

## Bishop Favier on Loot

Peking's famous Bishop, Monsignor Favier, has been repeatedly accused of looting and other misdeeds after the siege of Peking. Although those attacks were already refuted, it was deemed advisable to ask the Bishop for a more complete justification of himself and missionaries. Occasion was taken to obtain his views on the present and future condition of the Christian Church in China. The following is in part the answer of the eminent prelate just received by the Association for the Propagation of the Faith and communicated by the Rev. Dr. Frerri, director of the American branch of that society, with headquarters at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.: Last February, after a lecture I gave in Marseilles on the eve of my sailing, some newspaper men handed me a telegram accusing me of having ransacked the house of a certain Lou-Sen, and taken over a million taels in silver; the despatch added that the Chinese subject had placed his claim with the allies.

I answered that on my arrival at Peking I would place myself at the disposal of the allied powers, and if in spite of my positive orders any injustice had been done, it would be promptly repaired. It was in connection with this charge that I heard of Lou-Sen for the first time.

I desired to clear up the matter, so, shortly after arriving at Peking, I called on Marshal Count Waldersee, on the French Minister and the delegates of the Chinese Government to ask whether any complaints against me had been lodged with them; they unanimously answered that they had not heard a single one.

After many inquiries I found that Lou-Sen was the son of a certain Ly-Chan, a Mandarin murdered by the Boxers because of his friendly dispositions towards Europeans. His house, which had been set on fire, is about five hundred yards from the mission. I sent an invitation to the young man to call on me, and his first word was to thank me for having contributed to save the remains of his home. He added that "if it were true that everything had been plundered by the Boxers, neither they nor anybody else had found a treasure in the ruins, for there was none; in fact, there had never been any." Not only did he fail to utter any complaint, but he offered me a little house partly demolished and bordering our property. I accepted it on condition that he would let me pay for it, which he was most reluctant to do, but I knew him to be poor. He asked my help for the rehabilitation of his father's memory, which I readily promised, for the good Ly-Chan was a sincere friend of the Europeans; this was the only grievance of Prince Tuan against him, and the cause of his death.

Finally I had a large poster placed at the gates of our residence inviting all pagans who suffered some

wrong at the hands of Christians to come and receive compensation. Several presented themselves and received immediately what was promised. There is now no claim standing against the mission.

Everything being thus satisfactorily ended, the Mandarins requested me to address a letter to the Christians, exhorting them not only to peace and harmony, but even to entire forgetfulness of the past. I send you herewith a copy of it. The Mandarins issued a decree to the same purpose, and both documents were sent to all the prefects and vice prefects of this district. By mutual consent it is agreed that "no accusation of Christian against pagan, or vice versa, will be entertained in regard to the facts just past."

Such is my answer to the questions of your letter, and I trust that now you will share my hopes for the future. I believe that the return of the Imperial Court to Peking, though delayed, is a foregone conclusion. They are repairing palaces and roads, and Chinese sentinels are at the gates; before six months the city will have resumed its former aspect. After the return of the court peace and tranquility are assured. The miraculous protection, the effects of which were felt by us last year, will not fail us this year or in the future, and what God guards is well guarded.

A. FAVIER.  
CIRCULAR LETTER OF BISHOP FAVIER, OF PEKIN, TO THE CHINESE CHRISTIANS.

You suffered much for the sake of your religion during the past year. That persecution was unjust. The imperial decree of the 10th day of the 5th moon, year 26th of the reign of Kwang-su (March 15, 1899), reads as follows:

"The Christian religion has been propagated in China for many years. Its missionaries have only one end in view — to exhort men to do good. Never have their exhortations incited any one to rebellion. You, then, my people, pagans as well as Christians, must live in peace and harmony one with another. Let every one do his duty."

Victims of malefactors in rebellion against the imperial power, you were driven from your homes, your goods were stolen, your houses set on fire and many of your relatives lost their lives.

Deprived of everything, separated forever here below from the dearest members of your families, your wives and children, it is not surprising that at first bitter feelings against the assassins and incendiaries should fill your hearts.

To-day I come to remind you of a precept of our holy religion—forgiveness of injuries. Show, therefore, that you are worthy children of the Catholic Church, give up all feelings of hatred and anger, stifle in your hearts all desires of revenge.

The Emperor, through his Mandarins, orders his pagan subjects to be at peace with you and not give way to hatred and revenge. All should be docile to this exhortation, and so, pagans and Christians should form one family and live like brothers under the govern-



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meat of the Emperor, the father of all.

Justice demands a compensation for the losses you suffered; it will be given. We have come to an understanding on this point with the Mandarins. Do not try to reimburse yourselves; you will receive what's proper from my hand in a few months. Forget the horrors of the unjust persecution. Do no longer prefer complaints against pagans in regard to past injustices.

The Viceroy promised me in the name of the Emperor not to listen to any complaint made against you in connection with the past events. For the same reason, now that indemnities are settled, your accusations will not be received by the tribunals. If pagans cause you any damage in the future, write to your director, who with the local Mandarin will make an inquiry. If, on the other hand, they have any reason for complaint against you, they will apply to the Mandarins and with them we will see to the case. Between Christians and pagans there must be no difference, no preference, no immunity, if excepting collections for the support of pagan temples, to which you cannot in conscience contribute. But you must obey all the laws of the Empire; they were enacted for all, and not for a portion of the nation only.

Suffer with patience and resignation. The persecution was like a terrible storm. Now the wind is stilled and calm has returned.

