

Blackfriars

The little Frenchman was all for opening the tin there and then. But I was in a hurry; I had a journey before me, and it was already dark. I sped home with the satisfied feeling of having accomplished a good half-day's work. When I counted the spoils I discovered that I had rescued about £250, and won the everlasting gratitude of Henri.

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To the Editor of BLACKFRIARS.

SIR,

Whilst admiring the outspoken sentiments in your September editorial concerning Catholic newspapers published in England, I should like to comment on your remarks about the large space allotted to the affairs of the sister isle. Surely you are aware that the majority of Catholics in England are children of the sister isle either by birth or blood?

Catholicism flourishes in England mostly in industrial areas—witness the fewness of Churches and Catholics in England's agricultural districts—outside Lancashire. It is this majority then that reads our Catholic newspapers. Have they not the right to know of the doings of their Mother Country? And can the editors of these newspapers be blamed for giving the people, *i.e.* readers, what they want? This plea is put forward by theatrical managers when their productions are objected to. Again, is not the meaning of the word 'Catholic' universal for everybody? The reason why 'nearly all our papers have an Irish atmosphere' is because the very large majority of their readers are Irish. Not until England is very much more converted will the Church in this country be healthy enough to produce a paper that will appeal to English readers.

Like yourself, sir, I wish God to speed that day.

Yours, etc.,

A CONSTANT READER.