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MICHAEL BURKE, Esq.:—My Dear Mr. Burke—As an immigrant of 1847 I am glad to be allowed to add my mite to the gift you intend offering that worthy Irishwoman, our Mrs. Sadlier.

Affectionately yours, GEO. BROWNE, P.P.

The following letter, from a Scotch Canadian Catholic, is evidence that the merits and services of Mrs. James A. Sadlier are recognized beyond the Irish Catholic community:

ISLAND REVENUE OFFICE, Montreal April 10, 1898.

My Dear Mr. Curran—I enclose five dollars for the testimonial to your eminent countrywoman, Mrs. James A. Sadlier, who is, for so many reasons, worthy of most honorable and grateful recognition for the invaluable services she has rendered by means of pure and wholesome literature, for so long a time, and at such opportune periods.

Believe me, Ver sincerely yours, DUGALD MACDONALD.

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The following beautiful letter from Rev. Father Wynne, S.J., of New York, is another tribute to Mrs. James A. Sadlier's acknowledged worth:

APOSTLESHP OF PRAYER, 27 and 29 West 16th street, NEW YORK, April 13, 1897.

MR MICHAEL BURKE, Montreal, Canada:

Dear Sir,—You will please accept the enclosed as our contribution to the Mrs. Sadlier testimonial. We should be glad if it were in our power to offer something more in proportion to the esteem we have for one who has done so much for a sound Catholic literature.

We shall try to make up by our prayers what we cannot offer in gifts, and trust that the responses of her many friends may make her testimonial in every way gratifying to its recipient.

Yours sincerely, J. WYNNE, S.J.

COATICOOK, April 19th, 1897.

M BURKE ESQ :

My Dear Sir—Please find my offering to help the fund you are good enough to get up for Mrs. Sadlier. My share, while in keeping with my means is not the measure of my admiration for that good woman whose great talents and learning have been ever placed and skillfully used for the benefit of our people.

M. McAULEY, V.G.

CATHOLICS IN CHINA.

Rev. Father McVeigh Recounts His Experiences in Missionary Work.

The Rev. John McVeigh, C.M., Father of the Mission in China, attached to the Vicariate of Peking, says the Dublin Freeman, is at present in Ireland preaching and collecting in aid of the Catholic Mission in the Celestial Empire.

IS A LEARNED AND DISTINGUISHED PREACHER.

He has a good command of the English language, and he possesses unusual facility in several European languages. Like all the Irish priests who have been on the China mission, he has attracted considerable notice for his zeal and ability in bringing a knowledge of the Gospel to the pagan population.

esting details of the work of the mission, and the position of the Catholic Church in China.

Asked as to the progress of Catholicity in China, Father McVeigh said: Less than half a century ago there were only about 8,000 Catholics in China.

THE CATHOLIC PROPORTION OF POPULATION.

What proportion of the population in the Peking Vicariate have embraced Catholicity? There are 42,000 Catholics there. The population is about 20 millions. The Catholics are of all orders—principally farmers, tradesmen, and commercial men—and we have a number of mandarins.

THE CHURCH ESTABLISHMENTS.

How are the people circumstanced for objects of public worship? We have in Peking one large principal church, and the bishop is. We call it the cathedral. The others are small wooden chapels. A few are built of mud with an exterior facing of brick.

THE SISTERHOOD OF CHARITY.

Have there always been Irish priests in a China Mission? Yes, the three who preceded me were Irish, and all Vincentian Fathers.

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GREEK AND TURK

First Sound of the Trumpet and Call to Arms.

The Success of the Grecian Forces at Revenii.

The Losses in the Turkish Ranks.

War with Greece has been virtually declared.

This decision was come to following the news of the incursion by the Greeks on Turkish territory.

The Council of Ministers at the Yildiz palace recalled the Assembly, gave messages to Prince Mavrocordato, the Greek Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, and ordered Edhem Pasha, the Turkish military commander, to take the offensive.

A detailed circular sent on Saturday to the Turkish representatives abroad recalls the week's invasions, and states that the west incursion was participated in by the Greek troops, which, therefore, establishes war, which has broken out.

The circular expresses the hope that the Powers, in a spirit of justice, will agree that the entire responsibility for the war falls on Greece. Turkey has no idea of conquest, and as a fresh proof of pacific sentiments offers to retire the Turkish troops on the frontier if Greece will retire hers from the frontier and from Crete.

The Sattimo Forte sent a communication to the Ambassadors, pointing out that if the Greeks succeeded in crossing the frontier, taking the Turkish position at many points, it was because Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander, desired to carry out instructions to the effect that he should remain on the defensive in order to prove beyond dispute that the Greeks were the aggressors.

The other side of the argument comes in the form of a despatch from Athens, where Premier M. Delyannis, in a spirited speech, delivered in the Legislative Assembly on Sunday, stated: "Turkey declares war against us. We accept it."

The declaration was received with cheers from the galleries and the floor of the Chamber.

The public galleries were crowded and amid the greatest excitement M. Delyannis proceeded to his remarks. He announced that the Turkish Government had notified Greece of the rupture of diplomatic relations on the ground of the aggressive attitude of the Greek Government.

He reviewed the recent events to show, on the contrary, that Turkey had been the aggressor, that her troops had attacked the Greeks and attempted to occupy neutral positions, and that her batteries at Preveza had sunk the Greek ship Macedonia.

The Premier read dispatches reciting the events which had happened on the frontier, and with reference to the reported capture of Menexa, he said that his batteries at that important position had been brought into action, but he knew nothing as to its actual capture. He added that the Turks, after repeated attempts to force a passage at Revenii, which commands the road to Larissa, and been driven back.

The leader of the Opposition, amid a shower of cheers from all parts of the Chamber and from the galleries, eloquently endorsed the patriotic declaration of M. Delyannis.

SCENES OF EXTRAORDINARY EXCITEMENT.

The streets were crowded with people discussing the outbreak of war and its probable outcome. The general feeling was one of satisfaction at the relief from the irritating tension of the past few weeks, which had gradually become almost unendurable, and which is ended at last by overt acts. It is claimed here, upon the part of Turkey.

THE BATTLE OF REVENII.

A despatch from London, yesterday, says:—The situation on the frontier has not, according to the latest advices received, been modified. Both the Turks and the Greeks are resting from the exertions of Saturday and Sunday. The troops of Edhem Pasha were half dead with fatigue and hunger when the firing slacked up last night. Most of them drag themselves down where they stood in the bare ground to sleep.

The Turkish commander-in-chief prudently decided to allow his army to rest to-day. As details come, it becomes more and more apparent that the fighting in Macedonia was of the most stubborn and savage character. The Turks fought like devils, and the Greeks resisted in the spirit of their ancestors. The most inexplicable fact in connection with the whole engagement is the comparatively small number of killed. All the special correspondents agree as to this.

CONCLUDED ON EIGHTH PAGE.

What's in a name? Everything, You can't begin to think how much better Shavley feels, who used to be only "night watchman" at a swimming school, since somebody called him "night commander of the bath."—Boston Transcript.