

# ON THE TRAIL OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY

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## No "Knockers" at Mission in the Philippine Islands

Manila, P. I.—There are no knockers at missionaries in the Philippines. Thus a Manila newspaper man colorfully diagnosed the missionary situation in the islands. My own investigations verified this opinion; the criticism of missions and missionaries which is so general in the port cities of the far east is conspicuous for its absence in Manila. The missionaries appear to be on the best of terms with everybody, from the governor general down.

One of the most popular dinner clubs in the city is the Quill club, to which most of the prominent men in Manila belong, and which was organized by two missionaries. Not until the recent visit of Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall and Secretary Lloyd, of the Protestant Episcopal board when they were guests of the club, was anything like a religious topic mentioned in the after dinner speeches. This suggests a notable fact about the Philippine missionaries: The man is not swallowed up in the milieu. So far as I met them personally, I found the missionaries sharing the characteristics of most of the other Americans in the islands; strong, sensible, symmetrical, men seriously engaged in the business of making the best nation possible out of the Philippine Islands.

Catholic-Protestant Neighborliness. Inasmuch as the Roman Catholic church has been in the islands for 300

years, it is not surprising that the superiority of the Filipino to the Asiatic—and he undoubtedly is superior to Japanese, Chinese, Malay or Indian—is due to the civilizing influence of the Roman Catholic church. That the United States has been able to do more for the islands politically in less than ten years than Great Britain has done for India in a hundred years, must largely be credited to the church that brought the Filipino out of savagery.

With the abuse that crept into the church in the islands this article is not concerned; but it must be pointed out that it was not against the American type of Roman Catholicism that the Filipino revolted. On all sides it is agreed that the church in the islands should be brought up to the American standard. Concerning the handful of American priests who have gone to the Philippines, I heard only good things from Missionary Agius down to the civilian "man of the street." There is a great need for more.

Regarding this, the church authorities look with most hopefulness to the present movement for the education of young Filipinos to the priesthood in the United States. Lack of suitable priests is the chief need of the church in the islands. In order to remedy this, which cannot exist in the light of the increasingly-circulated newspapers, of widespread popular education, and of a steadily grow-

families; 203 are living in hotels; 882 are soldiers; 61 are in British prisons.

Apparently, the average American does not find the atmosphere of the islands conducive to church-going. A count was made upon a recent Sunday, of all the American men in attendance upon the city's 20 churches, Roman Catholic and Protestant; and the aggregate number was found to be 416. At the Columbia club were 81 and at the Laneta sacred concert were 395. Over against these, 924 (among whom were doubtless many duplicates) who were under religious or "holiness" influences, may be placed the count of 1958 in attendance upon baseball games, races, etc. At two similar resorts where the count could not be made, the estimated number was 260 more.

This does not mean that Manila is an immoral city; in truth, I was amazed at the quietness and orderliness of it, and at the manifest high character of the people. So far as I could ascertain, the attacks upon the morality of Americans in the Philippines have been cruel exaggerations.

While they apparently do not lean strongly to church-going, the men of Manila yet manifest an alert interest in the moral welfare of the city. The hundreds of thousands of dollars Young Men's Christian association building, with lodgings for a hundred men, was made a civic matter, and pushed through enthusiastically. The Y. M. C. A., by the way, was the first Protestant agency at work in the islands, and it rendered service to the soldiers, now supplemented by work for civilians, has continued to this day, winning warmest praise in all quarters.

Churches Get Together.

The first outstanding fact concerning the distinctly missionary work of the islands by the Protestant churches is the plan of cooperation which was lately adopted. Profiting by the experience of other mission fields, the denominations early got together to apportion the territory, so that duplication and conflict might be avoided. In order also to present a united front for Protestantism, a common name, "Evangelical churches," was adopted. In place of the varied and confusing denominational appellations. From the first there has been substantial unity and cooperation among the missionaries; who are, as already indicated, a superior body of sensible, capable men.

In the division of the islands among the denominations, the Methodists have the greater part of Luzon, north of Manila, and the Presbyterians the southern portion of the same island as well as four other islands. The Disciples of Christ also have four stations in the most northerly part of Luzon. Since 1890 the Baptists have occupied Negros, northern and southern Panay and the island of Romblon, with 17 missionary and 27 native congregations. Congregationalists are located on the island of Mindanao, where they work in close cooperation with the Presbyterians. The Protestant Alliance has a work for the pagan natives, and also for the Chinese. Methodists likewise have a share among the Chinese. The United Brethren are strongly established about San Fernando. Spiritualists and Christian Scientists have work in Manila.

