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Dear Little Apostles of the Mountain Province :

When the Independence Commission started its famous drive for P500,000 three months ago, I watched carefully the papers of the different political creeds. Some said the Filipinos would never raise that sum. Others answered they would oversubscribe it. Here was at stake one of the noblest ends a people can foster: the independence of their country. Nevertheless some papers repeated the Filipinos would not make the sacrifice of P500,000. I watched and saw how from the very first days the Independence Commission organized a Committee. This Committee organized others all over the country. At this sight I had no doubt but that the subscription would be a success and a great success. The results have shown I was not mistaken. Why that success? First: the end in view was a vital one. Second: a great many individuals took the collection to heart. Third: the Filipino citizens were organized.

Here now comes "The Little Apostle of the Mountain Province". Its purpose is the conversion of 300,000 Filipinos, of the Mountain Province. Instead of asking P 500,000 for the redemption of 300,000 souls, it asks only 5,000 subscriptions. Shall this appeal be a failure or not? Some say :

yes, others say : no. "The Little Apostle" says : it all depends on the organization that works for that number of subscriptions.

If each catholic school and college of the Philippine Islands had one or more active students willing to collect subscriptions : the number 5,000 would pretty soon be reached. One parochial school subscribed already for 25 copies and the director said : it was only a beginning. A certain catholic college of Manila hoped to reach the number of at least 250 subscriptions. One very active girl brought in 25 subscriptions from a single town : several of the subscriptions were paid for two and more years. She said she would send in more. A teacher of a catholic school in a far away province writes to "The Little Apostle" that she hopes to collect a good number of subscriptions. An American lady asked for 27 copies. And yet when all these subscriptions were taken "The Little Apostle" was still unborn.

With such enthusiasm, at the very beginning, no doubt the number 5,000 will soon be reached. So "The Little Apostle" feels enthusiastic and therefore promises the following: five prizes shall be sent to the five patriotic and God-loving subscribers who on the 25th of Dec. shall have sent in the greatest number of subscriptions. "The Little Apostle" calls these subscribers

patriotic, because they will cooperate with the Missionaries of the Mountain Province for the civilization of 300,000 Filipinos.

And at the same time they will cooperate with God to save many souls. To work then, you patriotic and God-loving students: do something for your country and God. If you do not succeed in getting one of the five beautiful prizes, you certainly will be rewarded by the satisfaction of your conscience and by God who will not leave without its reward even a glass of water given in His name to a poor person.

“The Little Apostle” is also glad to announce the receipt of the first gifts collected for the mission of the Mountain Province.

*For the fund of the Bokod or Blessed Little Flower's Mission.*

Miss Emilia Laranang, Lipa: P0.50.

Miss Rita Katigbak, Lipa: P0.40.

The brave boys of St. Mary's school of Kitchener, Canada: P 10.00, a sum collected thru the sale of old tires, papers and other such things. May God bless those generous benefactors as well as those who subscribe to “The Little Apostle” and above all those who send in the great numbers of subscriptions as given herewith.

Catholic colleges and schools: do something for your country and God. Catholic boys and girls: to work. Where there's a will, there's a way. Remember the prizes, but remember above all God's reward and the good done to poor souls for which a God-man gave even as for you His own life.

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P. S. LATEST NEWS. The Little Apostle is glad to announce the names of those who won the honor of the greatest number of subscriptions sent in and who, consequently, would have won also the five promised prizes if the contest only were closed right now.

A Filipino lady who wishes to remain unknown sent in 44 subscriptions. Students of catholic colleges and schools, can you beat that?

The second is Miss Katie Guttenberg with 27 subscriptions. She lives in the United States. Yes, the United States' catholics take interest in the conversion of pagans, although not belonging to their country.

The third is Father Hubaux from Pasig. He spreads the review among the pupils of his school: a good idea: it helps to teach the children charity.

The fourth is Father Graham, the American pastor of Olongapo. Missionary himself, he helps the Missionaries of the Mountain Province: such disinterested financial help must bring God's blessing over his parish. Everything given to God is returned a hundredfold.

The fifth is Father Martens from Tubao. He could easily use the price of these subscriptions to support his schools. May God bless his sacrifice.

The interest in the missions must first be shown by the priests. In many European countries exists the Union of the Clergy for the Propagation of the Faith, a society of priests who help the missionaries in foreign countries. These priests not only help thru their personal contributions but they beg for the missions, they preach about the missions: in one word they are active missionaries at home.

To the five above mentioned active promoters the most sincere congratulations and the heartiest thanks of the Little Apostle! May others imitate their example, for the glory of God and the conversion of pagans.

