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Dear Subscribers:

If I had time enough, I would write to you all a personal letter to thank you most sincerely: you have made "The Little Apostle" a success. Already "The Little Apostle" has more subscribers than any other review in the Philippines. That shows how popular the efforts of the Missionaries are in the Philippines. It shows how the Catholic Filipinos have an interest in the conversion and civilization of their brethren of the Mountain Province. Many have sent in several subscriptions.

Dear readers, let me now ask a personal sacrifice of each one of you. What is it? Five minutes of your time to speak with a friend or to write to somebody asking the person mentioned to take a subscription. No doubt, if you recommend the review and, above all, the work among the last Filipino Pagans thru the review, that the person you invite to subscribe will take a subscription. May I count on you?

Some of you, especially the students in the Catholic schools and colleges, will write or speak to more than one friend: simply say that by subscribing they help the missions, spread God's Church, relieve the poor Igorots and consequently draw down God's blessing on themselves and their country. Are you determined to do this aposto-

lic work? Then, do it now, not tomorrow. But I must add an advice: tell them to send their peso or dollar for the subscription by registered Mail, or by M. O. Then the letter is sure to arrive safely.

The other day I received perhaps the most enthusiastic letter I ever received asking for subscriptions. It came from a Missionary: parish priest of Dapa, Surigao. Do you not feel enthusiastic when you read it? Here it is:

Rev. and dear Father O. Vandewalle.

Long live the newborn baby in the Catholic Newspaper-family! And long live the good Missionaries of the Mountain Province and all the School and College girls and boys, ready to help them, under the leadership of their good teachers.

May your endeavours in this new field meet with all the success worth so noble a cause! It is the first Philippine Missionpaper. So let us help it along.

C. W. Van Berkel M.S.C.

A few hours after the letter had left Dapa, a terrible earthquake destroyed much property in the province of Surigao. The Church of Cantilan built by a confrere of Father Van Berkelen crumbled.

What is consoling, is that "The Little Apostle" found a footing in several colleges of Manila it had not reached vet. Some girls from Santa Rosa, Santa Isabel, etc. have taken a subscription. No doubt they will become little Apostles among their friends of the college. I give them the title of promotors, provided they really promote this grand undertaking. To work, dear ladies, for God and country! Just tell your little friends to put by ten centavos a month; may be when they ask their parents for the sum of one peso for the Little Apostle, Mamma will immediately and generously open her purse: it is a duty of the educational work of the parents to help their children to do a work of charity.

Space forbids me to give the full details of the Contest in subscriptions. I will say only this: the first of last month remains the first and a high first with exactly 100 subscriptions, which mean 100 pearls in the winner's crown in heaven. Number two is a one whose name did not appear yet. He ordered one hundred letters to be nrinted in order to send them to his friends to ask their subscriptions. Can you guess who this is? He is a Filipino priest from the North. Priests can do much for the mission work and whatsoever is taken away from their parish for a good work in another field is returned a hundredfold to their own work. No less than an American Bishop said this publicly three months ago, and anyway any Catholic, who understands God's power and generosity, sees it must be so: God was never beaten in generosity.

I resume: to all subscribers, my heartiest thanks. All subscribers try at least to bring in a new subscriber. The subscribers partake of the sacrifices of Mass celebrated every day by all the Missionaries in the Mountain Province. God bless your efforts, dear

subscribers, and above all your persons and enterprises.

Rev. O. Vandewalle. P. O. B. 1393, Manila, P. I.

While going to press, St. Scholastica College, Manila sends 208 more subscriptions. Three cheers for the students of St. Scholasca College.

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There is a charity which consists in withholding words, in keeping back harsh judgement, in abstaining from speech, if to speak is to condemn. Such charity hears the tale of slander, but does not repeat it; listens in silence, but forbears comment: then locks the unpleasant secret up in the very depths of the heart.