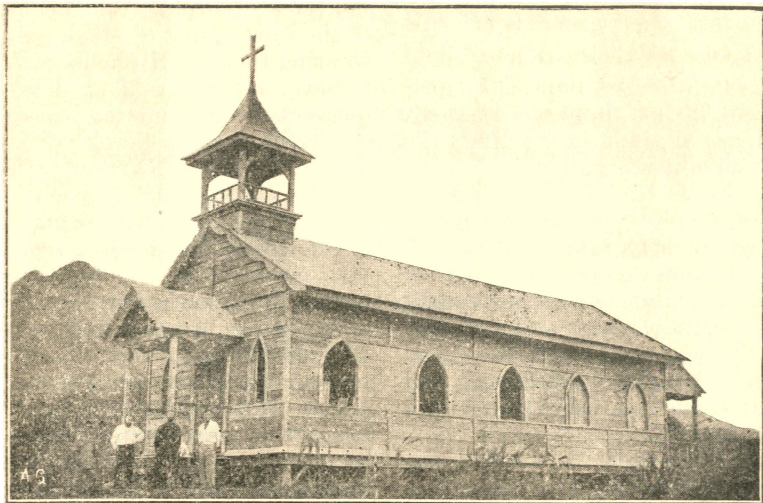


## Chapel Built at Mayaoyao, Ifugao



*Thanks to the generosity and the missionary spirit of the Rev. Sisters and the student's of the Assumption College of Manila.*

What a lovely chapel, is it not, my dear readers? It stands in the midst of God's wilderness at Mayaoyao, in the district of Quiangan. Do not think it is filled whenever the father from Quiangan visits the place.

Mayaoyao is one day's journey from Quiangan. Until lately the town was visited only rarely by the missionaries. As it is a center of many Ifugaos, none of them converted to the true faith, and as last year another Father was sent to Quiangan, it became imperative to extend the mission as far as Mayaoyao. But, on a visit to this pagan part of the Mountain Province, where would the Father pass the night, where could he offer up the

sacrifice of the Mass? In the house of an Ifugao? Impossible. Thus no other means were left but to build a house for the Father and another one for God.

Who would build it? Our lay-brothers and some other carpenters. All right. And who would pay the expenses? — Because to build such a chapel as this means an expense of over one thousand pesos. — A great, almost an impossible problem which was solved . . . guess by whom . . . by the students of the Assumption College of Manila and their virtuous teachers, the Sisters.

How? The students big and small, young and old, all of them, with an enthusiasm which only faith can create, set aworking. They sacri-

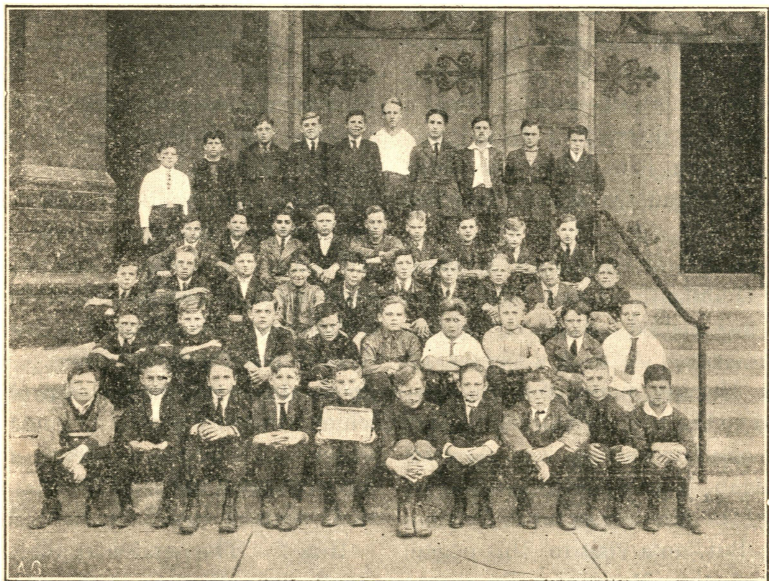
ficed themselves. They economized on their daily and weekly buying of candies and other delicacies, they begged from their generous parents, they spoke to their friends about their intention to build a chapel. Little by little a fund was started. It increased and, in no time, the great amount was gathered.

As soon as the money was given in, two laybrothers were ordered to proceed to Mayaoyao. With the help of some more or less skilled Ifugao carpenters, whom they taught how to handle a saw and a chisel, and, at the cost of much labor and patience, of many hardships and privations they finished their work in six months.

And there now it stands: the house of God at a place where God is unknown. The fathers from Quia-

ngan will visit that house. They will bring the God of heaven into that chapel. He will visit His house, take possession of it, take possession of the inhabitants of Mayaoyao and so bring them to His house for ever.

Reverend Sisters and dear students of the Assumption college, I congratulate and thank you in the name of God. No doubt, God's blessings will return to you a hundredfold, what you have so generously offered for His glory. I will ask you, nevertheless, something more: please, do not forget God's children of Mayaoyao in your daily prayers. The Missionary may teach and preach, but God has to grant the graces of conversion. You have begun the conversion of Mayaoyao by permitting God to reside now and then among His children, complete it by your fervent prayers.



*The valiant boys of Room 11 of the catholic school of Kitchener, Canada, who sold iron, tires, etc. to support the missions of the Mountain Province.*