The total Protestant membership of the islands reported to the Evangelical Union last year, was 15,000, exclusive of 10,000 probationers recorded in the Methodist church. The latter body is witnessing an extraordinary growth; with only one American engaged in the Philippine work it now reports, according to Rev. M. A. Rader, presiding elder, no less than 18,000 members, including probationers. A curious fact about this congregation and those of the other missions, is that two-thirds of them are men, and of this number three-quarters are young men. There are 200 licensed native workers in the Methodist church, only a few of whom receive any financial assistance. This characteristic of independence and self-support runs through all of the Protestant missions. The great bulk of their churches throughout the islands has been built by the natives themselves.

Educational and eleemosynary effort on the part of the missions includes the Presbyterian hospitals at Iloilo and Demagueite and the Silliman industrial institute for boys at the latter place, the Protestant Episcopal Dispensary and Settlement House in Manila, the Methodist hospital and schools, the Yaw industrial school of the Baptists with about 300 students, and various training schools for native workers and periodical religious publications maintained by the different denominations.

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"How about tobacco?"

"I do not smoke. I have never had a cigar or a cigarette in my mouth."

"Ever gamble?"

"Never. I do not know one card from another."

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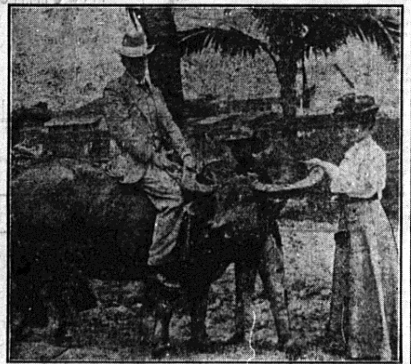
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Charles M. Alexander in Manila. Mrs. Alexander is standing at Caribou's Head years, and most of the natives are, at least nominally, members of that communion, I expected to find bitterness of action between the Catholics and the Protestants. But this is not the case, and for two reasons. The first is that the Protestant missionaries have labored with tact and quietness and have endeavored to avoid arousing antagonisms and sectarian bitterness.

The second is that the old church organization has its hands full with the Aglipay schism, which claims not only more than 2,000 adherents, but also a large part of the church property in the islands. This question is now being fought out in the courts. In the meantime, the two wings of Catholicism are manifesting no little bitterness toward each other. Archbishop Agius, the Apostolic delegate, could not find terms with which to characterize Aglipay, when I broached the matter to him.

And from what I could ascertain I suspect that he is pretty nearly correct in regarding Aglipay as a selfish schism, an opponent of the political, and a man who rose to power on the tide of opposition to the friars, merely represents the idea of revolt against old and evil conditions. Aglipay seems to stand for nothing—or rather for anything—and everything—in a theological way; and, as a young man, professes himself as steadfastly devoted to all the historic teachings and practices of Rome; in another, he is practically a Protestant, attacking church rites and distributing Bibles.

So bitter is the strife between the Roman Catholics and the Aglipayans that neither pays much attention to the Protestants, who go unheeded on their way, adding great numbers to the Protestant churches. Many reports, I am told, come to the missionaries from the Aglipayan fold, having discovered the unsatisfactory condition of the latter. Not a few of the earliest adherents of the Protestant missionaries become much more political matters; anything they show rebellion against the Spanish friars. Many of these early left away, but some have become intelligent workers in the Protestant churches.

Good Words for the Filipino.

A further word should be written concerning the Roman Catholic church in the islands, before passing on to the distinctly missionary propaganda. It is to be borne in mind that

All Lost.

David Belasco, the playwright and manager, was talking about matinee idols. "Strange," he said, "the fascination that they exert upon young girls. I overheard the other day a literary conversation that is appropos. Two men were conversing. 'Did you ever read Shakespeare's 'Love's Labor Lost?'" said the first. 'No,' growled the second bald head. 'I've taken the best girl to the theater, and heard her rave all through the show about the leading man's heavenly hair.'

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Saloons for Women.

"When I was in Berlin," said a clergyman, "I had once curiosity to visit one of the peculiar saloons for women that they have there. The place interested me, and I am bound to say that it was decently conducted. Berlin is the only city in the world that has these institutions. In our country, where the women are nearly all totalitarians, we don't need them; in fact they don't need them because English women of the lower classes enter the public houses and lean against the bar and sip their beer with as much nonchalance as their husbands."

"In this female saloon in Berlin about 25 females were gathered. They looked poor, but respectable. Some were smoking—cigarettes and cigars—some read the papers, and in a corner a little group were talking over an article in a fashion magazine, such as men argue in their own saloons over politics."