, every care must be taken to give the children a sufficient religious instruction." These are the exact words of the Congregation, not of the Holy Father.

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