All the mandarins of the province have been prodigal of marks of friendship and guarantee peace on the part of the pagans. Your Bishop who was given you by the Holy Father, knowing your obedience, has vouched for you.

Your good examples will cause many to reverence and appreciate our holy religion. Your patience and charity will bring worshippers to the true God, for charity draws all things to itself.

Pekin, July, 1901. A. FAVIER.

## FRIGHTFUL MASSACRE OF MISSIONARIES.

Some time ago a telegram was received in Genoa announcing that missionaries and Genoese Sisters had been massacred by Indians at Alto Alegre, in Brazil. Until now nothing further was known of the circumstances. A letter written from San Luis by Father John, of Milan, to the general of the Capuchins and just received gives some details of the frightful butchery. Brazilian troops, who were accompanied by Father John, of Milan, were sent to Alto Alegre and reached there about forty days after the massacre. Father John found the pavement of the church, the stairs and the cloister stained with blood. In a neighboring forest he discovered a number of dead bodies of Sisters, natives of Genoa, who had been put to death at the same time.

A little girl of ten years, who escaped the Indians almost miraculously, told the sad story as well as she could. At 5 o'clock in the morning, as Father Victor was beginning to offer up the Holy Sacrifice, a troop of savage Indians burst into the church. They shot the priest dead and then commenced shooting and stabbing all in the church. They searched out the Brothers and murdered them, and then visited the convent and took the lives of the Sisters. Next they went about the neighborhood and killed all the Christians whom they met, setting fire to the houses. About 150 children whom they spared at first they led into a wood, and the little ones perished there. The victims numbered altogether about 300. The Indians were captured by the Brazilian troops.

H. E. Cardinal Richard left Paris on Wednesday last for his usual visit ad limina Apostolorum. The Archbishop is expected to remain for about three weeks in Rome. Cardinal Perraud, Bishop of Autun, has just returned to his diocese from the Eternal City, and has addressed to his flock a pastoral letter, in which he describes the hopes and fears of the Sovereign Pontiff in connection with the crisis through which France is now passing.

## "Incline Thine Ear Unto Wisdom"

Solomon probably never had in view the inestimable benefits of insurance, when he exhorted men to be wise and look beyond the present. Nevertheless, his words have the utmost bearing to-day. The man who lives serenely on, thoughtlessly, carelessly, unmindful of the possibilities of the future, refuses to incline his ears unto wisdom. Such a man is the uninsured.

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In birds, in sunshine, childish faces sweet,  
In stars, and mountain summits topped with snows.

Go not abroad for happiness. For, see!  
It is a flower that blossoms by thy door.  
Bring love and justice home; and then no more  
Thou'lt wonder in what dwelling joy may be.

Dream not of noble service elsewhere wrought,  
The simple duty that awaits thy hand  
Is God's voice uttering a divine command;  
Life's common deeds build all that saints have thought.

In wonder workings, or some bush afflure,  
Men look for God, and fancy Him concealed;  
But in earth's common things He stands revealed.  
While grass and flowers and stars spell out His name.

The paradise men seek the city bright  
That gleams beyond the stars for longing eyes,  
Is only human goodness in the skies.  
Earth's deeds, well done, glow into heavenly light.

Minot J. Savage.

## NEW NEWFOUNDLAND KNIGHT—AN IRISH CATHOLIC.

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 12.—Chief Justice Little's knighthood is looked upon as a special recognition of the loyalty of the Roman Catholics in Newfoundland. They participated warmly in the loyalist demonstrations. The Chief Justice is the most prominent representative of the Irish Catholics in the colony.

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J. R. STRATTON,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Parliament Buildings, Toronto, November 11th, 1901.

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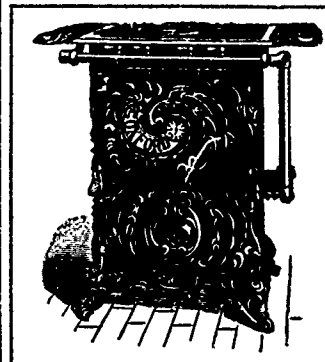
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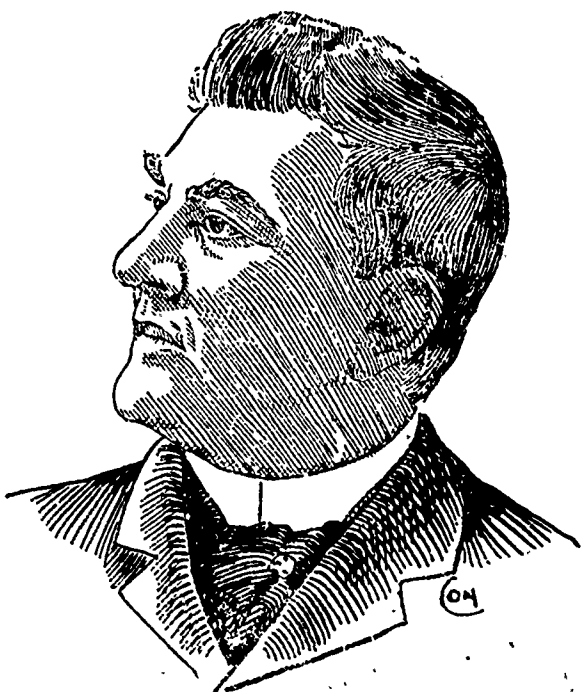
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