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QUIETLY and unostentatiously do many people work for the cause of Jesus Christ and humanity. Unknown to the public and not for the public's sake but for Christ's sake is the work done. Outside the walls of the city of Jerusalem there are women belonging chiefly to the German religious houses who devote their lives, which must necessarily be short, to alleviate the sufferings of lepers. The disease soon fastens upon themselves and they gradually waste away and die. Lately also the Rev. J. Damien de Veuster, the leper priest of Molaki departed this life. "Such a life and such a death," says the *New York Churchman*, "is too sublime for human comment. It was in 1873 he commenced his work on the little island of Molaki, one of the Hawaiian group. The lepers were degraded, idolatrous and addicted to the use of a vile intoxicant which they made from a native root. He changed the pandemonium of this lazaretto into a peaceful and cheerful settlement. But he was obliged himself at last to succumb to the disease. It attacked his ears, nose, throat and lungs and at last took him away. Names such as his, if not known widely on earth are at all events written in the Lamb's Book of Life. We want more of the manliness of the leper priest both in

clergy and people. His character speaks like a voice crying in the wilderness, in an age where charity is often little more than the superfluity of a surfeit, and worldliness makes it that one brave preacher who has happened to speak the truth is looked upon as a portent and a prodigy."

THE Rev. E. Noel Hodges, of England, has accepted the missionary see of Travancore and Cochin. The offer was made by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

ACCORDING to a paper lately issued by Rev. J. M. Davenport, of Portland, St. John, N. B., the Roman Catholic Bishops at their consecration take oath, among other things, that they will "take care to preserve, defend, increase and advance the rights, honors, privileges and authority of the holy Roman Church our lord the Pope and his successors, and that they will to the utmost of their power, persecute and attack heretics, schismatics and rebels against the same our lord or his successors."

THE city of Vancouver, British Columbia, may fairly claim to be regarded, says the *Montreal Gazette*, as the infant prodigy of Canadian cities. Three years ago, that is to say on March 1st, 1886, there was only one straggling street along the water front, and the town site was an unbroken forest. Six weeks later the city, which already had been selected as the Pacific terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was incorporated, and a municipal government established, and during the next two months a great influx of population and activity in building operations occurred. Then a terrible calamity visited the place, a fire on June 13th obliterating every house save three. Nothing daunted, the energetic citizens set to work with a will the following day, and in an incredibly short space of time the city had risen from its ashes and all traces of the devastation were lost. Since then the history of Vancouver has been an uninterrupted record of progress in every department of industry, commerce and municipal administration. The city now boasts a gas company, an electric light company, a waterworks system, a telephone company, and a street railway company, whose line will be in operation during the coming summer. Within the limits there are forty-six miles of graded streets, and twenty-four miles of sidewalks. Not even the characteristic of a civic debt is wanting, the corporation having incurred a liability of \$356,000 for the purposes of municipal improvements. Finally, the population has now mounted up to ten thousand and the assessed value of real property to \$6,604,000, the latter having all but doubled in the past year. The boast does not seem an exaggeration that among all the young cities of the continent none has grown more quickly or substantially, and none has a more magnificent future opened to it than Vancouver.